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Athletic fee to increase three percent, agreement reached

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As the 2010 to 2011 academic year comes to an end, the Student Government Association worked to make significant agreements with Athletics.

"Asking for a true collaboration with Athletics in terms of facilities operated by the department, Student Government Council President for the Modesto Madonna Campus and Biscayne Bay Campus, Helena Ramirez and Christin Battle worked in accordance with the agreement as a response to the Athletics Fee increase.

According to SGC-MMC President Helena Ramirez, the University Fee Committee voted to propose a 3 percent increase to the fee. The increased proposal now goes to the office of University President Mark Rosenberg and then to the Board of Trustees for final approval.

"Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Rosa Jones, Executive Director of Sports and Entertainment Pete Garcia and Head Football Coach Mario Cristobal signed off on the agreement on April 12. In the agreement, SGA requested access to facilities and amenities under Athletics' jurisdiction. As part of its appeal, SGA asked to maintain the Skybox for football games and usage throughout the year. The Division of Student Affairs and Athletics agreed upon outlined usages of facilities such as the Skybox as a renewal of the April 2008 agreement between Garcia, Cristobal and Jones.

The recent agreement also requests that students only pay the "actual cost" on usages of facilities. According to the appeal this would mean "not paying for staff who are already working or equipment that is already in the inventory." Payments would only go towards costs incurred for overtime work or extra equipment needed—which would be listed in usage inventory.

Along with these payment inquiries, the agreement also requested use of facilities such as the Stadium, Stadium Club, Baseball Stadium and Arena a certain number of times per year provided that they are not in use. SGA also requested that Athletics provide at least seven shuttles buses for BBC students to attend sporting events per year.

The April 12 agreement renewed a previously established appeal between the Office of Student Affairs and Athletics. In accordance with it, Student Affairs continues to have access to the Stadium Club and suites for student club and SGA meetings for a minimum usage of three days per week.

The Athletics Department will provide Field House Space and locker room availability for student club and organizations through the Division of Student Affairs and SGA.

The last thing the agreement touched upon was the accessibility of the stadium field through the approval of Cristobal and in direct relation to the football program.

Ramirez and Battle worked in coordination with the respective departments to get this agreement done before the academic year ended.
**NEWS FLASH**

Bahraini man on trial for alleged ties to Iran

Bahraini man is on trial in the tiny Gulf kingdom for alleged ties to Iran, Bahraini state-run news agency says the defendant, Ibrahim Ghuloom, is suspected of passing classified military information and sensitive economic data to Iran’s Revolutionary Guard, a powerful armed wing of the Shiite theocracy. Although Iran has no history of political ties to Bahrain’s majority Shiites, the island’s Sunni rulers accuse it of inciting dissent among their Shiite population.

Abdulwahab was due in court on Wednesday.

**Malaysia orders Indian to hang for drug smuggling**

A Malaysian court has sentenced an Indian man to death by hanging for drug trafficking.

An official in a court outside Kuala Lumpur says a judge convicted and sentenced Khader Waheed on Tuesday.

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**Deepwater Horizon relatives return to epicenter**

The nation commemorated the largest offshore fleet of vessels since D-Day, and BP spent billions of dollars to clean up the mess, saving itself from collapse.

"I can’t believe tomorrow has been one year because it seems like everything just happened," Courtney Kemp, whose husband Roy Wyatt Kemp was killed on the rig, wrote on her Facebook page Tuesday.

"I have learned a lot of things through all of this but the most important is to live each day as if it were your last ... what matters is if you truly live.

Natalie Roshito, whose husband Shane Roshito also died on the rig, posted a message on Courtney Kemp’s Facebook page on Tuesday evening: “Can’t believe it’s been a year. It has brought a lot of tears and a great friend-ship I’m Soooo thankful for... We are a strong force together! Love u sistas.”

In a statement, President Barack Obama paid tribute to those killed in the blast and thanked the thousands of responders who “worked tire-lessly to mitigate the worst impacts” of the oil spill. "But we also keep a watchful eye on the continuing and important work required to ensure that the Gulf Coast recovers stronger than before," Obama said in the statement.

The president said signifi-
cant progress has been made but the work isn’t done.

Transocean invited up to three members of each family to attend the flyover. They were expected to circle the site a few times in a helicopter, though there is no visible marker identifying where their loved ones perished. At the bottom of the sea, 11 stars were imprinted on the well’s final cap.

Several families said they didn’t want to go on the flight or at a private service later in the day in Houston.

The solemn ceremonies marking the disaster under-
score the delicate healing that is now taking shape. Oil still occasionally rolls up on beaches in the form of tar balls, and fishermen face an uncertain future.

Louis and Audrey Neal of Pass Christian, Miss., who made their living from crab-
ing, said it’s gotten so bad since the spill that they’re contemplating divorce and facing foreclosures as the bills pile up.

“I don’t see any daylight at the end of this tunnel. I don’t see any hope at all. We thought we’d see hope after a year, but there’s nothing,”

Audrey Neal said.

“A weaning doesn’t mean there’s no crab,” said Louis Neal, a lifelong crabber.

“I’m in the worst shape I’ve ever been in my whole damn life. I’m about to lose my whole family,” he said.

It can’t even pay the loans I have out there. That’s how bad it’s gotten.”

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Leadership and the College of Business Administration.

During her tenure, the college has gained national ranking recognition and graduated students it serves.

According to Wartzok, “between 1997 and 2010, the number of undergraduate degrees doubled to 1,063 and the number of graduate degrees tripled to 941.”

The Chapman University School’s program portfolio has grown in size and complexity to include a full-time MBA program and several MBA programs specifically designed for working professionals and executives.

With an MBA program focused on Healthcare Management that is delivered entirely online, the college has developed several specialized Master’s programs offered at numerous FIU campus locations.

Graduate programs have extended overseas with classes offered in Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Panama, and Mexico.

“Dual degree seeking students from partner business schools around the world are now a regular part of the college’s graduate enrollment,” said Wartzok.

Every year since 2005, “US News & World Report” has listed the college’s undergraduate international business programs among the 15 best in the nation; three times in the top 10. “BusinessWeek” has also ranked the college among the top 100 AACSB-accredited business schools.

“We want to congratulate her [Elam] and the College faculty on the outstanding accomplishments they have achieved during the fourteen years under her leader-

ship,” said Wartzok.

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**MUSIC MACHINE**

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Golf team finishes fifth in SBC tournament

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The FIU women’s golf team placed 5th in the Sun Belt conference tournament held from Monday, April 18th to Wednesday, April 20th in Muscle Shoals, Alabama at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail.

The tournament consisted of 72 holes for each individual, with 5 players on each team competing. It took place on the Schoolmaster Course, which is a Par 72 for 6,127 yards.

The Golden Panthers came into the championship tournament with the second best stroke average among Sun Belt teams at 74.67 through 24 rounds of play. This was just slightly over the first placed North Texas, who came in with a 72.52 average among Sun Belt teams.

Their impressive performance was helped by the fact that they had three golfers who finished in the top 10 amongst all other golfers in the conference. Christine Marin, Katie Mundy and Shelby Coyle all made the list, with Coyle being golfer of the month for February.

It was a tough start for FIU in the first round of play as they shot a combined 302 as a team to put them in seventh place out of the 11 teams participating. Mundy shot the best score in the first round of play with a 73, which put her tied in fourth overall.

The second day, FIU did much better, and were able to take down 12 strokes off their first round score, to bring their score after 36 holes of golf at +16 and put them in third place going into round three. Marin led the way in the on the second day for the Golden Panthers with shooting a one under par with a 71. She went into a 12th place tie with shooting a one under par with a 71.

They could not take the momentum of the great second round into the third day though, where they shot a 308, which was 6th best for day three.

Denver ended up winning the tournament with a 875 score for three days, which is their 7th straight Sun Belt tournament victory in a row now. Karisa Akin of Middle Tennessee had the best individual score with 215.

FIU went into the tournament with Cristina Marin as the 1 seed, Katie Mundy at 2, Shelby Coyle at 3, Laura Stempflle at 4 and Yoleccoli Jimenez at the 5th seed.

Marin shot the best round of anybody with a 71 on day two of the tournament and the highest scores were from both Jimenez and Coyle at 78.

Next up for FIU is NCAA East Regional at Daytona Beach from May 5 to May 7.
Golden Panthers looking to make late season push

Patty Zavala provided the two key hits that drove in all three of the Golden Panthers runs on Feb. 13. Welch went 1-for-2 in the game, which included her single in the sixth inning that broke up a scoreless game.

Zavala went 2-for-3 in the ballgame with included a two run single that gave the Golden Panthers a 3-0 lead.

In the circle, Gniadek gave up two hits and struck out ten Ospreys as she pitched a complete game against North Florida. North Florida struggled for much of the game at the plate. Only Alyson Bailey and Jackie Reese recorded hits off of Gniadek in the game.

Leadoff hitter Kaley Brosky had an effective day against the Golden Panthers at the plate as she was able to draw four of the team’s six total walks in the game.

Cormey Radke had one of her better outings of the season against the Golden Panthers. She pitched six innings giving up five hits, struck out four and gave up three runs in the game.

SCOUTING NORTH FLORIDA

Earlier this season, the Golden Panthers shut out North Florida by a 3-0 score. Junior Jenny Welch and sophomore Florida by a 3-0 score. Junior Golden Panthers shut out North Florida.

Déjà vu if they want to play in the NCAA tournament for the second consecutive year.

“We are still in a decent spot and we definitely got to make a big push here at the end of the season to make some things happen and then we got to play well through the [conference] tournament,” Torina said. That’s always the case. Your last 10 games is important, no matter who you are.”

PAST MEETING

The Ospreys enter the series with a 22-27 record and a 6-10 mark in Atlantic Sun Conference play. Brittany Hendrix leads the team with a .283 average. Mariah Reynolds is second on the Ospreys with 4 homers and leads the team with 28 RBIs.

In the pitching circle, Radke has been an anchor of the pitching staff. She is 20-18 with a 2.20 ERA with 241.2 innings pitched.

In their head-to-head match up this season, Brito won 6-4. These two teams met during the regular season and the Golden Panthers swept the Red Wolves (7-0).

The Red Wolves finished the season with a record of 9-6 and were lead by Seniors Liset Brito and Menna Kamal. These two were a combined 21-7 on the season and each won ten consecutive matches at different points during the season. These two players could pose problems to the Golden Panthers during the Tournament.

POSSIBLE FIRST OPPONENTS

The Golden Panthers will face either Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders or the Denver Pioneers. The Blue Raiders head into the tournament with some struggles, having only won two of their last seven matches. The Pioneers are experiencing similar struggles, as they have lost three of their last four.

In their head-to-head match up this season, Denver defeated Middle Tennessee 6-1. If Denver defeats Middle Tennessee again, it would set up a match between teams that have won six of the past seven Sun Belt titles, dating back to 2004.

SUN BELT TOURNEY

The Beacon will return to production for Summer Semester B. Radiate FM will continue broadcasting, and you can keep up to date with updated FIU news and sports on fiusm.com.
LIFE!

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Summer vacation: sun and fun.
Three months of uninterrupted leisure after a hard year of study. For FIU students, however, the fun never seems to be enough before classes take over once again. Some students this summer will find themselves in the same places they have been all year: the classroom, even if it just for the first 6 weeks of the Summer A semester.

For John Garcia, 19, a freshman business major, summer will serve to fulfill some of the credits needed for his major. “I am going to be taking 6 credits in summer, one will be a math course and the other will be a global learning class.”

The global learning requirement, first implemented last year during Summer B, tries to get students more involved in global aspects of the world that are impacting many students’ lives today. “I look more at the economic aspects when thinking about my vacations,” said Garcia. “I don’t want to waste too much money especially since I don’t have a job.”

Garcia, during classes, will mainly hang out with friends and play video games as courses wind down once again. After finishing up classes, he will take a trip up to Georgia and visit his sister for a few weeks. “I plan to do a lot of site seeing.”

Another student, Mercy Guillot, 19, a sophomore international relations major, will also begin her summer in class, taking ‘Criminal Justice and the Constitution’ in Summer A. Afterwards is when the fun will commence.

“I am taking a Europe vacation,” laughed Guillot. “I am going with my boyfriend, his parents and his little brother.”

The trip will begin by plane where Guillot will fly to Barcelona and stay for two days at a hotel before embarking on a seven day cruise on the Liberty of the Sea through some of the most famous cities in Europe. “We’re going to be going to places like Rome in Italy and Monte Carlo in France,” said Guillot.

Weighing in at around $3,000 per person and $7,000 in total, not counting airfare and hotel prices, this trip might not be the most economic for many but promises to be the trip of a lifetime. “We have been saving up for a year,” said Guillot. “It’s should be a lot of fun. I’m excited.”

Katerina Vo, a freshman English major, will spend her summer vacation more economically while also giving back to the community by teaching ballet to the younger classes at the South Florida Ballet. “I have taught at the ballet school in my previous summers,” says Vo. “I mostly look for a mixture of fun and economic. Once you start making money, you are more careful with it.”

For Victor Guerrero, 20, a sophomore music major, the highlight of the summer will begin with a Pinback concert on May 4 in Atlanta. “I’m taking the trip with my girlfriend and my best friend. It’s a rare opportunity because the band doesn’t tour that much and when they do they rarely come so far south,” said Guerrero. “They also take a while to release any new material.”

The Pinback concert will just be one of the stops on the road trip. “Coming down we’re going to stay in a hotel and sleep a little before going to the Wizarding World of Harry Potter in Orlando the next day.”

The famous theme park, coming in at $74 a person even with the Florida resident discount, has proven to be one of the more economic choices this summer. “Together, us three will each pitch in around $200,” says Guerrero. “So around $600 in total, including gas and hotel prices.”

Using Expedia, Guerrero was able to find hotels at as low as $70 a night without them being too run down. “We’re doing this to have fun and jam out and be wizards!” Guerrero said.

Whether you’re saving up, studying up, spending all or spending some, summer is a time to enjoy. After all, when school is over and life begins, summer vacation will become but a distant memory.
Let's face it: Miami is not really the largest, most renown or arts festival in Florida and attracts well over 200,000 guests every year.

SunFest has been around for almost 30 years. Established in 1982, it is the largest, most renown or arts festival in Florida and attracts well over 200,000 guests every year.

The festival is held in the downtown area of West Palm Beach, situated along the Intracoastal Waterway. The grounds cover Flagler Drive, from Banyan Boulevard to Lakeview Drive with multiple stages, vendor and sponsor tents, and food stations.

Putting together such a complex and distinguished gathering requires intense planning. In fact, there's not much downtime between the end of the past year's events and the brainstorming and research period for the upcoming one.

According to Melissa Sullivan, Marketing Manager for SunFest, the development for 2011 began shortly after the cleanup of 2010. We do assessments and review feedback, survey results and bottom line numbers, then start planning for the next year, she says.

One of the major aspects of the development process is putting together the best possible programing schedule. That, of course, entails sounding the impressive entertainment lineup SunFest has become known for.

"Booking acts is very complicated because of our geography, routing and touring scheduled. It's not common for an artist to come out and do a one-time show, so they need to be touring somewhere nearby to make it possible," said Sullivan. "There aren't that many baby boomer acts out on the road. So this year, for example, it's very exciting to have strong acts such as Styx, Gregg Allman, Jeff Beck and Earth Wind and Fire."

"To stay current and stay relevant for years to come, we have to cultivate new audiences and new fans," said Sullivan. "We are receiving very good reaction to acts like Rhi Avent Brothers, MGMT, Neon Trees, My Morning Jacket, Mike Posner along with Cee Lo Green and Jason Mraz."

In addition to the daily concerts, SunFest offers various other activities for festival-goers. The five-day event, which kicks off on Wednesday, Apr. 27, and lasts until Sunday, May 1, has something for everyone.

For the of age crowd, Captain Morgan will have their traditional "Floating Oasis" barges which will feature specially created drinks and a fun atmosphere. The Wine Garden at Trinity Park, located at the southern end of SunFest will hold special Constellation Wine tasting events.

The Juried Fine Art and Crafts Show will showcase the works of over 16 national artists from Friday to Sunday.

Tours and demonstrations will be offered, and the mediums featured in the show include painting, ceramics, photography, sculptures and jewelry.

The Park at SunFest provides family-oriented fun and kid-friendly programming, and the Hair Cuttery Booth offers hair painting, silly bands and giveaways.

This year's festival will also feature the debut of a new event. "We have added a 5k," says Sullivan.

The TGISK takes place on Friday, and the route begins at the intersection of Flagler Drive and Edmor Road. Pre-registration is $45, but that fee includes a variety of perks including admission to SunFest that night and a special concert and award ceremony.

SunFest will go out with a bang, traditionally concluding with the famous Verizon Wireless Fireworks Show on Sunday, one of the largest fireworks displays on the East Coast.

A complete music schedule can be found online on the SunFest website. Early bird tickets can be purchased at a discounted price until Apr. 23. One, two or five-day passes are available.

Thus, we are looking forward to having you join the SunFest fun.
Intrauterine devices still a safe, effective contraceptive method

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Staff Writer

The intrauterine device has long been the ugly stepchild in the American family of contraceptives. In part, the IUD’s tainted reputation comes from The Dalkon Shield, a plastic IUD manufactured during the early 1970’s that caused many septic miscarriages and a myriad of pelvic inflammatory disease diagnoses. Though the IUD’s reputation seemed to be recovered, its newer models are far better constructed and ensure effectiveness.

Despite the fact that the IUD remains the most widely used form of reversible contraception in the world, it is a drastically underused form of contraception in the United States. It is estimated that approximately only 2 percent of American women use the IUD. Because of the fact that IUDs are over 99 percent effective, and especially in the long run they are the most cost-effective contraception available, education and awareness about IUDs should be expanded.

There are two types of IUDs currently in the United States. The Paragard is a copper-t shaped device that is inserted into the uterus. The Paragard lacks hormones completely, making it a preferable choice for women who experience side effects from hormonal birth control or who desire a birth control regimen that is highly effective but does not require a fluctuation in hormone levels. The Paragard can be left safely in place for 12 years, but can be taken out at any time to attempt conception.

The Mirena is made of soft plastic and releases a small dose of hormones. Since the Mirena, like the Paragard, sits directly in the uterus women tend to report less hormonal side effects. Though the insertion process of both IUDs can be painful it is rare that there are complications or development of pelvic infection. Furthermore, save for a few checkups during the first few months, it is basically nonexistent. Both IUDs have small strings attached to them that are recommended to be searched for periodically.

In addition to the convenience and effectiveness, perhaps the supreme reason IUDs should be considered is because of how inexpensive they are in the long run. Especially for college students, the initial sticker shock of an IUD may seem exorbitant. However, when mapped out over the course of several years, the IUD is the cheapest option by a long shot. Planned Parenthood states that the prices for an IUD and insertion can range from $500 to $1000, and though this is expensive up front, it quickly pays off when compared to buying monthly prescriptions for birth control pills or stockpiling condoms.

As with all reproductive choices, it is important to weigh options and pros and cons carefully. However, despite the often unfounded criticisms and myths surrounding IUDs, they can be the perfect selection for women exploring contraceptive options.

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Relieve stress via foolproof methods

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Staff Writer

The end of the semester is at hand, and the amount of homework and tests can be overwhelming for college students. Most of us are under a great deal of stress and need to learn how to cope with it. There are many ways to relieve stress, but the best three ways are meditation, laughter and exercise. These tools will give stressed students peace of mind, while putting smiles on their faces.

With stressful jobs, hectic lifestyles and a full course load, students endure plenty of stress. As stressful sights and sounds can induce stress, using soothing sights and sounds to relieve stress will counteract stress. “There isn’t a more obvious stress relief strategy than to bring your entire physical being to a calm by meditation for stress relief,” says Liz Rose, a yoga instructor. Meditation techniques often involve visualization of something calming, like a blank screen or clouds. It can also mean clearing your mind entirely for a short duration. By meditating, students will relieve tension and be able to focus more on their studies.

Another important stress cure is laughter, which is a daily remedy for the onslaughts of lectures and late-night cram sessions. When we smile or laugh, we release tension from our faces and let feel relax. We also allow more blood to flow to the pleasure centers of the brain. When an individual is laughing, their heart rate naturally far less stressed than those who do not. Laughter changes the pace of a student-tired day and gives a student the mental break that is needed to excel in their classes.

Exercise is a big stress reliever for anyone. This is because exercise releases physical tension in the muscles and releases endorphins which triggers pleasure in the brain. Exercise in water with swimming or water aerobics to reduce even more stress. People who are more anxious or water activities takes a much gentler toll on your body, so the reason created in muscles gets released.

Simply stated, make time for yourself. Use meditation as a guide to calm your mind, laughter as a method to break the stress cycle and exercise to support your mind, body and spirit. When students take effective stress control, it results in the enhancement of both mental and physical well-being. Factors like these will help with better sleep, increased energy and serve as the key to living a well-being and achieving a grade of the highest honor a collegian can receive: an A.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The summer is fast approaching, and its coveted internships will be beginning in just a matter of weeks. Nevertheless, if you have yet to make the decision to expand your horizons and get some real-world experience this summer there’s still time to apply for some late-summer positions.

Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities (HACU)’s National internship program director Maria Vivas-House, one of FIU’s strongest partners in placing student interns, explained recently that timelines for internship positions in DC can be quite dynamic and aren’t always set in stone. While internship programs generally begin making arrangements with their students months or weeks in advance, often times a replacement will be needed to find last-minute with only days to prepare.

Despite the fact that the opportunity may present itself on very short notice, HACU is one of the few organizations that provides housing and covers the cost of transportation for their interns during their stay. They also pay a bi-weekly salary. If that sounds like something you would be interested in it’s worth contacting them; HACU is expecting to organize some 300 internships in DC this summer, but offers opportunities year-round.

Not all DC internship programs are as accommodating as HACU’s. However, the real rewards of a summer internship in DC can hardly be found in its “commanding” salary. DC internships are about the intangibles: the ability to network with the people who have direct impacts on our nation’s future, the opportunities to further your career, and the invaluable life experiences that can ultimately help you to find your professional calling.

An internship in a congressional office is an example of an unpaid position, but it would be hard to argue for a better opportunity to network with a wider variety of potential business contacts or gain a more in-depth perspective of how the policy decisions that affect your everyday life become reality.

FIU’s Office of Federal Relations in DC works daily with the eight main congressional offices on Capitol Hill that represent our student body’s districts. Each one of these offices offers summer internship programs, and as their constituents you have priority consideration.

Relay for Life recruitment

Every year the FIU community comes together for a cause - Relay for Life, the American Cancer Society’s premier fundraising event. On March 4 and 5 FIU held its 7th annual Relay for Life and raised a total grand total of $96,000! This is a record shattering number for our university. These funds will go to the patients who need the most as well as fund invaluable research that will one day give us the cure for cancer.

In order to continue this great work, Relay for Life needs YOU. Starting April 20th, applications for the 2012 Relay for Life Committee will be available at Facebook.com/irelay and RelayForLife.org/finisuthit and will be due on May 9th, 2011.

Relay needs a variety of passionate individuals in order to make Relay a success. We are looking for talented students who want to make a difference. Please, join me in the fight against cancer. Relay for Life is a life changing experience that you will never forget. Remember, a world without cancer is a world with more birthdays! In Loose Spirit, Steven Cruz, Executive Director, Relay For Life 2012 Florida International University

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Economic changes approved at party summit

Medicinal and Communion Party members had approved sweeping economic changes and elected a new leadership. It is expected to take over the party’s first secretary, all eyes will be on the selection of his new No. 2.

Well-traveled University student now studying PR

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Contributing Writer

From the start, Ana Noboa had a unique life.

She was born in Ecuador but after eight months she moved to Colombia with her mom, Diani, and older sister Veronica because her dad died in a military accident.

A couple years passed and Noboa’s mom married Jonathan Doblin, a U.S. diplomat who moved his new family from Colombia to the Marshall Islands in the Pacific Ocean.

Ana Noboa, 27, has lived in six countries, joined the armed forces and is pursuing a career in public relations at the University’s School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Noboa’s conscious life really started in Morocco. She was 15 years old when she moved there.

After high school, she wanted to pursue her dream, which was to be a Broadway singer.

A few years later, the family moved again, this time to Washington D.C. Noboa was confused on what she should do with her life but her mother urged her to join the military. Her stepfather told her to join the Air Force because they were the ones that did not go to war.

She took the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test and got an 85 percent, well over the Air Force’s expectations. In January 2002, she reported for six weeks of boot camp in San Antonio, Texas, then went on to technical school for certification in air traffic control.

Her first assignment was in Vance Air Force Base in Oklahoma.

“I had a great time on that base,” she said. “Besides everything I learned, I also found my husband.”

Noboa had been married once before in Jamaica when she was 19, but that marriage only lasted three years.

Four months into her service in Oklahoma, she was ordered by the Air Force to go to South Korea, where she worked for two years.

“It was one of the greatest experiences that I had,” she said.

Her enlistment with the Air Forced ended in South Korea, and she decided not to reenlist because she wanted to try something new.

A private company contacted her and hired her to work for them in Afghanistan as a radar controller. Noboa worked for them only six months and decided to move back home, but this time to Florida.

Noboa moved with her mom and two sisters in 2008. She graduated from Broward College in May 2010.

“I would love to follow my stepfather steps into politics by being a diplomat,” she said.

Noboa expects to graduate in May 2012 with a degree in communication and a minor in international relations.

“I am the person that I am today because of my experiences and I would not trade them for anything in the world,” she said.

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FOODGASM

Take one word from this final semester outing: experiment

As I think about what to bless the readers with one last time, I’m perusing the endless food-blogs as well as the depths of my mind. I can’t inhibit myself from writing about what really inspires me, what my culinary passion thrives on after-midnight experimentations.

By that I mean combining the arbitrary ingredients contained in my refrigerator into hopefully semi-cohesive masterpieces. Of course, I am not discriminate to the time of day, but it usually does taste best around 3 a.m.

I know people have different exposures, experiences or opinions about the way of cooking I hold so dearly. Someone may shun the neglect of rules or recipes, or oppositely admire the creativity or resourcefulness involved. I would like to promote the latter because making something out of nothing can be rewarding, especially in this case.

Some of my favorite things I have ever made have been thought up on the spot. The process is simple; I take a look at what is in the refrigerator or pantry and make it into something else.

Sometimes, it is obvious what I can make using what I have, other times it requires more imagination. Don’t be afraid to experiment because when you finally create something delicious, it will be worth all the time and effort.

I try to salvage any food I can for my late night dishes. Whether it is leftovers or uncooked food that needs to be used, I incorporate everything I can.

One item I commonly make from leftover meat is fajitas. I slice the leftover meat, either steak or chicken, into strips and then reheat them on a skillet.

I also take any other ingredients I have that can go in the fajitas and sauté them. In very little time I have made a delicious meal using ingredients that were already on hand.

Fajitas are just one example, but I like to make all types of sandwiches, stir-fries, flatbreads, pastas or anything else that pops into my head at the time. I see many benefits to this, such as adding a few extra toppings to your frozen pizza before you put it in the oven.

Before you know it, you will be pushing your own boundaries in the kitchen, having fun and making delicious food.