“I HAVE A DREAM”

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Since 1989, FIU has taken part in paying tribute to the most influential and historically significant civil rights activist. Partnered with the Martin Luther King Jr. Committee, the Patricia and Phillip Frost Art Museum will hold a month-long series of art exhibitions honoring the late Reverend Martin Luther King Jr.

“Martin Luther King Jr. Worlds Ahead” series not only marks a milestone but also pays homage to an integral figure in American history and the profound effect his efforts have had on our community throughout the years. The series begins with the exhibition “MLK Legacy.” This particular exhibit displays a number of portraits and photographs that lead spectators through key moments in the civil rights leader’s life. It pays respect to his life in still pictures that eventually culminate in motion. A short film will be presented at the end of the exhibition by Assistant Professor Jackol Kolarski along with students Jesse Peterson, Luciano Rabuske and Diego Rodriguez.

Also on display is the work of Miami contemporary artist Xavier Cortada. Some of his earlier art embodies the thematic value of “MLK Legacy.” Walking through the quiet halls of the Frost, visitors can also expect to see a wall dedicated to our alumni. The “Wall of Fame” honors past students of color who have become successful members of our community and continued to pave a path of excellence throughout the years. Some of the honorees include business author Gerald Grant Jr.

The alumni gained his bachelor’s and master’s from the Business Administration program and later wrote Bold Moves to Creating Financial Wealth. Another alumnus, Dr. Garth Graham, a cum laude graduate from Yale, earned his Bachelor of Science from FIU. Now Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health, Dr. Graham will be honored on the “Wall of Fame” for his research on the impact of health, diet and exercise on African-American males.

Exhibit uses different art for poignant, peaceful tribute

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In an effort to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s life and dream, the University will host its annual variety of events to celebrate his birthday and national holiday on Jan. 17.

Janice Givens, associate director for the Office of Multicultural Programs and Services at the Modesto Maidique Campus feels honored to be the public relations chairperson for the MLK committee.

“I remember the tragic day that Dr. King was killed, and to be a part of this committee is personally gratifying,” said Givens. “The diversity of the programs capsule reflection, community service, discussion and fun all in the name of puasing for a moment to commemorate Dr. King’s life and legacy.” This year, the MLK committee has been able to acquire the MLK Scholarship Endowment Fund. Earlier in the semester four students were awarded a undergraduate MLK Essay scholarship. Three graduate students were awarded a scholarship in the name of Willie E. Williams, an honored FIU professor with aspirations for achievements in building awareness and strengthening cultural diversity in higher education. Donations towards this fund are always accepted in GC 216.

The national holiday has brought together both individual students and campus organizations, with the Student Government Association from both MMC and Biscayne Bay Campus co-sponsoring the event. Over 30 students will be volunteering throughout the week with more than 200 volunteering for the MLK Day of Service. Matthew Crew from the College of Medicine even designed and arranged the centerpiece for the kickoff event.

Jumpstarting the week is the annual MLK commemorative breakfast, hosted by MPAS. This year’s theme, “Martin Luther King Jr. Worlds Ahead” will be addressed by the event’s keynote speaker, Patricia Russell- McCloud, who has more than 20 years of experience on the lecture circuit. This year will mark the 20th anniversary of the MLK breakfast, and it is a sold out event.

The African Heritage Cultural Arts Center hosted the MLK Day of Service including 250 student volunteers, Miami-Dade Parks and Recreation Department employees, Service for Peace members and the FIU Student Alumni Association members on a beautification project.

The 34th annual MLK Parade will take place on Jan. 17, in Liberty City. Leading the parade will be University President Mark B. Rosenberg along with other FIU leaders.

The FIU ROTC, Marching Band, Cheerleaders, Greek Organizations, Black Student Union, Athletics and 80 students from the Upward Bound/Pre-collegiate programs will be marching in the MLK Parade. President Rosenberg, his wife and children will be leading the FIU contingency at the Parade. Along with two weeks’ worth of events, the Patricia and Phillip Frost Art Museum will be hosting an MLK Exhibit that will run to Jan. 30.

The exhibit, “MLK Legacy,” features portraits of major events in the life of Dr. King that eventually lead to a video presentation by assistant professor Jackol Kolarski. Thematic essays written by high school students will be featured in the “Wall of Hope.” Highlighting the achievements of FIU Alumni of color, the museum will imple-
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Summit to discuss the impact of boycott on goods made in Israel

The Haitian capital turned quiet Wednesday as business and people walked in solemn processions to prayer services marking the anniversary of the worst natural disaster in the nation’s history.

Many people wore white and sang hymns as they navigated collapsed buildings and rubble from the earthquake that left much of Port-au-Prince in ruins and killed more than 230,000 people.

Mourners gathered at the Catholic cathedral waiting for a memorial Mass next to what was once a prominent landmark in a ragged downtown.

Doctors see no “downward events” in Giffords’ recovery

Rep. Gabrielle Giffords’ recovery is “going as anticipated,” and doctors are seeing what they want to see so far.

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The impact of an international boycott on Israeli goods and how to combat and counter the effects of those sanctions is the theme of a summit held by the School of International and Public Affairs.

“Combating the Campaign to Delegiti- mize Israel: A Community Summit,” co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation’s, will take place on January 16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Jungle Island.

Opening remarks will be delivered by Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Director of FIU’s Middle East Society and member of the Canadian parliament.

Dr. Shlomo BenDin, Director of FIU’s Middle East Society is optimistic of the impact that the summit will have on the interested students at FIU.

“Students will learn how to fight efforts that question Israel’s existence and learn how to speak against attacks on Israel’s history,” said Dinar. “No matter what their political views on the Middle East may be, students will also learn the importance of political involvement and advocacy.”

In 2005, the Palestinian Solidarity Campaign issued a call for Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions against Israel until three conditions are met, according to the campaign’s website, www.bigcampaign.org.

The conditions listed are: “ending its occupation and colonization of all Arab lands and dismantling the Wall; recognizing the fundamental rights of the Arab Palestinian citizens of Israel to full equity; and respecting, protecting and promoting the rights of Palestinians refugees to return to their homes and properties as stipulated in UN resolution 194.”

Within the section titled “Why Boycott?” of the Boycott Israel Goods website Archbishop Desmond Tutu, a promi- nent and vocal civil rights activist who gained recog- nition after the Apartheid rule of South Africa, is cited as one of the more promi- nent supporters in favor of the Boycott on Israeli goods.

Although Archbishop Tutu has been an out spoken international civil rights activist, Alan M. Dershowitz, a Felix Frank- furter Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, who will be speaking at the campaign’s website, www.bigcampaign.org.

He states in his Dec. 20, 2010 article for Hudson New York, titled “Bishop Tutu’s No Saint When It Comes to Jews” that Tutu “has mini- mized the suffering of those murdered in the Holocaust by asserting that the ‘the gas chambers’ made for ‘a nearer death’ than did Apartheid.”

In his words, the Palestini- ans, who in his view are the victims of ‘Israel Apar- theid,’ have suffered more than the victims of the Nazi Holocaust.

He has complained of the ‘the Jewish monopoly of guilt’ of which he has demanded that its victims ‘forgive the Nazis for the Holocaust,’ while refusing to forgive the ‘Jewish people for ‘persecute[ing] others.”

With the support of the Archbishop and the use of comparisons to South Africa apartheid as a means of gaining international support, the move- ment has gained a substan- tial following, especially among the European Union, yet no economic sanctions have been put into effect against China.

Visit JewishMiami.org to RSVP.LightsKosher breakfast will be served. For security purposes, advanced regis- tration is required. Admission is free for students with a valid student ID. For more information, contact Carol Brick-Tarvin at Communit- yRelations@jewsfiu.org or 786-866-8435.

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Take place on Jan. 19 starting at 10 a.m. with keynote speaker, Ephren W. Taylor II, the youngest African American CEO of a publicly traded company, City Capital Corporation.

Closing the week off will be MLK Dinner in Room 243 of the Graham Center, sponsored by the BSU Council with presenta- tions from Alphonso Alpha Fraternity, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority on Jan. 19 at 7 p.m.

As we are now living in a time when so many people are struggling, this commemoration and celebration allows us to look back and see that we should have hope for a better tomorrow and as a nation work together for the good of all mankind."
T.Y. opts to stay at FIU for senior year

After having two weeks to chew on the decision on whether to go pro or stay, FIU’s all-time leader in all-purpose yards and Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year has reached a decision. According to a press release sent out by the Athletic Department, junior wide receiver and return specialist T.Y. Hilton will return his senior season, instead of declaring to go to the NFL Draft.

According to Hilton, he is on pace to graduate by the end of the year.

"After discussing my options with my family and my coaches, I’ve come the conclusion that it is in my best interest to return for my senior year at FIU," Hilton said. "In the past three years we’ve accomplished a lot as a team, including winning a Sun Belt Conference championship as well as picking up our first-ever bowl victory. I believe with the talent we have coming back we can accomplish much more in the coming season.

It is also very important for me to get my degree, which I’m on track to complete by December 2011." Hilton also confessed that he has made a pact with head coach Mario Cristobal, which was one of the many deciding factors into Hilton’s return.

"Also, last season I made a promise to Coach Cristobal that I intend to keep," Hilton said. "At this time I cannot reveal what that promise was, but when the time is right, everyone will know." Because Hilton is a junior, there weren’t many projections on where the 2010 Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year would’ve landed in the draft. Hilton did receive an evaluation from the NFL Draft advisory committee, which could have helped the junior’s decision.

Hilton has yet to discuss where the advisory committee had him projected.

Hilton helped lead the Panthers to the most promising season in school’s history. After starting the season 0-4 and going scoreless against all four BCS opponents, Hilton picked up pace. His Panthers won the remainder seven out of their last nine games, including the school’s first bowl game on Dec. 26.

During that run, Hilton managed to score 11 touchdowns in eight games, including a four-touchdown performance by Hilton in a 42-15-overthrowlifter when the Panthers beat University of Louisiana-Monroe.

Hilton’s contributions were countless this season. The Panthers were facing a fourth down and 17 with under a minute remaining in the Little Caesars Bowl, before Hilton made the play, which would now be remembered in T-shirts all over FIU shops–the hook-and-ladder. Hilton converted the hook-and-ladder to keep FIU’s chances alive. The Panthers wound up kicking the game-winning field goal as time expired to send the Toledo Rockets 34-32.

Hilton finished the year off with 59 catches for 848 yards receiving and four times four times on the ground. Hilton also accounted for two returns for a touchdown this season.

"T.Y. [Hilton] is a dynamic person and player that has been a difference maker in the rise of our program. T.Y. [Hilton] has set very high goals for his career and looking forward to leading FIU to its best football season ever." Hilton will be one of the 15 starters that are expected to return next season as the Panther will look to repeat as Sun Belt Champions.

Golden Panthers hope to end road swing with win

Last year FIU ended their season in the first round of the Sun Belt Conference tournament with a 71-64 loss to the Denver Pioneers. They will get their first chance at revenge Jan. 15 in Denver at 6:30 p.m.

FIU comes into the game against Denver in a much different way than they did the last time these two teams met. Last time, it was a do-or-die game with much more pressure on both sides to win the game.

They were also riding a six-game losing streak coming into the game, and as of right now are undefeated in conference play and have won three consecutive games.

More important than all of that is the fact that there are so many new faces and new offensive and defensive threats for the Panthers than they had just last season.

"It helps us a lot. Going into the game they’re probably thinking that everyone is coming back from last year or that we’re not that good because they had us listed as last in the conference before the season," Eric Frederick, the team’s leading scorer with 15 points per game, said. "If they underestimate us, it’s going to be a problem.

This year, Denver comes in with a very talented team that does not rely on just one player to carry the load for their squad. It has been a collective effort on both the offensive and defensive end, but especially on defense, where they currently rank second in the conference overall.

"We know that they like to play half court, we don’t want to play half court with them," said Gary on their approach to the Pioneers’ defensive schemes. "We want to push the ball to get them out of their system so that they don’t get us out of ours."

With new scoring options to go to, such as the second-leading scorer in the Sun Belt in Fredericke, it will make life much easier for the Golden Panthers all around.

Not only in scoring, but also on the boards as well, along with Delisa Wright and Dominique Ferguson. Although Denver’s leading scorer from a year ago, Nate Rohrert, is gone, the man who hurt FIU the most in the last game with was Justin Coughlin, who returns after dropping 17 points against the Panthers in last year’s tournament.

Although Coughlin is only averaging three points a game, Coach Isiah Thomas knows all too well from last year that he cannot be taken lightly with his ability to shoot from the outside.

In fact, despite being the second worst scoring in the conference, Denver ranks second from beyond the arc in the Sun Belt.

"He’s a good three-point shooter and a good foul shooter," Thomas remarked. "They run the Princeton offense and they have great patience in their offense. We are going to have to be smarter with our shot selection. We have to take care of the basketball and we’re going to have to do a really good job on the foul line."

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a big play or a jump start, the number one option was always T.Y.

That’s why his decision to remain at FIU and play his senior season was welcomed with a sigh of relief and jubilation from fans hoping for another season filled with T.Y. highlight-reel-worthy performances.

And the truth is the decision makes sense from a football standpoint considering the volatile climate of the NFL, which may be forced to shut down operations next winter.

Staying at FIU and graduating while playing his senior year would eliminate that possibility.

His decision to stay was simply the safest decision to make.

T.Y., who was projected to be a third-round projection if he had chosen to enter the upcoming season with a majority of their starters returning this fall, there will be another chance to recapture the spotlight.

If T.Y. had decided to depart for the greener pastures of the NFL, it would have been a big blow for this team to lose its most valuable weapon in its growing arsenal of offensive weapons.

Luckily for FIU, they don’t have to worry about finding a suitable successor to fill the playmaker role until next winter.

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The Motorola Atrix: best in show

The Consumer Electronics Show lands in Las Vegas every year to both give users a glimpse into the future of technology and give tech nerds a chance to party.

Two things dominated this year’s show: 3D televisions and tablets. However, the one thing that stole the show was neither of those two things; it was the Motorola Atrix, a mobile phone with a unique feature.

The Atrix is the once troubled mobile maker’s new 3G GSM phone for AT&T. It is powered by Android 2.2 and features a 4-inch screen high-definition video.

While on either of the two computing docks, this version of Linux is capable of running multiple applications, including Mozilla’s Firefox and a full virtualization of the Android OS, so you never miss a call or access to your apps. Currently, Motorola didn’t go in to details about any apps, though I imagine the hacker community will have fun with this.

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The Atrix is part of the first set of mobile devices that packs some significant processing power, enough to actually be able to do stuff other than just Facebook.

The power of the Tegra 2 processor, which will be powering a large number of tablets and mobile phones going forward, allows devices to perform heavy tasks including heavy gaming. This device gives us a glimpse to a world where we can carry our computer in our pocket wherever we go.

A device like the Atrix, paired with Internet-based storage services can potentially be the next way we compute.

The Atrix remedies a lot of hurdles that stand between consumers and the idea that mobile computing can be serious and feature rich.

First, this device can be placed in a dock that connects to a monitor, mouse and keyboard, essentially giving the user a full-fledged desktop experience.

The Atrix gives us a glimpse to the possible future where the term “mobile computing” simply becomes “computing.”

Students living in residence halls attended FIU Housing’s annual Lakeview Carnival. Residents and their friends were invited to enjoy music, comedy, and activities like a Velcro wall and a gladiator-style bounce house. Comedian Nate Shoudt (above) entertained the crowd with his stand-up routine. Students enjoyed one last carefree day before the start of the new semester.

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Courtesy of the multi-cultural organizations, “FIU-MLK Videos” is an exhibition compiling video clips from past MLK Breakfast events.

Throughout the years, this video has captured the essence of the University as it takes part in this formal function, as well as other events.

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Martin Luther King Jr. inspired not only a movement of peace but also of hope. The exhibit will also include a showcase of some of our own student work.

High school students who now matriculate at the University will have their essays on display in the “Wall of Hope.”

These thematic works will share the stories of some of our peers who have a personal identification with this rich and momentous part of our history.

Student artwork will also be on display, particularly, “Negro National Anthem,” a piece by Vanessa Serbistian.

The young artist will artistically interpret Martin Luther King Jr.’s famous “I Have a Dream” speech.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s profound impact on history is celebrated through the series with several distinct art forms. From written works to film to paintings, “MLK: Worlds Ahead” will provide members of the Frost community with an in-depth insight into the life of a figure whose peaceful influence steered an entire generation.
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KATHY PAZ Staff Writer

When the Miami International Art Fair debuted last year, it featured 80 US and international dealers and drew over 17,000 visitors. In 2008, it attracted positive reviews from both the press and collectors, even being hailed by art collector, Janet Liedeker, as “a little gem.”

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for selected organizations and patrons on the Thursday right before. This winter, contemporary art fair will feature multiple forms of media including photography, installations, performances and video from areas across the US, Latin America and Europe. According to a statement on the fair’s website by organizer Lee Ann Lester, “Miami International Art Fair’s mission is to enrich the lives of its residents through greater understanding of art and to promote the communities leading galleries throughout the South Florida region.”

One of the projects taking place during the fair is local artist and curator Gean Moreno’s “Improvising Architectures” Participating in this are Christy Gast, Adler Guerrier, Nicolas Lobo, Esmeto Orona and Viking Funeral of Miami and Graham House of London. Felipe Arturo of Bogotá, and Heather Rowe and Carlos Sandoval de León, of New York.

“I’m excited to participate in a fair that is so invested in the City. And, we can even say that it is invested in the right way – by juxtaposing Miami artists and dealers with their international counterparts in order to engage in broader dialogues. The main goal for Miami’s present cultural development should be to draw links with the outside,” Moreno said to the Miami International Art Fair.

Another special of the MIA is the exhibition “A Celebration of Woman Artists” which, as the title suggests, pays homage to and celebrates female artists. It will include the works of Lorna Marsh of South Africa, Maria Bononi of Brazil, Hyang Joo Kim of Korea and Claudia Hakim of Colombia.

The Miami International Art Fair also helps fuel the art scene in South Florida. According to the fair’s press release, “over 25 local galleries are participating and partnerships have been formed with important Miami museums and emerging art organizations, such as the Miami Art Museum, the Lowe Art Museum, Robert and Patricia Frost Museum, the Bass Museum, Auguari, The End/Spring Break.” In addition, the fair seeks to incorporate educational projects in conjunction with museums and institutions.

One of the aspects that make the MIA distinctive among others is inclusion of student exhibitions. This year, it will host works by students from FIU, Miami Duke College, and the University of Miami Art Science.

The Miami International Art Fair is located at the Miami Beach Convention Center in Hall D. It is opened daily from noon until 7 p.m. with extended hours until 9 p.m. on Friday. Passes can be obtained in either single day or multi-day format. A five dollar discount is available when purchased in advance as opposed to at the door.
Smoking ban is overblown

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Garrett Wittels, one of the University’s top baseball players, was, according to ESPN, arrested in the Bahamas on Dec. 20, 2010 at the Atlantis Resort and Casino for the rape of two 17-year-old girls. He has been blamed for possibly using a date rape drug and his advantage of strength but, based upon the evidence, I believe that the stated crimes are unfounded.

The teens should take full responsibility for their immutability actions like the gross negligence of the 17-year-old girls. They got themselves into a mature situation and now they have to respond accordingly. At this point, Wittels is just a suspect, so assuming anything is pointless. During an interview with the Miami Herald, Michael Wittels, Garrett Wittels’ father, said, “Anyone can accuse anyone of anything at any time... He’s not doing well obviously. He’s blown away. He’s devastated that someone would accuse him of this.”

Wittels and his two friends, also involved in the incident, were released on Dec. 23, 2010 after the court hearing with a $10,000 bail granted by Chief Magistrate Roger Gomez. Four months later, the decision was made in the case for the rape of the teenage girls. One could speculate that they took turns sexually abusing the helpless teens but, according to the Sun Sentinel, an anonymous source said that surveillance cameras caught the interaction between the alleged rape victims and the suspects at the bar in the Atlantis Hotel. Allegedly, the teens were drinking and kissing each other before they called the suspects over to them. They got drunk and willingly followed the alleged suspects to a private party.

The legal drinking age in the Bahamas is 18 so, naturally, the charged presumed that the teenagers were both of age. The Atlantis Resort bar tender should have checked the teens I.D. to verify their age and should take some responsibility and accept legal charges for serving alcoholic drinks to minors.

The girls were well aware of their sexual behavior and strongly pursued Wittels and his friends by getting their attention in every way possible. The teens allegedly told Wittels and his friends that they attended the University of Arkansas. This gave the suspects all the more reason to believe that the “victims” were completely liable for themselves.

Wittels’ preliminary hearing is set for April 18, 2011 so, at this point, there is no official conclusion that he raped the teens. Pete Garcia, the University’s athletic director, said in an interview with ESPN, “We are still in the process... and will wait for the process to be completed.”

As for Wittels, I think he should still be able to play on the team, at least until after the preliminary hearing has been finally sentenced. It would be unfair for him not to play baseball based on an accusation made by a furious father and two girls who desperately desire attention.

To waste all that time would be a shame, especially considering that the first three charges are to be televised.

It is an utter shame that Wittels has to undergo such hassle if he is innocent, as well as an utter shame if he is proven guilty, taking into consideration his athletic, academic and criminal records. If Wittels is declared guilty, there will be no justice in its entirety if the two teens are not reprimanded in some way as well. The fault is, in part, to the two teen girls for their lack of judgment and responsibility. They provided the illusion of being older college students that was fraudulently done.

The suspects are subjected to wrestle with the allegations made against them until a decision is made. Hopefully we still abide by “innocent until proven guilty.”

Wittels also a victim in assault case

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Wittels’ father, Michael Wittels, said that his son was innocent and was accused of raping 17-year-old girls on Dec. 20, 2010 in the Bahamas at the Atlantis Resort and Casino.

In the case of Wittels, the University community is composed of the editor in chief, management, and the editors of the staff and the editors of each of the five sections. The Sun Sentinel welcomes any letters regarding or in opposition to the opinions expressed in this forum.

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For most students, a growing campus community is a great thing. However, during enrollment time, the demand for the same courses increases as a result of the large amount of students. Therefore, it becomes difficult to enroll in the classes that you would like to take whether it be as an elective or as a requirement for graduation. It feels as if there are not enough course opening to accommodate the growing population of students.

It is not uncommon to see students begging professors to allow them the opportunity to enroll in their classes. Students try their best to enroll in a class they would like but are often-times faced with a resounding “I cannot do anything about it, speak to the head of the department.” Then, when a student finally does so, he or she comes to find that it was merely a waste of time to try to get into the class especially when “there is nothing that can be done.”

In addition to the frustration of fighting for the classes that you want, there are the inconvenient appointment dates. Somehow, they are always set for the most unreasonable time of days. Many appointments are set for the middle of the day or very early in the morning. Other priorities, such as work or prior commitments, may sometimes prevent students from logging into the system during their “enrollment appointment.” One can only imagine the disappointment some individuals face after realizing they are sitting idly in their shopping carts for the longest period of time are no longer available only a few hours after the set appointment.

However, the frustration is not solely imposed on the students but on many professors as well. At the start of the semester, professors are forced to deal with the many students who are pushing their way into the course and are greatly inconvenienced. Because many professors cannot override a class, they must deal with the cumbersome duty of turning students away.

A better system can be constructed to allow for an easier and more efficient way of enrollment. Improving the system or opening more class section will allow for a better enrollment procedure. It would undoubtedly make this process much smoother and relieve the stress that come along with it.

PERSPECTIVES

Should Garret Wittels be eligible to play despite the charges?

“I think he should be able to play because it’s not proven and [the crime] wasn’t in the United States. It’s something that’s not valid until it’s proven. I think he should play for now.”

Lore Mendez, Junior, Social Work

“I think so. It’s a very long process with the courts, and he might end up being found innocent and be punished for nothing. Until it is proven otherwise, he should be allowed to pursue his passion.”

Jeremy Salloum, Junior, History

“I believe so, until anything is proven. Right now, we don’t know whether what he was charged with is true. Everyone is innocent until proven guilty.”

Yanel de los Santos, Junior, Biology

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**Council explores how to use fund**

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The first senate meeting of the Student Government Council at Biscayne Bay Campus for Spring 2011 contained a plea for senators to make spring an efficient semester.

Anaisabel Garcia, SGC-BBC speaker of the senate, said she was speaking to the senators from the heart to take action because elections will begin in March and run through April.

After the senators were instructed to submit their respective class schedules for reference, the first topic of the 16-minute meeting was the Senate’s discretionary fund.

The discretionary fund of $5,000 from the 2010-2011 Student Government budget has yet to be touched. Garcia said the money must be spent in order to receive at least that amount in next year’s budget, even if the fund is spent on student government promotional items or an event.

Denise Halpin, SGC-BBC vice president, said the discretionary fund is money the senate can use in whichever way it sees fit. First, an amount and idea must be presented, voted on, and accepted within the Senate.

Halpin gave an example of the senator of the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management proposing a student government sponsored Meet Your Dean event as an appropriate way to spend the money.

“The discretionary fund is an asset in helping the Senate carry out their goals,” Halpin said.

**FOODGASM**

Some foods have very apt names like meatballs or oranges, but every once in a while you think about a name for something and it becomes ironic to you.

For me, this came about when I thought, “Am I the only one who makes home potatoes or home fries (used interchangeably) at home?” After this column I hope that will not be the case.

When I started experimenting with food I created my own dishes incorporating leftovers from the fridge with whatever else I could find. Left over steak got chopped for cheesesteaks, sausage thrown into pasta sauce, etc. Having leftover boiled potatoes was common in my house, so I decided to cut them up and throw them in a pan to get a crispy crust.

Home potatoes are now my favorite breakfast item to make. I enjoy the crisp texture as well as the flavor. They make a great compliment to eggs, toast, and a glass of orange juice, or even all by themselves.

Home fries can be made a variety of ways. The potatoes used to make them can be raw, or pre-cooked, skin on or off, and can be cut in different ways. Also various types of potatoes can be used for the dish such as white, red, or sweet potatoes.

An assortment of ingredients can be added to the potatoes as well. This dish is really open to interpretation and creativity. The basic requirements are the potatoes are cut and cooked to a crisp. Other than that there can be limitless differentiations.

I came up with my own home potato recipe using ingredients I liked and commonly had available. I use any type of potato I have at the time, but preferably russet or red potatoes.

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