Now Open: On-campus shop a bike fixer upper

KATIA CANETE Contributing Writer

Cyclists at the University now have a place to tune-up their bikes. The FIU Bike Shop, now open at the Modesto Maidique Campus, promotes cycling as a way for students to move around campus. The shop offers the University community standard tune-ups for their bikes, installment of tires, safety checks, replacements and other adjustments.

“There isn’t really a bike shop that’s close to FIU, within riding distance, unless you want to get on some very busy and dangerous roads. To have a shop at a location we already spend a lot of time at is really important,” said Jason Diaz, president of the FIU Cycling Club.

The FIU Bike Shop, now open at the Modesto Maidique Campus, promotes cycling as a way for students to move around campus and offers a thorough explanation of their major’s curriculum.

BRANDIT ABSOLU, senior electrical engineering major, started this project with the Office of Sustainability last spring, making fixes at the FIU Farmer’s Market on Wednesdays next to the Green Library.

With funding from Recreation Services and the Office of Parking and Transportation, the FIU Bike Shop has now obtained it’s own locale in the Recreation Trailer, located west of Panther Garage.

“I thought this was a good idea because of the fact that parking is such an issue. Biking is a good option for students that live near or on campus,” Absolu said. “The campus is in an area where there aren’t many bike shops around and if a student gets a flat they can work in the bike shop.”

Curriculum changes keeps colleges ‘moving forward’

MIRIAM ARIAS Staff Writer

Upon their return to classes this fall, students from most disciplines will be met with changes to their major’s curriculum. The Faculty Senate Curriculum Bulletin #6 for the 2012-2013 school year was posted on May 1 and offers a thorough explanation of new course proposals, current course changes and course deletions. Here, individual colleges post their new courses and curriculum changes in both their graduate and undergraduate programs for the upcoming year.

According to Dean of the College of Engineering and Computing Professor Amir Mirmiran, curriculum changes occur periodically as faculty review and assess their courses. Changes are not limited to course additions and deletions; a renewed course description can be added as well. The Colleges of Architecture and the Arts, Business Administration, Education, Engineering and Computing and the School of Journalism and Mass Communication all saw changes in their degree programs. The heaviest changes emerged in the College of Education. For the Doctorate of Education in Adult Education and Human Resource Development, a reduction in dissertation credit hours has been made, with a synonymous increase in minimum hours for Research and Statistics.

“Research skills are increasingly necessary to research-based work in the bike shop.”

VOLLEYBALL

New volleyball coach finds calling

JONATHAN JACOBSKIND Staff Writer

After watching a prominent volleyball matchup on the late television series, “ABC’s Wide World of Sports: The Thrill of Victory and Agony of Defeat,” Trevor Theroulde realized his true calling: volleyball.

With the inspiration of the television show and the motivation of his high school physical education teacher, Theroulde, 15 at the time, picked up a volleyball for the first time. A native of Trinidad and Tobago, Theroulde’s high school. The Trinidad Ministry of Education, originally did not have a suitable volleyball facility to support his aspirations of becoming a volleyball player.

“The funny thing is that we had no nets and [volleyball] courts, so we had to construct the polls from two big steel pipes,” Theroulde shared. “We had to make like a container and stick the poles onto the cement and make sure we had a strong enough net to play with.”

Theroulde went on to play for his community club team, subsequently landing a spot on the Trinidad and Tobago Men’s National squad.

STUDENT PROGRAMMING COUNCIL

Semester brings new W.O.W.

VANESSA PAREDES Utd Editor

A warm welcome to all panthers.

Week of Welcome (W.O.W) is where the journey begins for most Panthers. This eventful week has become a well-known tradition throughout the years here at the University, with Student Programming Council hosting a plethora of activities for incoming and returning students to kick-off a new semester.

“Our welcome programs occur at the start of both fall and spring semesters and include a variety of events from pit events, to comedy shows, hypnotists, and of course, our Friday night movies,” said Lakesha Medaris, SPC president. W.O.W has many traditional events, including Hypnotist Saisesh, the Greek BBQ and Trail of the Torch, that students typically expect to see every semester. Additionally, this year SPC will be hosting a few new activities as well to freshen things up, such as the FIU Splash Pool Party that took place this Saturday.

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University welcomes cyclists

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shouldn’t be stranded.”

"Before, I don’t think I would ride a bike to school, but now I think it’s safe and I don’t have to worry about getting stuck on campus if I get a flat,” said Jessica Gomez, junior chemistry major.

Absolu also mentioned that he hopes to see the same demand the Bike Shop saw at the FIU Farm-er’s Market. “Also if the word gets out, more people will come for service.”

The Bike Shop is open to both University students and the public, with students receiving discounted prices for all services.

“I think it will be a great option for cyclists looking to get a tune up or adjustment done while they’re on campus,” Diaz said.

In 2013, the Bike Shop also plans to hold bike repair classes to teach students basic fixes for their bikes.

According to Andrew Black, Recreation Facility Operations Coordinator, there has been a recent increase in bike usage on campus.

“The recent increase is due to all the additional students living on campus; it’s a fast way for students to get around and not have to worry about parking,” Black said.

Along with the Bike Shop, other bike-friendly initiatives are also arising on campus.

According to both Absolu and Alexandra Dutton, program assistant in the Office of Sustain-ability, the Department of Parking and Transpor-tation is painting signs to ease cyclist traffic.

“(The department is) painting bike lanes on the road as the roadways on campus are expanded, and we are also working with them to paint ‘sharrows’ on the road way, which is a shared lane…decelipting [how] cars should share the road with bicyclists,” Dutton said.

“The signs are a work in progress. I was expecting them to be up during the summer but I suppose there has been a delay,” Absolu said.

The Department of Parking and Transpor-tation could not be reached for comment.

According to the project summary, the Florida Department of Transportation will also be adding bicycle lanes in both directions of SW 8 St. between SW 112 Ave. and SW 79 Ave. as part of the ongoing construction along 8th st.

As per the Florida Department of Transpor-tation, the completion date for the project is April 2013.

The Office of Sustain-ability, who partnered with Absolu in the early stages of the FIU Bike Shop, is also seeking a bike-friendly campus designation.

“The Office of Univer-sity Sustainability supports biking as a healthy and environmentally friendly way of transportation,” Dutton said. “We are working with different departments on campus to make FIU more bike friendly and ultimately pursue the certification as a Bike Friendly University as designated by the league of American Bicyclists.”

Funded by both Recre-ation Services and the Office of Parking and Transpor-tation, air pumps have been added to many bike racks around campus to keep bike tires in shape.

As for bike theft, Black stated that stolen bikes are due to bikes not being locked up properly or just being left without a lock completely.

He added that bike abandonment is more common due to flat tires, an issue that finds its solu-tion with the FIU Bike Shop.

University adds parking spots

MIRIAM ARIAS
Staff Writer

Fall 2012 will welcome returning students with about 2,000 new graduate and under-graduates, along with new faculty and staff.

As students prepare for classes and spend additional time on campus due to meet-ings, schedule reorientations and more, the beginning of the fall semester tends to be partic-ularly hectic in regards to traffic and parking difficulties.

According to the memo-randum sent to the University community by Chief Financial Officer Kenneth Jesseli, several changes have been made to ease students through these challenges. The University has increased parking availability by adding over 2,100 tempo-rary decal parking spaces to the Modern: Modular, Campus for the first three weeks of the semester.

The spaces have been divided across campus: there are around 300 additional spaces by the northeast corner of the campus, about 1,000 spaces at Tamiami Park, over 140 spaces by the Greek houses and over 250 in the Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition area.

“I think additional parking for the first three weeks is a good idea,” said Gregory Vickor, senior and double major student in Accounting and Management.

“Past semesters have shown that there is an increased student presence during the start of the semesters, resulting in overfilled garages and car lines, which easily runs any unsuspecting freshman’s chance of getting to their classes on time,” said junior biology major Rafael Alberti.

In order to receive a student decal, one must be currently enrolled at the University and must have paid the Parking Access Fee. A photo ID and a valid vehicle registration are also required. Decal fees are included in your tuition and can be requested online at parking.fiu.edu. Parking at the Engi-neering Center will also be available with shuttle rides to MMC every 15 minutes from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and later on from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

These additional shuttle times being provided for the ‘park and ride’ spaces created at EFC. It is expected to be used by university employees to help alleviate parking and traffic flow at MMC,” said Office Manager of University Technology Services Lisette Hernandez.

According to Hernandez, the CATS shuttle is scheduled to run from 6:15 a.m. to 10:20 p.m. to help the staff get to their vehicle when the additional shuttle is not working.

The University will also be expanding their shuttle service within MMC. There will be several pick-up and drop-off locations to facilitate the long walks from class to class to garage for students.

Additional police officers and public safety technicians will be placed throughout the University’s intersections to ease traffic. The memorandum sent by the Office of Finance and Administration also alluded to the change in the traffic circle at SW 8th street.

“We have reconfigured the circle to have one ‘straight-away’ lane and one right turn lane only. This change has significantly reduced bottle-necks over the past month it has been open,” Jesseli stated.

The memorandum concluded, “We will carefully monitor these enhancements and changes during the fall semester so that we may eval-uate how well they worked, especially as we look ahead. We may consider different options in the future if we believe we can improve parking and trans-portation services.”

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FIU BIKE SHOP

Services

Standard Tune-Up
Fix A Flat
Safety Check
Tire Installation
Wheel Adjustment
Chain Installation
Tube Installation
Brake Adjustment

Hours of Operation
Mon.: noon - 4pm
Tues.: 9am - noon
Wed.: 11am - 1pm
Thurs. & Fri.: 11am - 5pm
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The FIU Bike Shop is in the Recreation Trailer, located just west of Panther Garage.
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FALL 2012 - AUGUST 17-24

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Freshman Convocation - 3:00pm | MMC US Century Bank Arena
Breakfast from MMC 8:00am - 12:30pm | MMC in BBC 5:00pm
President’s Welcome BBQ - 4:00pm | MMC President’s Home

TUESDAY, AUG. 21ST
Ask Me Info Tables - 9:00am to 4:00pm | Library & A2A Area
Week of Welcome Kickoff: “A Taste of Miami” Food, Fun & Entertainment - 11:00am to 2:00pm | Panther Square

THURSDAY, AUG. 23RD
Restaurant & Business Fair - 12:00pm to 1:30pm | Panther Square
Freshman Luau - 11:30am to 2:00pm | Panther Square
Trail of the Torch - 6:00pm to 8:00pm | MMC

FRIDAY, AUG. 24TH
Aquathlon (Sponsored by Tri Club) - 1:00pm to 2:00pm | FIU Center Pool
Hot Dogs and Snow Cones - 1:30pm to 2:30pm | MMC (outside)

CAMPUS LIFE AT BISCAYNE BAY PRESENTS
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FIU - BISCAYNE BAY CAMPUS

MONDAY, AUG. 27TH
Involvement Fair Food & Entertainment
11:00am - 2:00pm | Panther Square

TUESDAY, AUG. 28TH
50 Days ’til Homecoming Event (sponsored by Homecoming Council)
12:00pm | Panther Square

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 29TH
SBA Day
11:00am - 2:00pm | Panther Square

THURSDAY, AUG. 30TH
Volunteer Fair
(Sponsored by Center for Leadership and Service)
11:00am - 2:00pm | Panther Square

FRIDAY, AUG. 31ST
Multifaith - Festival of Faiths Fair
11:00am - 1:00pm | Panther Square

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  - Secretary
  - Event Coordinator
  - Marketing/PR

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**Upcoming Events**

- **August 29th** SGA Day: Panther Square. 11 AM - 2 PM
- **September 10th** Meet Your Dean: WUC 221. 3:30 PM
- **October 29th** Rock the Vote
- **October 30th** Rock the Vote
- **November 3rd** Day on the Bay. 9 AM
- **November 6th** Rock the Vote

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WUC 301 | Biscayne Bay Campus
University doctors join fire-rescue to save lives

NATALIE BAEZ Contributing Writer

Double-teaming with paramedics to save stroke victims’ lives is the newest effort of University doctors.

In July 2012, the Stroke Network was launched during a news conference held at the Academic Health Center 2 building.

The initiative will combine University doctors, all seven fire rescue departments in Miami-Dade County and 16 major hospitals to provide the best diagnosis, transport and treatment of stroke victims under the Fire Officers Association of Miami-Dade Emergency Medical Services Stroke Network.

The network consists of paramedics, doctors and hospitals that follow the same protocol: to quickly and efficiently provide a course of treatment for incoming stroke victims as they are being transported to the hospital.

Five of the seven interventional neuroradiologists are University faculty at the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine.

Chairman of the Department of Neurology Jeffrey Horstmyer is part of the network formation. “We’re a public medical school, and part of our mission is supporting the advancement of health in the community, so this was a very natural project for us to get involved in,” Horstmyer said.

In this effort, Horstmyer and Alejandro Fortes, neurology professor and another member of the network, helped create Stroke Alert, a two-page checklist that helps emergency crews determine if a patient is having a stroke, how serious the stroke is and which doctor and hospital can offer the best treatment for the person’s condition.

“Now, in a more organized way, we [can] start collecting the data and make recommendations,” Horstmyer said in an interview with Student Media.

According to the American Heart Association, for those who survive a stroke, “time is brain,” because the brain loses 1.9 million brain cells each minute a stroke goes untreated.

Prior to this, all emergency medical services used different checklists. Now, the protocol provides gathered data and information for the full format for the entire county, enabling all to make the same decisions from the decision tree — a graph of possible consequences.

“We’ve identified the hospitals that are comprehensively capable and those that are primary stroke centers,” Horstmyer said. “We’ve gotten the hospitals to sign written agreements with us stating that they will provide the stroke consortium the data that we request, that they’ll give us access to their outcomes data and that they’ll routinely report to us with certain data that we’ve asked for.”

Horstmyer added that the network supports University “faculty on their area of expertise.”

“As we gather the data, our expert faculty will be able to look at the data, analyze and publish it.”

According to Fortes, the University of Miami is also involved, along with Mercy, Jackson and Baptist Hospitals.

“I want it to be clear that it’s a community effort, that’s the beauty of it,” Fortes said. “It benefits the community because it will improve the outcomes of stroke. We will facilitate in taking patients to the most appropriate facility and improve their outcome. Hopefully, this dream will have medical students from FIU participating sometime in the future.”

The next phase of the project is funding. The Stroke Network is looking for about $300,000 a year to fund office space, computers and personnel that will assemble the data in a certain format so that it can be analyzed and evaluated by an expert advisory group.

“We’re looking at the American Heart Association and local hospitals. We’re looking at the state level; we’re going to talk to the county about it and the usual governmental industry sources, as well,” Horstmyer said. As noted by Horstmyer, “Once we have that up and running, then it would be an opportunity for students to get involved, probably by next year.”

Adrienne Hasty, senior social work major, carries her belongings to her dorm in Lakeview North with the help of her father.
During my first year here as a graduate student at FIU I quickly came to the realization that a large portion of the driving public in south Florida suck at it. They don’t indicate lane changes or turns. Speed limits and stop lights are considered suggestions, not rules. afternoon rains showers are cause for immediate, widespread panic.

That being said, those of us who make it here on a daily basis without being t-boned or sideswiped usually fall into one of two categories: grumpy car drivers who cause accidents or competent drivers who avoid those people like the plague. As a member of the latter group I do my best to stay out of the way of those other people by taking precautions. I maintain a safe distance between myself and other drivers. I use my indicators for their intended purpose - not the “Oh my God, is that water on the basis of sexual orientation.

The Providence University College of Medicine and Health Sciences prohibits discrimination not only on the basis of sexual orientation but also because of race, religion, disability, and other bases.

As I see it, the issue is a trade-off between the company’s speech rights and the University’s stated commitment against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

As a state actor subject to the Constitution, the University can’t discriminate against views that it doesn’t like, even nasty ones. It can regulate how and when someone speaks, but not really what they say. The real question is “Does the University adhere consistently to its own anti-discrimination policies?”

WHY CAN’T I BACK IT UP?

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Contributing Writer

The Homecoming Council invites classmates, their families, alumni and future Panthers to one of the University’s biggest events: Homecoming.

This year’s Homecoming week will be from Sunday, Oct. 7 to Saturday, Oct. 13, and will include a multitude of events, including the Panthermonium Concert and the Panthers’ first game of the season against the Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders.

“This year is going to be bigger than last year,” said senior Rafael Brasam-I Fatta, assistant director of communications for the Homecoming Council. Major changes for this year’s Homecoming include the choice in the concert line-up.

The Homecoming Council surveyed students on what kind of music they would like to listen to at Homecoming.

“We wanted to bring artists that targeted different areas of the community from the school,” said Fatta. “They wanted some R&B, some pop, and we got requests for a DJ or electronic music.”

Homecoming will first kick-off with the Panthermonium Concert. This year’s line-up for the Panthermonium Concert will feature the dance-pop-punk band Cobra Starship, hip-hop band LMFAO, and the pop band JLO.

Three big changes to the Panthermonium Concert include the Panthermonium Village, seating at FIU Stadium and FIU students receiving their tickets for the event.

Before the concert, everyone can visit the Panthermonium Village and enjoy live music, visit community vendors, enjoy the kid zone, and eat for future Panthers.

Seating at FIU Stadium has been adjusted to accommodate more attendees. The stage is now at the center of the stadium, student seating has been extended from half of one end-zone to the opposite side of the field, and the VIP floor section will be on the field.

Tickets for the Panthermonium Concert will be available Wednesday, Aug. 22 and can be received at the FIU One Card office at MMC and in the Campus Life office at BBC from 9-11 a.m. and from 3-4 p.m.

Students will need their FIU One Card to receive their ticket. The ticket will be stored on your card and can be upgraded to VIP status for $35 at either locations previously mentioned, or online at hc.fiu.edu at the ticket section.

Additionally, the Panther Prowl will debut Monday, Oct. 8. Panther Prowl is Homecoming’s big comedy night, featuring Yannis Pappas as his viral alter-ego Manual, Hamidul Breusse, co-star of Adopt Swims’s “The Eric Andre Show,” and stand-up comedian Mike Pappas. Panther Prowl will be at the U.S. Century Bank Arena. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 9 at 3 p.m. Kick Off by the Bay, which takes the Homecoming celebration to SPC Events. Events lined up include live music, food, games, kayaking, and much more. On Wednesday, Oct. 10 the Kovens Center at BBC will be transformed into the LXV Lounge, where DJ FIRE and DJ Skribble will be playing the music of the night.

“We wanted to have a cabloounge feel to it back to Miami’s nightlife,” said Fatta.

Tickets are available online at hc.fiu.edu. Doors open at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, FIU will be looking for the most talented Panthers with Panthers Got Talent. If you can sing, dance, tell a joke, or recite a limerick on a bed of nails while on fire, this is for you.

Panthers Got talent will take place at the U.S. Century Bank Arena. Doors open at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12 will be the NPHC Stepshow. The NPHC Stepshow will showcase different step teams and see who is the best of the best.

The NPHC Stepshow will also be at the U.S. Century Bank Arena. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 will be the closing ceremonies with the Homecoming Parade, which will begin in Lot 3 and end in Lot 6, the game tailgate in Lot 6, and our Homecoming game (FIU vs. Middle Tennessee).

“I’m looking forward to it since it is my last year,” says senior Alex Estrada, physical therapy major. “It’s the spirit of the week that I like, and it shows what it means to be an FIU student.”

Check out W.O.W calendar for more information on dates and times.

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NEW YEAR, NEW MUSIC

What Homecoming will bring to the table this fall

Traditional semester kick-off for Panthers

"There are some new things this year, like the pool party collaboration with SPC and Homecoming. We have never had an event together and this is huge, being that we are two of the largest organizations on campus," said Medaris.

The other events are spread out throughout the week. Students can expect everything from free food, a comedy show, and even the ALOHA (A Lifestyle of Healthy Alternatives) event on Wednesday, Aug. 22 from 11 a.m.-6 p.m., which includes games, a climbing wall, free giveaways, food, as well as information to help you with the university life.

Incoming freshmen and transfer students can benefit from W.O.W to get involved.

"Freshmen can expect to learn about traditions at FIU and how to get involved on campus. They can expect to meet new people and, most importantly, have a lot of fun," said Medaris.

With giveaways, new opportunities to get involved, games, activities, parties and food, W.O.W will cater to students in many ways and provide everything that a Panther’s first week should consist of.

“W.O.W is exciting because you not only get to meet new people and go to fun events, but you also get a ton of free things, including t-shirts and giveaways,” said Medaris.

Check out W.O.W calendar for more information on dates and times.

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Gore Vidal remembered as “courageous” writer

ALFREDO APARICIO
Life! Editor

Gore Vidal is known for his outrageous opinions on American life, culture, politics and sex, making him one of the best known writers of his generation, as well as one of the most controversial, passed away on July 31 at the age of 86 in his home in Hollywood Hills, Calif., of complications from pneumonia.

He was born in West Point, N.Y. as Eugene Louis Vidal Jr. on Oct. 3, 1925, which he later changed to Eugene Luther Vidal before adding his mother’s surname Gore and getting rid of the first two names at the age of 14.

Vidal’s well known novels tended to fall into two categories: social and political. His first novel, “Williwaw,” which was published in 1946 when Vidal was 19, was based upon his tour of duty in the Alaskan Harbor Detachment during World War II and launched Vidal into success.

“When I think of Gore Vidal, I think about the changes he saw take place in this country,” said Michael Yawney, an assistant professor at the Department of Theatre. “He came from a time when books mattered and writers were considered significant contributors to the national discourse.”

His third novel, “The City and the Pillar,” published in 1948, which chronicled the life of Jim Willard, an openly gay protagonist who was not killed off at the end of the novel for defying social norms at a time when homosexuality was considered a sin, still remains one of his most recognized works, even though it blacklisted Vidal for many years afterward and forced him to write under various pseudonyms in subsequent years.

A Democrat all his life, Vidal ran for office twice, once in 1960 as a candidate for Congress and another in 1982, against incumbent Governor Jerry Brown, for the United States Senate of California. Vidal lost in the primary election.

His political career was much more than his attempts at being elected to Congress. From 1970 to 1972, he was one of the chairman of the People’s Party and advocated on behalf of Ralph Nader for president during the 1972 election. Vidal was also a member News when they were invited as political analysts. The arguments downgraded to vicious, insulting verbal spats in which Vidal called Buckley a “crypto-Nazi” and Buckley called Vidal a “queer.”

His satirical novel, "Myra Breckinridge," published in 1968, sparked heavy debates about feminism as well as trans-sexuality and was dismissed by many of the era’s conservative critics as pornographic, although it went on to become a world wide bestseller and a classic in some literary circles.

“My first awareness of Gore Vidal came when I was in college in the 60s. I saw him as being pretty outrageous just for the sake of being outrageous. With ‘Myra Breckinridge,’ I recognized that he had something important to say about the state of a person’s sexual life just at the time when there began to be an awareness of a disease called AIDS,” Skow said.

“Myra Breckinridge’s” sequel, “Myron,” published in 1974, shortly after an anti-pornography ruling by the Supreme Court, where Vidal took action by replacing the profanity in the novel with the names of the justices involved in the ruling. His provocative nature, however, also blurred into his personal life, often getting himself recognized as an early champion of sexual liberation. “The City and the Pillar,” which was simply dedicated to “J.E.T.,” was confirmed decades later to be James “Jimmy” Trimble III, who Vidal said was the only person he ever loved.

“Vidal may not have been a great writer, but he was a courageous one. His pop-fiction was filled with criticism of American culture. He came out as bisexual at a time when even glam rockers rarely dared make such statements,” said Yawney.

In a September 1969 edition of “Esquire,” Vidal defended homosexuality as natural, stating, “Certain societies at certain times, usually in the interest of maintaining the baby supply, have discouraged homosexuality. Other societies, particularly militaristic ones, have exalted it. But regardless of tribal taboos, homosexuality is a constant fact of the human condition and it is not a sickness, nor a sin, not a crime... despite the best efforts of our puritan tribe to make it all three.”

His essays, in many respects, were regarded higher than his novels. In 1987, his collection of essays, titled “Armageddon,” explored the intricate web of power in contemporary America and publicly attacked incumbent President Ronald Reagan. In 1993, he won the National Book Award for Nonfiction for his collection entitled, “United States: Essays 1952-1992.” “The Last Empire,” a collection published in 2000, criticized American expansionism, the military-industrial complex, the national security state and the Bush administration.

“He [Gore Vidal] used his connections to the rich and powerful to reveal how political power really works. Vidal put himself on the line over and over. I think that is his greatest accomplishment,” said Yawney.

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Here are the first couple of games proud Panthers should attend!

LOUISVILLE

In their second home game of the season, the Panthers will take on the Louisville Cardinals who are coming off a disappointing 7-6 season in which the Panthers defeated them 24-17 in Louisville. The Cardinals will be looking for some revenge with Miami product Teddy Bridgewater at the helm.

ARKANSAS ST.

Last year, this game was a de facto playoff in determining the champion of the Sun Belt Conference. Both teams head into the season with aspirations of winning the championship, and this game potentially sets up as the biggest game in the conference to date. The Panthers will need the full support of their fans at home on a Friday night in October.

-Brandon Wise

Where to park?

- Blue and Gold Garage: Located near the Graham Center and Charles Perry Bldg. Best location for early birds.
- PG5 and Red Garage: Located alongside 8th Street. Parking is usually available before 11 a.m.
- Panther Garage: Located near the Rec Center and the FIU Arena. Best chance for a spot any time of day.
- Parking Lots: Lots are scattered across campus. Look out for lots if garages are full.

*Remember to stop by the Office of Parking and Transportation to obtain a student decal.

*The first couple of weeks are the busiest, so budget extra time.

-Melhon Leonor

Don’t Forget!

Deadline for adding or dropping classes is Aug. 27
Tuition payments are due Aug. 28
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-Alex Sorondo
Grad pursues his career as a novelist; publishes four novels

AKIEL GRIFFITH
Contributing Writer

“Hemos tenido la dicha de ser jovenes en dos siglos diferentes,” in its English translation this means, “You will be young in two different centuries.” Not only was this a quote in Jorge Santa Cruz’s book entitled, “Debajo del Puente,” but they were also the words of his mother to him when he was younger.

Santa Cruz was born in Cuba and is a recent FIU graduate. He is looking to further pursue his education in the School of Journalism and Mass Communications with a masters in journalism. Nonetheless, Santa Cruz is an author, has published four novels in the last three years (both in Spanish and English), and has also sold thousands of books on Amazon.

“Novelist was born with me,” said Santa Cruz. “I’ve always had fiction in my mind... I was a good liar!” Santa Cruz described how when he was younger, he could make up a story and have anybody believe it. “I’m able to tell stories... I’m able to make up reality.”

For Santa Cruz, he expressed that his inspiration comes from various experiences in life. Whether it being social, formal education, or knowledge gained from simple intuition, he notes that these are all important elements that form his writing. “You can create your own spectrum about a story,” said Santa Cruz.

However, one of his biggest inspirations in writing was the Biscayne Bay Campus. “Beautiful campus,” states Santa Cruz. For Santa Cruz, BBC was a place where he would go to sip a beer and enjoy the scenery of the campus’ waterfront. It was also in these moments where he would jot down his thoughts on paper until night fall.

This was the place where one of his latest books was written, “Before the Day.” “The narrator is a protagonist who isn’t born, and immediately he’s going to take revenge,” said Santa Cruz. “If you want to know how, read the novel.”

In its Amazon debut, the book was ranked at number 1200. He calls the book, “An ode for life.” “He always read me some ideas for his books and also explained to me what inspired him to write. Sometime love, sometime obstacles in his life and profession and moments with his family in Cuba and here in the U.S.,” said Danni- beth Zungia, a friend of Santa Cruz.

These are all intricate elements that have made Santa Cruz the writer he is today. He noted that his experience with studying, being a journalist in Cuba and Spain and previous relationships have been the gist of his novels.

In his novel “Debajo Del Puente,” for instance, a former girlfriend is the main inspiration behind the book. “She was telling me her story and I was telling her mine,” said Santa Cruz. “Every thing we do in life, we do for a woman.”

Nevertheless, when asked to describe Santa Cruz in three words, Zungia replied, “Authentic, original, himself. His personality impressed me. He always gave his personal opinions and spoke about freedom, justice and his inspiration to write books.”

Despite undertaking exceptional success as an upcoming writer and selling thousands of books in the last few months, Santa Cruz now has his eye on bigger aspirations. “The next stage is to sign with a huge publisher... then the next stage, a movie,” said Santa Cruz, while also noting that making money is a priority.

Nonetheless, much of Santa Cruz’s life’s writing while living in Miami has revolved around the FIU and Coral Gables areas. Whether writing inside the Green Library at MMC, or at his favorite everyday hangout spot at Barnes and Noble in Coral Gables, Santa Cruz always seems to be enjoying himself.

“My life has been simplified. Go to the gym, write, read... and socialize,” said Santa Cruz.

Zungia expresses her delight about the things Santa Cruz is quickly accomplishing. “I think it’s great! It was his goal since I met him. I’m so proud to say that I took classes with him at FIU. He’s an example to say that all dreams can come true,” said Zungia.

Regardless, when discussing what values a novel should have, Santa Cruz stated, “A novel shouldn’t’s be about reality, but about the possibilities of reality.”

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Arena brings new style of play to men’s soccer

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This year’s FIU men’s soccer team heads into the season with a whole new mindset given to them by their new leader and first-time head coach, Kenny Arena.

Arena strongly believes that his team can be a national contender and he has fostered this mindset not only in himself, but also in his players and his staff. He has made it a point that he will not let his team repeat the mistakes of past FIU teams.

“He’s influenced me in the fact that he has a calm approach to the game most of the time, but he’s also very competitive and is not afraid to raise his voice to get his point across,” Arena said.

However, Arena’s father is the only reason that he fell in love with the game of soccer.

He was once the ball boy for the University of Virginia, so he had a chance to not only see every game the team played, but to experience being on the field and in the locker room.

Arena’s playing journey began when he attended the University of Virginia, playing on the men’s soccer team from 1999 to 2002. There he learned more about the game he loved, and improved his own personal skills.

During his time at Virginia, Arena played for the United States Under 20 men’s national soccer team at the 2001 FIFA World Youth Championship.

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Arena comes to FIU after serving as UCLA’s assistant coach for the past three years.

For the second time, defender Anthony Hobbs has been named to the Conference USA Preseason All-Conference Team.

“An honor to be named to that team,” Hobbs said in an interview with Student Media. “It’s something that you want to be named in and you work hard for it.”

Hobbs is coming off a solid junior season after being named defensive MVP for the Panthers, and was named to the All-Conference USA First Team. During the off season, Hobbs was given a chance to train with the New Zealand U-23 Olympic team.

“All of it was an amazing experience. It was good to learn the different style because every team has different styles and just developing as a player,” Hobbs said. “It’s really good for improving your game, fitness, technique and just playing at a high level with world class players.”

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FIU picked to finish last in Conference USA

The beginning of fall practice signals a new beginning for soccer at the University, with new coach Kenny Arena preparing his team for the year ahead. Arena is optimistic about the group after the first few practices.

“They all have a very good attitude. We have a process that we’re going through to get the team where we want to be, not only by the first game, but also where we want them to be at the end of the season,” Arena said. “We are just trying to establish the basics of how we want to play and after the third practice, the guys are doing a good job.”

Conference USA recently released its preseason selections for who the head coaches from around the conference picked their favorite to win the championship.

South Carolina edged out SMU with 65 points for the Gamecocks and 64 points for the Mustangs. The University received just 17 points and was picked to finish last in Conference USA.

“I would love to know how many of those predictions actually come out to be true, hopefully it’s wrong as usual,” Arena said.

Last year, SMU was picked to finish first but it was UAB that finished atop the conference, who received the most first-place votes this year with three.

“That’s fine with us; if they want to pick us to come last, we’ll just prove them wrong,” senior defender Anthony Hobbs said. “It takes pressure off us; if they think they can win the conference, who received the most first-place votes this year with three.

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Times shows personal side, discusses family

BRANDON WISE
Sports Director

Of all the things Wayne Times could do while not practicing or studying for a test, he chooses to spend his time with the Times.

"I like spending time with family because playing sports and putting all the effort I put into school, I kind of lose track of time and have very little to spend with family," Times said. "When I do have my own time, I like to spend it with mom and dad, check up on my little brother."

His little brother, Brandon Times, is currently playing wide receiver at Miami Northwestern High School. Times is following in his brother's footsteps, slowly, but surely. In fact, the younger Times is even wearing Wayne's number at Northwestern.

"I want the best for him," Times said. "I just try to show him the best by being a great role model and doing the right things."

There's even some brotherly rivalry between the two that Times mentioned.

"He says, 'I'm going to have more offers than you.' I'd like to see him have more offers than me," Times said. "I want to see him go where he wants to go, be what he wants to be. It's a little brother rivalry. It's my senior year, I gotta put it all out there. He comes to every game that he can make, if he's not dealing with football or my mom. I wish him the best."

Last season, still in the shadow of T.Y. Hilton, Times was second on the team in receptions with 54 catches.

Wayne Times (above) looks to become the number one receiver this season for the Panthers.
Team sets lofty goals for season

will be the first time the Panthers have ever faced either team.

The team starts its conference play after the Cats Classic where they will play the first two games on the road against South Alabama and Troy.

“We take [these] conference games very seriously,” said Chestnutt. “We need to focus on ourselves and play defense.”

The team returns home to face two of the tougher teams in the conference. First up will be Middle Tennessee on Sept. 28. In their matchup last year the Panthers lost 2-0 to the Blue Raiders.

The team then plays against Western Kentucky on Sept. 30. The two teams last year fought hard to a 0-0 draw, giving the FIU its first tie of the season.

“The area of focus for us is defense. If you want to be a good attacking team, you a [need] good defense,” said Chestnutt.

After the next away game against North Texas, the team returns home for two games on alumni weekend.

The first team the Panthers will face is Louisiana, who gave FIU their second tie of the year in a 1-1 draw. The Ragin’ Cajuns ended the season with a record of 6-12-2.

The team will play Louisiana-Monroe on Oct. 14 at the end of the alumni weekend.

The next two of three games to end the regular season will be on the road against Arkansas State and Florida Atlantic. Their last home game is against University of Arkansas at Little Rock on Oct. 21.

The Panthers then hope to continue to the Sun Belt Conference Tournament that will take place in Mobile, Ala. from Oct. 31-Nov. 3, where they finished 3-1-1 in the tournament last year.

The Panthers hope to finish the 2012 season with a trip to the NCAA tournament in San Diego, having achieved their goal of being nationally recognized.

“With what we did last year, I believe we can reach our goal,” said DiPerna.

New coach gets his chance to run his own program

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the Under 20 world cup in Argentina. Scoring a goal against that helped us get out of the first round while getting to represent my country, that was a great accomplishment,” Arena said.

In early 2003, the MetroStars selected Arena in the fourth round (32nd overall) in the 2003 MLS SuperDraft. The transition from college to professional soccer, he said, was the toughest thing he had to overcome.

“It’s a big jump that you make, the speed is different, the travel is different, and everything gets harder,” Arena said.

However, Arena was able to overcome this challenge, successfully making the transition despite the changes.

In 2006, Arena took the next step in his career by becoming a volunteer assistant coach with the University of Virginia and leading the Cavaliers to the NCAA Division I Men’s Soccer semifinals. Over the next two years, he was hired as an assistant coach for George Mason University and University of California Los Angeles. He says that his time spent in each organization allowed him to learn how to be part of a coaching staff.

In 2012, Arena broke free of his assistant coaching role and was finally given the opportunity to lead his own team by agreeing to become the next head coach for the men’s soccer team at FIU.

“My goal is to make sure my players are at the top of their game and that we represent our university in the most professional way possible,” Arena said. “I’m here to improve one of the best teams in the country. I believe in FIU and I believe in Miami.”

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Three new additions coming to men’s basketball

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Buckles is originally from Miami where he shined in Monsignor Pace. An average of 22.8 points, 13.1 rebounds and 3.5 blocked shots per game as a senior earned him Class 4A Player of the Year.

Head coach of the University of Louisville, Rick Pitino, believes that Buckles will be just fine at FIU.

“Rakeem is one of my favorites during tenure at Louisville,” Rick Pitino said. “He’s just a fantastic young man who we wish great success at FIU. We will miss his personality and work ethic, but he is in good hands with Richard.”

His new coach, Richard Pitino, thinks that his experience will prove valuable at FIU.

“Rakeem is an extremely hard worker who is dedicated on the court as well as in the classroom,” Richard Pitino said. “Not only are we getting a great player, but we are getting an even better person. His experience at Louisville will be key in the process of creating a championship program here at FIU. Having a player of his caliber come to our program is invaluable.”

In addition to Buckles, FIU also swooped into the Owl’s nest and came out with two new additions in Ray Taylor and Dennis Mavin who will trade in their FAU uniforms for the blue and gold of the Panthers.

Taylor played in 89 games for the Owls where he averaged 11.9 points per game. Pitino believes that Taylor brings another element to the team.

“Ray Taylor was an all-league player at FAU who adds another dimension to our team,” Pitino said. “He is a versatile point guard with explosive speed. He can score when needed and is great at getting in the lane and creating opportunities for his teammates. He will thrive in our pick-and-roll offense. His leadership will also be a huge asset as we strive to become a championship squad.”

TEENSSCOACH RESIGNS

On Aug. 13, head coach for the women’s tennis team Melissa Applebaum-Dall’au resigned from her position. As head coach at FIU, Applebaum-Dall’au went 53-36 and was the 2011 Sun Belt Coach of the Year, when the Panthers won the Sun Belt Conference Championship.

Last season was not as successful, when the Panthers finished off the season with a 7-15 record and lost North Texas 4-2 in the Sun Belt Championship match.

-TIM REYNOLDS AP Writer

All LeBron James has done so far this year is win the NBA’s MVP award for the third time, an NBA Finals MVP trophy to go along with that one, his elusive first championship and a second Olympic gold medal.

Dwyane Wade thinks his Miami Heat teammate is just getting started.

With the start of Heat training camp now just six weeks away, Wade said on Friday that he expects James to be even better this coming season now that the will-he-ever-win-a-championship question has been forever put to rest.

“That monkey is off his back and now he’s just playing basketball,” Wade said while taking a break from his annual fantasy camp, where fans pay up to $12,500 to get a four-day luxury taste of NBA life. “I think we’ll see a better LeBron James — scary to say, three-time MVP — than we’ve seen. And it’s because all he has to do is play basketball now. He doesn’t have to worry about what he hasn’t done. It’ll always be something, but he’s got the biggest one off his back.”

Wade was a James fan instead of a James teammate this summer, when the U.S. men’s basketball team won its second straight Olympic gold.

Wade could not play while recovering from knee surgery but was in London for part of the Olympic tournament, and he said James made playing at a high level — such as a triple-double against Australia in the semifinal round — seem “effortless.”

“It’s been that way for a while, too. Going back to Miami’s win-or-go-home Game 6 in Boston of the Eastern Conference finals, James has played in 20 games with the Heat and for USA Basketball.

In those, his teams are 19-1, with the lone loss being Game 1 of the NBA Finals against Oklahoma City.

Four straight wins to close that title series, then five straight exhibition victories with the U.S. team, then an 8-0 Olympic record — 17 straight wins in all. “He’s on an amazing run,” Wade said. “When you’re on these kind of runs, you enjoy it. You keep going because you don’t know when it’s going to stop. I think he’s just enjoying it right now. He’s doing all this stuff without thinking about it. He’s breaking records. He’s in

Wade says LeBron made Olympics seem ‘effortless’
As two-a-days conclude, depth chart takes shape

There’s not much to speculate about FIU’s first depth chart released during media day on Aug. 14. Usually the case, the team picked to finish first in its own conference is the one that answers the fewest questions on the field.

Mike Winter enters his first season at the helm for the Panthers at quarterback. Having played in five games last season, Medlock takes over for Wes Carroll carrying his experience as an advantage over redshirt freshman Loranzo Hammonds and true freshman E.J. Hilliard. Although uncertainty lingers over Hammonds and true freshman E.J. Hilliard, the state of Offensive Coordinator Tim Cramsey’s new offense, head coach Mario Cristobal affirms that Medlock is capable of leading the offense on Saturdays.

“We physically speaking, he feels better than he’s ever felt since his freshman year,” Cristobal said of Medlock during media day. “Mentally speaking, he is where the coaches want him to be right now, there is a competitive gap between him and the other two quarterbacks.”

Despite the “considerable gap,” Cristobal expressed enthusiasm over his two backup quarterbacks Hammonds and Hilliard – emphasizing they can both contribute sooner rather than later.

“We feel that they can both help us win, rather than just helping us get by,” Cristobal said. “They are different style quarterbacks, but they are both accurate and if you are efficient and accurate while running our offense, you definitely have a chance to compete.”

The 2012 campaign without the valuable services of T.Y. Hilton, the program’s all-time leading receiver who was drafted by the Indianapolis Colts in the third round of the 2012 draft. Hence, Panther coaches and fans are anxious to see a spark plug ignite within the receiving corps. Cristobal shined a bright light upon the receivers stating they had shown great improvement as a unit from the end of the 2011 season.

“The receivers are playing with a chip on their shoulder,” Cristobal said. “They want to get out of the shadows and I hope that shadow is enormous, so that they fight every day to get out of it.”

With a more athletic bunch, opportunities will arise aplenty for new receivers to contribute in a new offense.

“The receivers are a lot better than they have been in a long time,” Cristobal said. “Everything has been real positive not just catching the football, but in the amount of pride they are taking in perimeter blocking, which usually spurs the long runs that lead to home run hits.”

With an offensive line that starts four seniors and a highly-touted defense bringing back sixteen upperclassmen, the Panthers will sport the 18th most experienced team of 124 Football Bowl Subdivision programs this season, according to Phil Steele of CBS Sports. Cristobal sees this experience as a key asset in the ultimate goal of a third consecutive bowl berth.

“You team will be as good as your seniors will take you,” Cristobal said. “Our seniors have taken the opportunity to coach and mentor our young guys. I think it says a lot when seniors like Tourque Williams and Winston Fraser will get after each other if they feel they are not performing to their maximum capabilities.”

With a senior-laden depth chart, expectations are presumed to be higher within the program, but Cristobal wouldn’t want it any other way.

“We want to get to the point where expectations become higher and higher each year,” Cristobal said. “As a program, we are currently taking the right steps in accomplishing that.”

Wade’s knee injury recovery going according to plan

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Wade spent much of the year writing a book about his experience as a father and the custody fight for his two sons. And as he said in London, Wade reiterated on Friday his recovery from knee surgery is going according to plan, and that he intends to be back on the court to begin workouts in a couple of weeks.

That means he won’t be scrimmaging the fantasy campers this weekend — though instead of dinking on them, as he did last summer, he will take them on in a 3-point contest.

It’s far from the strongest part of his game, but he’s not too worried. “I’ll have some fun, be able to interact with them, make sure they’re able (to say) that they lost to me again,” Wade said. “I won’t show up and leave. I’m here. They’ll see me here all day; they know I’m a part of it. They know I’ll run out on the court when they do something great and know I’ll say something when they don’t.”

Camping
to stay in an upscale hotel, receive plenty of new basketball gear, and even get coached by, among others, Heat coach Erik Spoelstra and Indiana’s Tom Crean — who coached Wade at Marquette. Miami coach Jim Larranaga and South Carolina’s Frank Martin, a Miami native, are also on the coaching lineup.

“I wish I could play,” Wade said. Instead, he’ll be a fan this weekend, just like he was for James in London.

“I’m one of LeBron’s biggest fans,” Wade said. I couldn’t be teammates with him if I wasn’t a fan of his game. I’m one of his biggest supporters, one of his best friends. It’s good to see him succeed like this, especially because I know the stuff he’s dealt with. It’s in the rear-view mirror now and he’s going to move forward.”

the history books. He’s not thinking about it; he’s just doing it. He’s at a gear that I’ve never been at before when it just feels easy. He’s just a gear above everyone.”

Soon, Wade hopes to be back at his usual gear.

It’s starting to hit the peak of his offseason schedule.

Wade hosts his annual Wade’s World” weekend for kids in Chicago next week, then begins his book tour in New York on Sept. 4.

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Times and Cheeseborough build relationship off field

For 540 yards and two touchdowns. His best play of the year came against Troy when the then-junior receiver had a 76-yard touchdown catch to give the Panthers a 10-7 lead.

This year, Times will lead a young group of receivers that have been working hard all offseason long.

“Hard work is good work to me,” Times said. Wade

“Me and Cheeseborough play jokes on one another, both emphasizing we both know when to get down to business.”

While many of his teammates joke off the field to keep each other loose, they still compete by playing video games. Even though he isn’t a gamer, Times mentions the competitiveness that he and the other two quarterbacks. Wade

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Wade

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The new Digital Media major offered in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication was designed with today's prominence of multimedia in mind. Two classes for the major will be offered this Fall: Social media and globalization as well as Introduction to digital media.

Students will be educated on using renewable energy and energy-efficient technologies in buildings. The primary goal of this competition is to improve residential building energy. The students will be accompanied by Yimin Zhu, faculty advisor, and Emmanuel Okwor, president of The Associated General Contractors of America student chapter at the University. The University’s team is currently made up of 12 students from various majors, such as architecture, construction management, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, financial management and business administration.

The competition challenges scholars to design, build and operate solar-powered houses that are cost-effective, energy-efficient and attractive. It will assess the team’s ability to conserve energy, control their physical environment and ability to be fully energy sufficient.

Even though this may be the main vision of the competition, the students also have another goal. Okwor is excited to learn more about a different culture.

“FIU is a school of diversity and this competition is a great way to experience that diversity and gain from other cultures and working with a team,” he said.

Amanda Velazquez, a graduate student in the School of Architecture and Decathlon competitor, hopes to gain a lot from this experience.

“I expect to learn the whole process that goes into designing and building a project,” she said. “Also, this is an excellent opportunity to learn another culture and how this influences their design process and buildings.”

As of now they have a sketch for the building they want to construct. The University will be partnered with Tsinghua University, located in Beijing, China. Throughout this year, the students exchange ideas with their partners in China on how to build the house.

Okwor explained that they already have funds to build the house in China, but they still need to raise money to take the students to the country. “Our partner in China would do most of the fundraising for the building and its materials,” Okwor said. “We would need to do fundraising for a round-trip ticket to go to China during the construction phase and for a place to stay with necessities such as food, water, means of transportation, etc.”

Velazquez said that in order for fundraising efforts to be successful, the group needs to have a good website that will attract potential sponsors and engage students into the project. The students don’t know yet if they will be able to go to China to participate on the actual days of the competition.

“With the collaboration of all FIU students and faculty, the fundraiser could be a success, but we will need to spread the information about the project to all the FIU community,” said Velazquez.

The team plans to host events throughout the year to attract the important businesses in the construction industry.

The competition will be organized by Peking University, along with Applied Materials as the launching sponsor. SD China provides a platform that reflects their commitment to promote new energy solutions. This platform includes collaboration where the students can experience all challenges including architectural, engineering, business and communication issues. Students will also receive the proper training to prepare them for a clean-energy workforce.

Market development will also be a key part in this platform. SD China wants to enable student research, development and deployment in energy efficiency and energy production technologies and will show the students that it is possible to build highly efficient industrialized homes that are sustainable without taking away the pleasures of comfort, aesthetics and the joy of living in them.

Additionally, SD China wants to raise awareness on renewable energy and energy efficiency, as well as teach the public different ways to use less energy.

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Hospitality building under construction

The construction of the bathrooms is also taking place because they didn’t meet with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which “prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by public accommodations and requires places of public accommodation and commercial facilities to be designed, constructed, and altered in compliance with the accessibility standards established by this part.”

“It is important that the bathrooms are ADA compliant,” said Qureshi.

Funded by the University, the project has been divided in different parts in order to let the students use the bathrooms. The bathrooms will be ready and open August 20.

In keeping with accessibility, the third project, which will start and end in October, is the replacement of the elevators. Qureshi said that they made sure the disabled students have all their classes on the first floor since no one will be able to use the elevators during that time.

The other students will have to take the stairs, but only until the project is complete.

The Bay bites into local businesses

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Contributing Writer

Put on your bibs, grab your silverware and napkins and come get acquainted with some serious business in Panther Square.

The Restaurant and Business Fair takes place on Wednesday, August 22 from 12 to 1:30 p.m. in Panther Square in the Wolfe University Center.

It is one of the events that comprises the Week of Welcome which takes place from Aug. 20-24.

10 local restaurants and five businesses will be featured in this event and will be promoting their food and services.

“The main goal of this event is to increase awareness and knowledge that is located outside of BBC and have samples from all types of restaurants, plus to give students, faculty, and staff a fun and interesting day,” said Andres Bermeo, marketing coordinator of Campus Life.

Restaurants will bring in food samples for students to enjoy ranging from Italian to Mexican foods while local businesses such as spas and pharmacies will offer discounts to their services. Some of the restaurants participating are T.G.I. Friday’s, Boston Market, Tijuana Flats and Yes Pasta! GNC, Costco, Hollywood Tans and Wells Fargo will be the four businesses participating.

Between 300 and 400 people are expected to attend this event, which has been featured during the Week of Welcome for the past five years.

Bermeo encourages students to attend the event and get to know local businesses and their offers.

“Students should come for the food and to become more familiar with what BBC has to offer and to give them a reason to come to North Miami more often.”

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Missing pieces added to SGC-BBC puzzle

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Additional positions have been filled in the Student Government Council at Biscayne Bay Campus. The new Chief of Staff has been appointed to Catherine Vega, a senior psychology major.

Vega explains that her role is to carry out the mission that SGC-BBC President Pablo Hespel and Vice President Ohawotobi Adekoya have for the council.

“I oversee a lot of the other positions,” said Vega. “It’s important because I have to make sure that everyone is working on their individual projects and that student government completes its goals for the year.”

“Some of the resolutions that have been passed, requires that I along with the Special Events coordinator, have a few forum, ” said Vega.

Ye Chen, international student and graduate hospitality major, has been appointed as international student services coordinator.

She stated that she will cooperate with International Student and Scholar Services at the University to plan and coordinate events. “I want to help international students reach their [goals],” Chen said.

Yuyang Hou was appointed marketing coordinator.

Daniel Usma, senior double major in psychology and international relations, has been undergraded as director of governmental relations. His duties will include assisting the president and chief of staff in the realm of governmental relations.

“This year being election year, we’re going to have to do something about voter registration,” Usma said. “One of my goals is to have more involvement in the FIU community in the voting process.”

Usma mentioned that one of his main focuses will be on the issue of a second entrance to BBC.

“That needs to be addressed with many different commissioners and governmental people,” Usma said.

Maria N. Reynaga, senior international relations major, is now the director of internal relations. She had been involved on campus before being appointed as director of internal relations.

Reynaga was membership chair of the Student Alumni Association, secretary of Student Programming Council, and created the BBC Football Club under SGC.

Now no longer a part of SAA or SPC, Reynaga has chosen to continue her involvement on campus through her new SGC-BBC position.

One of Reynaga’s main duties will be to “create a liaison between SGA and the other organizations.”

According to Reynaga, she will be reviewing how other councils on campus work, in order for SGA to meet their needs.

“Ultimately I [will be] working with students and try to provide what they want, and try to be a voice for SGA in their meetings,” Reynaga said. “One of my things is to have SGA and other councils get along together, and I feel that my position will help in that.”

According to Assistant Director and SCA advisor Rafael Zapata, applications for other remaining positions have been received, but have not yet been reviewed for processing.

According to Zapata, SGC-BBC plans to contact departments directly to recruit applicants.

“As always, [SGC-BBC] is looking for more people.”

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The first 15 credits are mandatory for all students into the classes where students would have more contact with the multimedia tools needed today.

“If students plan on creating their own blog, they have to learn WordPress. If they want a custom header in that blog, then they have to learn Photo shop, and if they want something fancy happening on their site, they have to learn CSS,” she said.

Balean’s words match the same view.

“The first 15 credits are SIMC requirements and are already being offered. Two classes created specifically for the major, namely Social Media and Globalization, taught by SIMC professor David Park, and Introduction to Digital Media, taught by Moore Shumow, assistant professor in SIMC, are being offered in the fall.”

“We are matriculating students into the classes slowly,” said Shumow. “There are two classes offered in the spring along with two more in the fall.”

Raul Reis, dean and professor at SIMC, mirrors the same view.

“When you have a new major, you offer the classes gradually because [students] won’t be taking all the classes at once, so you kind of build up slowly,” he said. “And also it’s a matter of resources. We don’t have the resources to offer everything at once.”

Reis explains that as students progress through the major, they will be able to take the other courses that have more pre-requisites.

In order to aid the SIMC and the new digital media program, two new junior faculty were recently hired. Robert Gutsche, assistant professor, whose research uses Geographic Information Systems to analyze news patterns, and Yu Liu, assistant professor, who has researched the use of social media in China and in the U.S. Both are recent graduates from the University of Iowa and the University of Miami, respectively.

Reis acknowledges that multimedia and digital skills are now needed in almost all careers, and they expect to attract students from other majors who can either double-major, get a minor or a certificate in digital media.

“People see the needs of having those skills,” Reis said. “Things like social media, web design...or basic and advanced multimedia production.”

What sets this major apart is that students in the lower division gain hands-on experience in courses which are reserved mostly for master’s programs.

Reis explained that because SIMC needs to follow the national accreditation standards, students already pursuing a degree within

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