VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

At the University, the game is in the name. Indeed, all across the University, students, professors and staff are finding unique ways to link a rich reservoir of individual names to nationalities, regions, culture and ancestry. In some countries, people have only one name -- also called a mononym -- and in other countries people have more than three names.

But the mix of cultures in the American family has changed dramatically in how the letters of the last name indicate the family to which they belong. To fathom that change and the universality of family names, consider the U.S. Census Bureau which now lists Rodriguez as one of the 10 most popular last names in America. University professors try to embrace different last names in many unique ways.

The first day of class I give my students Italian names. I asked them to choose, and if they don’t know any, I write a lot of names on the board.” Pearson said. “For the whole semester, it sticks with them.” Pearson’s passion and consistency has had a positive outcome.

At the beginning it’s awkward and they smile and laugh, but then after a while they love their name,” she said. “If I call them by their real name, they get upset.”

Students are given names ending in “e” -- like Alice, Alice, Matilde or Clemente. The Radioactive Underground: 88.1 - 95.3 - 96.9

FLORIDA CONGRESSMAN MARIO DIAZ-BALART was met by some opposition from students, including Occupy FIU protestors, at his Nov. 28 lecture.

The committee also wants to increase the SUS’s “nationally competitive standing” gained in several areas, particularly research and development spending, and tied in commercialization opportunities.

“The work product of this committee during the past 18 months -- with all of the research, vetting and data review from across the nation -- is nothing short of extraordinary,” said Chairman of the planning committee Frank T. Martin. “It is also good public policy direc-

The benchmarks, according to a press release from the SUS, will revolve around three key themes: excellence, productivity and strategic priorities for a knowledge economy. The BoG’s strategic planning committee identified the components and indicators for the 13-year period after a special workshop in January 2011. The current strategic plan which started in 2005 will last through 2013.

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UN conference to deal with carbon reductions

The U.N.’s top climate official said Sunday she expects governments to make a long-delayed decision on whether industrial countries should make further commitments to reduce emissions of climate-changing greenhouse gases.

Amid fresh warnings of climate-related disasters in the future, delegates from about 190 countries were gathering in Durban for a two-week conference beginning Monday. They hope to break deadlocks on how to curb emissions of carbon dioxide and other pollutants.

Christina Figueres, head of the U.N. climate secretariat, said the stakes for the negotiations are high, underscored by new scientific studies.

Under discussion was “nothing short of the most compelling energy, industrial, behavioral revolution that humanity has ever seen,” she said.

Hopes were scrapped for an overall treaty governing global carbon emissions after the collapse of talks at a climate summit in Copenhagen two years ago. The “big bang” approach has been replaced by incremental efforts to build new institutions to help shift the global economy from carbon-intensive energy generation, industries and transportation to more climate-friendly technologies.

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US sees greater diversity in names

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For example, the last name Rodríguez comes from Spain, Cuba, Venezuela, Mexico, Colombia or China, according to an Ancestry.com search. The name appears to derive from the Portuguese name Rodrigu...
WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Panthers bounce back with win over CSU Bakersfield

JACKSON WOLEK
Staff Writer

If the special water that Michael Jordan gave to his team, ToonSquad, in the movie Space Jam to make the players perform better was real, then head coach Cindy Russo might have it.

FIU came out at halftime with a four-point lead over CSUB and never looked back, outscoring the Roadrunners 42-23 to win the final game of the Thanksgiving Classic.

Sophomore Jerica Coley led all scorers with 30 points, five rebounds and six assists in a win on Nov. 28.

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We were trying to deny them the ball so they couldn’t catch it and our rotation was very important,” said Hutlassa on the teams defense.

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First 100 Students Receive a Free T-Shirt & Cheer Stick

Perry failed to live up to expectations, Halley rises

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Justin Halley, DB

When the secondary took a major hit after Chuck Grace suffered a season ending injury, it left a void that needed to be filled. For much of the season, defensive coordinator Todd Orlando attempted many different combinations until he found one that stuck. Enter Justin Halley against Troy. The Trojans had an opportunity to drive down the field and score with little time left on the clock. On a huge third down, Halley broke up a pass that would have given them a first down.

Then, against rival FAU, Halley led the defense with two huge interceptions. The redshirt freshman has earned his playing time late in the season and will make it an interesting decision for Orlando to make come next fall as to who is the starter at safety.

Honorable Mention:
Wayne Times, WR, Offensive line, Jake Medlock, QB, Greg Hickman, LB

Busts:
Darriet Perry, RB

Last season, Perry was the offense's go-to-guy around the goal line. He pounded in 16 touchdowns along with 865 yards. There was no reason for him not to have that same kind of year. However, he was outplayed at his own game. Rhodes does everything Perry does and more. Perry managed only 469 yards and six touchdowns in his final season with the Panthers.

As a captain, that is just a sad way to close out his career, especially when he is leaving as the all time leading rusher at FIU.

Jonathan Cyprien, DB

Another captain of the team that had a disappointing year, Jonathan Cyprien, did not live up to the expectations. While he did not have the same guys that he did last year around him, the junior was expected to lead a very young secondary to great performances.

The secondary was exposed early and gave up many big plays. Cyprien could not stop anything, and when the secondary started to get it going late in the year, it was everyone but him making plays.

Only getting one interception and one sack are hardly good enough from a captain.

Honorable Mention:
Willis Wright, WR, Jose Cheeseborough, DB

With all that being said, Wesley Carroll had a much better year than expected. Only throwing four interceptions is a great difference from the 14 last year. His season was up and down that it is hard to say whether it was a surprise or a bust.

I lean to surprise only because of how efficiently he threw the ball early in the year and then picked it up again towards the end.

If this team goes to a bowl game, it could surpass last year’s team as the best in FIU football history.
Students paint shoes for The Art of Giving project

EISSY DE LA MONEDA
Staff Writer

Shoes were lined up by the dozen, all freshly painted. What started off as a community service project turned into an artistic token of good-will for Haitian children in need.

Earlier this year, The Art of Giving was introduced to the University by the Art and Art History Department. The project’s main goal was to help unfortunate children in Haiti. The project prompted students to honor other cultures and to give back to the needy.

Professor Jacek J. Kolansinski presented TAG to the department in hopes of making an impact. When the event was introduced to students in Kolansinski’s art thesis class, they were told to brainstorm on ideas that would serve a greater purpose.

Kolansinski brought up the idea of鞋子, decorating them and sending them to the children in Haiti. The art students were thrilled with the idea. “It’s cool because the kids in Haiti don’t have much, and now we have a chance to give back,” said sophomore Monica Talavera.

When the project first began, it received support from more than just the art students. Many University students donated shoes to the cause, including the University’s Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Professor Gretchen Scharnagl, Kolansinski’s colleague and friend, heard about the project and decided she would like to be a part of it as well. She, along with other her two colleagues, Professors Katherine Smith and David Mendoza, incorporated the project into their Artistic Expression in a Global Society class by centralizing the class on the project and grading students on their participation in the project.

“The students supply their own materials, but they also share with each other,” said Scharnagl.

Other University students have also asked if they could participate and donate shoes they have decorated. When asked if this project will continue, Scharnagl said, “I don’t know, maybe. But I do hope this project will live on as a concept, it makes us better citizens.”

HAUTE TOPIC
Lessons learned post-ban

I did not think things through carefully when I decided not to shop during the month of November. I do not know how I forgot all about the Black Friday deals and fine shopping until the end of the month that most online stores offer. I almost thought I would not make it. I came really, really close to cracking after impulsively walking into J. Crew on Black Friday after seeing a movie.

I picked up a few things a little more frantically than I needed to and calculated much how much I would save. I would have a saved a lot, but while waiting in line for the dressing room I looked down at the things I was holding and decided it was not worth it. I had gotten so far and resisted so much temptation. I was definitely not going to give in that night along with all the angry and aggressive shoppers.

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However, I must confess that I have not stopped thinking about shopping. Even so, I have not scribbled “to buy” lists on the margins of my school notes. I do have a clearer idea of the things that my closet is missing, though. Oddly enough, it isn’t quantity that I realized I am missing but quality. Sure, it is great to buy a few trendy items here or there but the things I get the most use out of are not the things I buy on impulse, but things I have obsessed over for months.

I’m obsessing again, but the things I want aren’t a specific brand or a certain style at all. They are just things I know that I will wear to death. For example, through this no buying exercise I realized that I really want a nice pair of black jeans. Instead of jeans, I have been resorting to black leggings through the month without a second thought.

I was not even sure if I genuinely wanted the stuff or if I wanted it because they were on sale. I left the store feeling more gratified than I would have ever felt if I had purchased anything at all.

CARLOS SIUDE-PARRA

RADIATE REVIEWS

“Take Care” is hollow

Emotions do away with the façade and bring forth both the beautifully tender nature of people and also the bitter, salty resentment. With that being said, it must be truly exhausting to be Drake; his perpetual cross of sensible and appre- plicative, constantly hurt and remiscing yet badmuthing past lovers becomes an awkward juggling act.

Drake is walking along a fringe that could label him as either a misogynist or a method actor stuck in his perpetual cross of sensible and appre- plicative. He is a dismissive attitude toward all material matters as deter- minant of what makes a person valuable.

Truth be told, Eminem should take Drake when “Thank Me Later” was released, but too late, it is ultimately a matter of hype. It is a story of being disappointed and finding it hard to see how a particular reference to a song could be seen as making a person feel good.

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Nature preserve a security liability

T he University’s nature preserve at 4800 Modesto Maidique Campus is a valuable part of our community. It is a close place to conduct research, a favorite spot for nature surrounded by a concrete jungle. But, I think it is time to seriously address its security concerns.

Aside from a place of research, it has also become a dark, thorny refuge for criminals on the run from police. During my time at FIU, I remember a few instances where the nature preserve and its surrounding area played a role in criminal activity. The most recent incident happened on Oct. 7, where a suspect was able to elude police.

At night, the nature preserve is uncomfortably dark. It is a pitch-black mass without a well-defined entrance or any sort of lighting system. The light posts are far from the preserve, which is understandable, considering that they are intended to light the road and the path around it.

The preserve is located in the middle of a rather highly populated part of campus, though I doubt it would be the last one of the most used buildings on campus. South of the preserve is the football stadium.

More importantly, Panther Hall sits to the east of the preserve. Students live here; they park their cars in the parking lot that faces the preserve. I have also seen a number of students jogging on the side-walk and grassy areas that surround it. A pretty brazen criminal can strike in any of these areas and disappear in the nature preserve, coming out on the other side.

Its proximity to high traffic areas would also test the response time of the University’s police. A criminal operating in this area could strike and get away very quickly.

The nature preserve has been a point of debate at the University for some time. Rumors circulated in late 2010 that it would be demolished as part of the University’s plan to expand its footprint. Those rumors resulted in students marching to University President Mark Rosenberg’s office on Dec. 1, 2010, upon hearing that the University allegedly hired inspectors to audit which parts could be torn down.

I am not saying that the nature preserve should be bulldozed in favor of new buildings or Greek housing. This place is still important to several departments and academic programs.

On the University’s online campus map, most everything is painstakingly pointed out, with the exception of the nature preserve. Students should know where it is and the hours of operation of the preserve.

The University needs to define the nature preserve’s boundaries and exit and entrance points. It needs walking paths that direct people around the preserve, rather than hiding security efforts. Clearly defined entrances would allow University police to close it quickly, and students who wish to conduct research at night can do so with special permissions.

Lighting the preserve would be difficult, considering the affect lights can have on the wildlife within. Proper security would do away with the need for a fully lit preserve.

In an effort to leave the patch of land to nature, we have forgotten that just as we have an affect on it, it can also have an affect on us.

I think with a little compromise and input from all those involved, the University can have a safe preserve.

The Beacon – 7

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Activity charge proposal must be clarified

The purpose of this letter is to address the content of an article regarding a Student Government Association (SGA) activity charge proposal from the Council of Student Organizations (CSO) to the Student Government Association (SGA).

As written, the November 9th article states: “The idea of a CSO activity charge was brought up and eventually tabled during the meeting. If passed it would require a fee from CSO club members to conduct events, but not to be a part of said club.”

This is inaccurate. CSO submitted a proposal to SGA that recommended changes to the University-wide Finance Policy that would allow student organization the option of having an activity charge.

There was absolutely no talk about having a required fee in any form. Simply put, an activity charge would be a voluntary fee that student organizations could adopt for those members who would choose to pay it.

In doing so, organizations would have more financial freedom and extra funds to assist them with their programming and events. Students would not be required to pay an activity charge in order to join a student organization nor would they have to pay in order to attend an organization’s events.

Again, this is a proposal from CSO to SGA that if implemented would not require students to pay an activity fee to join a student organization or attend an organization’s events.

Student organizations would not be mandated to accept the activity charge proposal be approved by SGA. It would merely be an option for student organizations and it would be up to their discretion as to whether or not to accept it.

This proposal is geared towards hindering student involvement, nor is it “an asinine ploy to swindle paying members from CSO that was conducted in extreme secrecy”; it is nothing of the sort.

CSO’s advisor Ayana Wilson and its President Elizabeth Fava have been very forthcoming about this proposal and have been more than willing to answer any and all questions regarding it.

Wilson and Fava even offered to make an appearance at a University-wide committee meeting to clear up any misunderstandings on the issue. Therefore any notion that they were somehow purposely omitting information is not only baseless but false.

This process has been very open and transparent and if there are any questions about the proposal they should be addressed with either SGA or CSO.

Donovan Davison, Speaker of the Senate

VERBATIM

“Either write something worth reading or do something worth writing.”

- Benjamin Franklin

“Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.”

- Mark Twain

“Fearlessness is like a muscle. I know from my own life that the more I exercised it the more natural it becomes to not let my fears run me.”

-Arianna Huffington

“But innovation comes from people meeting up in the hallways or calling each other at 10.30 at night with a new idea, or because they realized something that shoots holes in how we’ve been thinking about a problem.”

- Steve Jobs
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These raccoons have become acclimated and dependent on humans. Leaving food out for them and other animals is illegal and amplifies the problem.

Kaloostian mentions that while the raccoons on campus are not a severe problem, they can be a nuisance because of the messes they create as they dig in garbage cans, as well as the defection they leave behind.

The sight behind the increase in the urban raccoon population is that they are becoming more aggressive than those found in rural areas like the everglades.

Another concern is that raccoons are a notorious carrier for the rabies virus, a deadly virus that can infect mammals, including humans.

Kaloostian also emphasizes that the feral cats commonly seen alongside the raccoons at Bay Vista present a danger to the wildlife in the area, as both species frequently kill and eat birds and their eggs, resulting in drastic decreases of bird and other small animal species native to South Florida.

Ultimately, Kaloostian stresses that while people think they are doing a good deed by feeding the feral cats, they are, in the big picture, harming the environment by disrupting the natural rhythm of that ecosystem and supplying an easy source of food for the raccoons.

He urges residents at the dorm to consider the harm they are doing to the delicate balance of the environment, and to stop feeding feral cats and other invasive species.

This, he hopes, will help to quell the numbers of raccoons on campus.

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It’s 1:45 p.m. and Germaine Escobar, a journalism student at FIU, must quickly make a decision.

Does she stay in class and listen to the last 10 to 15 minutes of her professor’s 50-minute lecture, or does she pack her bag and wait until class early to wait for the next bus?

Because the Golden Panther Express – the school’s shuttle service that transports students between the Modesto Maidique Campus and the Biscayne Bay Campus – departs at the exact time Escobar’s class lets out, she always feels caught between a rock and a hard place.

“A student should not be placed in this predicament,” Escobar said. “Every time I have to get up and leave the class while my professor is still speaking, not only am I being disrespectful and disruptive to my professor and classmates, but I walk out feeling as if I’ve just lost pertinent information in this course.”

Like Escobar, many FIU students are facing similar dilemmas, and the Student Government Council, along with the University’s Department of Parking and Transportation, have been hearing their complaints.

But SGA and the FIU administration contended that the problem simply cannot be solved in the short term, that some students – even in future semesters – will have to cope with walking out of classes early, arriving late and missing out on course material.

Natalie Batista, a senior public relations major, has had trouble with the schedule and must leave her evening class at BBC a few minutes early to catch the 8:40 p.m. shuttle. Her main concern, she said, is that it feels unsafe to wait at hour for the next bus to arrive so late at night.

“I don’t want to stay on north campus by myself in the dark,” said Batista. “It’s so desolate on that campus. I wouldn’t mind being on south campus until late because there’s more people, but north campus is totally different.”

Patrick O’Keefe, provost of the SGC/MMC, said the issue is high on their agenda, but the association has yet to come up with a solution that pleases everyone.

In August 2010, SGA and the Department of Parking and Transportation were able to address some issues by adding three meetings to the schedule, which doubled the existing schedule, but that didn’t completely solve the problem, he said.

He and a few other SGA members met with the directors of parking and transportation recently to discuss the shuttle schedule.

The meeting was not open to concerned students or the press because the student government members who were attending would be discussing several other private transportation-related proposals, O’Keefe said.

“Parking and Transportation is a very underfunded department,” O’Keefe said. “You can throw a lot of money at it and you’re still going to need more money.”

William Foster, executive director of parking and transportation, said classes are an hour apart, but each shuttle runs on an 80-minute schedule. The 80 minutes takes traffic, loading time and travel time into account.

The department has compressed the schedule as much as possible; Foster said, but 80 minutes is the minimum that American Coach, the company contracted to provide shuttle service, requires per round trip.

“We’re meeting six to 10 classes right on time, but we’re not meeting four of them right on time,” Foster said. “If I adjust and meet those four, then I don’t meet those six. This group that’s upset will now be happy, but now this group will be upset.”

Another option might be to move the four classes so they actually align with the shuttle. Moving these classes to a time block that works for the bus would accommodate all students in need of the service.

“We could attempt to do that, but I honestly don’t know if it can be done because I haven’t tried it. Before you go that far, you need to get the provost’s approval first,” O’Keefe said, adding that finding enough class-rooms to accommodate more classes within a particular schedule block might pose another problem.

The best strategy would be for all affected students to contact SGA with time change suggestions that address specific classes that should be moved and where they would fit better with the bus schedule, O’Keefe said.

Once he has the requests in hand, he can speak to the housing and the scheduling department on behalf of the students to change those classes to more appropriate times next semester.

However, O’Keefe predicts that rescheduling four class times can cause “huge space scheduling issues because the second you overlap classes, you’re changing the whole system.”

“I don’t know if that solution is going to work, but I am more than willing to bring anything to the table. I just really need suggestions.”

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