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**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.

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 synchronous increase in minimum hours for Research and Statistics.”

"Research skills are increasingly necessary to the 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.

## 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, installation 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.

But the shop is much more than that. 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

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## SEMESTER BRINGS NEW W.O.W.

**VANESSA PAREDES**
**Editor, 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 pet events, to comedy shows, hypnotists, and of course, our Friday night movies,” said Lakesha McFaris, SPC president.

W.O.W has many traditional events, including Hypnotist Salesh, 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 Alexandria
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...depicting
[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
Transportation, 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.

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University adds parking spots

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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 rearrangements
and more, the beginning of
the fall semester tends to be partic-
ularly hectic in regards to traffic
and parking difficulties.

According to the
memorandum sent to the University
community by Chief Financial
Officer Kenneth Jessell, 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
Moderos: Modapark 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
Moderno: Modapark 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
classrooms and car lines, which
easily ruins any unsuspecting
student’s chance of getting
to their classes on time,”
said junior business 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.

Fall 2012 is opening the
Parking and Engineer-
ing Center will also be available with shuttle rides to
both MMC and EC. It is expected to be used
by university employees to help
allay student 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 allay staf to 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 and
garages 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
only lane. This change has
significantly reduced bottle-
necks over the past month it has
been open,” Jessell stated.

The memorandum concluded, “We will carefully
monitor these enhancements
during the first week of
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-
poration services.”

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Trustees approve new parking rule

Don’t park in backwards. The University’s Traffic and Parking Regulations Amendment reviewed by the University’s Board of Trustees began enforcing their new regulations as of July 1, which include fee increases and decal fraud enforcement.

The amendment is aimed towards these changes: decal fee increases, the consequences regarding decal fraud and the enforcement of fines for faculty, staff and/or students who park backwards, rather than head-in.

Another part of the amendment increases the Transportation Access Fee. The 2011 fee was $81 in the fall and spring semesters and $75 in the summer semester; however, the amendment states that the current semester decal registration fee will now be $89 in fall and spring and $83 in the summer.

Read more on fiusm.com

Move to new conference led to increase in athletic fee

The University’s athletics fee was increased by 54 cents in May to cover the cost of its switch to Conference USA in 2013.

The athletic fee committee voted to pass the proposed 54-cent increase bringing the total from $15.56 to $16.10 per credit hour. This is the fourth time in the last six years the athletic fee has been increased. Over the last six years, the fee was increased by five percent in 2007-08, five percent in 2008-09 and three percent in 2011-12. Now, the fee will be raised one and a half percent.

FIU leaves the Sun Belt Conference after 14 years and joins North Texas, also leaving the SBC, Louisiana Tech and University of Texas at San Antonio from the Western Athletics Conference, and Charlotte from the Football Championship Subdivision.

In February, Conference USA originally planned a merger with the Mountain West, which reportedly was expected to have between 18 and 24 members. But last month, the move was considered “unlikely” a source told CBSSports.com. However, the two conferences are still hoping to work together in some fashion by 2013.

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Without financial aid, students find alternatives to pay for classes

Track and Field to host conference championship in May

Dean of Libraries steps down, Bresslin steps in

Down where it’s wetter, diving under the sea

Editorial: Don’t blame us for the prolonged stay

President Rosenberg, frankly, the email you sent on July 9 insults us. Do you believe you’re dealing with over 45,000 Van Wilders here at FIU? That we are not doing everything we can to graduate in four or five years?

You said in your email that, over the course of the past year, the University has hired more than 50 advisers. Thank you. And the University has added more than 1,000 courses and expanded online programs. Thanks for that too. Read more on fiusm.com

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- Freshman Convocation: 3:00pm | Info/US Century Bank Arena
- Ball State from BBC to MGC: 12:30pm | MGC to BBC: 5:30pm
- President’s Welcome BBQ: 4:00pm | MGC President’s Home

**MONDAY, AUG. 20TH**
- Ask Me Info Tables: 9:00am to 4:00pm | Library & Atrium Area
- Week of Welcome Kickoff: “A Taste of Miami”
  - Food, Fun & Entertainment: 11:00am to 2:00pm | Panther Square

**TUESDAY, AUG. 21ST**
- Ask Me Info Tables: 9:00am to 4:00pm | Library & Atrium Area
- Blue & Gold Welcome: 3:30pm to 11:00pm | Panther Square

**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 22ND**
- 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 | MGC
- Friday Fling: 9:00pm
- Aquaholic (Sponsored by Tri Club): 1:00pm to 2:00pm | FIU Center Pool
- Hot Dogs and Snow Cones: 1:30pm to 2:30pm | BBC (Satellite)

**THURSDAY, AUG. 23RD**
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October 30th  Rock the Vote
November 3rd  Day on the Bay. 9 AM
November 6th  Rock the Vote

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University doctors join fire-rescue to save lives

NATALIE BAEZ
Contributing Writer

Double-teaming with paramedics to save stroke victims’ lives is the newest role 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 initiate 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 to support the advancement of health in the community, so this was a very natural project for us to go into involved in,” Horstmyer said.

In this effort, Horstmyer and Alejandro Forteza, 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 entire 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 comprehensive centers 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 Horstmyer, 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,” Forteza 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 to then be analyzed by statisticians 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 industries 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.”

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MOVING IN

Adrienne Hasty, senior social work major, carries her belongings to her dorm in Lakeview North with the help of her father.
WHY CAN’T I BACK IT UP?

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 rain 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: crummy 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 in parking? Why won’t you let us? I also reverse into parking spaces.

Those of us who make it here also know the reason behind the2012 London Olympics.

As a state actor subject to the Constitution, the University has to figure out about its own motives, as a state actor subject to the Constitution, the University has to figure out about its own motives.

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 viewpoints 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?” These policies prohibit discrimination not only on the basis of sexual orientation but also because of race, religion, disability, and other bases.

Let’s do a thought experiment. Imagine that Chick-fil-A wanted to promote one of the following values:

(a) White supremacy – Inter-racial marriage offends God;
(b) anti-Semitism: “The Holocaust didn’t happen and if it did, it was the fault of the Jewish people; or
(c) eugenics: “For the good of society, people with hereditary disabilities should be sterilized.”

If you support Chick-fil-A’s right to promote marriage discrimination, ask yourself - Would I also support the company in sending white supremacist, anti-Semitic, or eugenic messages? If the answer is yes, I applaud you. Please become a First Amendment lawyer. God knows we need more of you.

If you start squirming, though, wanting to say that white supremacy, anti-Semitism, and eugenics are different (maybe in ways that you can’t quite put your finger on) such that you wouldn’t support the right to send these messages, take note. Unless I’m missing something, your differential reaction suggests straight supremacy. That’s what the University has to figure out about its own motives, practices, and integrity.

-Jose Gabihondo, Professor, College of Law

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In the August 1st issue of the Beacon, the new rules were outlined but no reasons for that particular rule were given. If I’m going to risk getting my tail taken off every time I try to leave this campus, doesn’t the administration think I deserve to know why? If I were to be involved in an accident while leaving a parking space, as the reversing driver I would most likely be deemed to be at fault. Car insurance is pricey as it is without the bump in premium such an event would result in. I’m not saying everyone should reverse into spaces. Just this spring I watched a girl hit a parked car while trying to do it. What I am saying is, if we’re good enough drivers to do it and do it quickly, why won’t you let us?

-Britt Turnquest, Graduate Student, Department of Chemistry

RE: “CHICK-FIL-A REHEATS CONTROVERSIES”

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ATHLETICS

Where’s the bandwagon?

The University, like many others, has most of its athletic attention drawn to the football team - a team which, while it’s been better at times, still struggles to draw fans. Athletic fees have been raised, renovations have been made to the stadium, and billboards have been erected to celebrate the rise of our football program.

But, what attention has been given to the other sports that have been on top of their respective standings for some time now?

As a student, I’ve noticed that the University wants students to have an affinity towards the school and not just take classes. But it’s pretty hard to do that when you have all of your eggs in a single basket.

So I dare to ask, what’s the deal with our other sports?

Football game attendance easily trumps that of the other athletic programs, and in no small part because of the University’s own marketing campaigns.

On multiple occasions, I have been offered the opportunity to gain extra credit if I attend a women’s volleyball game. The professors that have done this are supporters of the volleyball team and only wish to see a bigger crowd. So in order to support the team, they bend the no-extra-credit rule on their syllabus to help out one of our many undersized sports.

Professors shouldn’t giving out points in order to fill bleachers. Students should be going on their own accord.

The same goes for our other sports. Swim meets, track meets, tennis matches, golf tournaments and basketball games can be just as, if not more, chaotic, competitive and as stimulating as any football game.

The University’s swimming and diving teams are a great example of an under-valued yet extremely victorious, sports team. According to Sissi Aguila of FIU News, the swimming and diving team has “broken” 10 program records, four Sun Belt Conference records, claimed five Sun Belt championships and swept the conference swimmer, diver and coaches of the year awards” this past season alone.

Not only are such sports victorious, they also produce great athletes.

Iva Ciglar, Arlene Semeoc, Feroma Dicke, and Ronald Forbes - University alumni - respectively represented Croatia, Venezuela, Great Britain and the Cayman Islands at the 2012 London Olympics.

I don’t see any University football players on that list.

Hopefully this year’s Olympics shines a spotlight on the underrepresented sports at the University as a result of the Golden Panther squad that bore the flags of the world on the global stage. Hopefully this puts fans in the stands for programs that truly deserve the support.

LOURDES GINART

Staff writer

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NEW YEAR, NEW MUSIC

What Homecoming will bring to the table this fall

AARON PABON
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 Brau, assistant director of communications for the Homecoming Council. Major changes for this year’s Homecoming include 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.”

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Gore Vidal remembered as “courageous” writer

ALFREDO APARICIO
Lifetyle 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 1966 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 chairmen of the People’s Party and advocated on behalf of Ralph Nader for president during the 1972 election. Vidal was also a member of the advisory board of The World Can’t Wait, a left wing organization that advocated for the imprisonment of President George W. Bush for war crimes.

“Sometimes I think he said or wrote controversial things just to get a rise out of people, which made a lot of what he had to say seem trivial,” said Marilyn Skow, chair and artistic director at the Department of Theatre. “I was much more impressed with the works of Norman Mailer and Truman Capote, both of whom were contemporaries and rivals of Vidal, than I was with Vidal’s works; although, I did like his book on Abraham Lincoln.”

His most famous literary rival was, in fact, Norman Mailer, who is said to have 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 1995, criticized American expansionism, the military-industrial complex, the national security state and the Bush administration.

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Vidal’s provocative nature, however, also bled 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.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, not 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 essay, titled “Armageddoned,” 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.

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“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
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Book Bargains
by
Eissy de la Moneda

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

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Grad pursues his career as a novelist; publishes four novels

AKIEL GRIFFITH
Contributing Writer

“Hemos tenido la dicha de ser jóvenes en dos siglos distintos,” 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 Communication 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 his experience with studying, writing inside the Green Library while also noting that making money is a priority.

Nevertheless, when discussing 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-bett 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. “Everything 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.”

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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 while living in Miami has resorted around the FIU and Coral Gables areas. Whether love, sometimes obstacles in his life and profession and moments with his family in Cuba and here in the U.S.

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

-Akie Griffith/The Beacon
FRANCISCO RIVERO
Contributing Writer

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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Florida Gulf Coast on Aug. 31, who also qualified for the NCAA tournament last season.

Then the Panthers will take on the two toughest teams on their schedule. First will be Florida on Sept. 2 and LSU on Sept. 7. Florida comes in ranked number 11 and LSU ranked in the top 50 teams in the nation.

For the team to achieve its goals, it’s going to be nationally ranked teams who will need to win these games against big opponents like them, said Chestnutt.

The team returns back to FIU for a matchup against the University of Idaho on Sept. 3. This will be the first time Idaho will travel to Miami to face the Panthers.

The next stop for the Panthers will be the Cote Classic where they will face Arizona and Arizona State, both teams are members of the Pac-12. This

The men’s soccer team will open the season at home on Aug. 24 against Bryant University.

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.

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“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; they [other opponents] think they can show up, play the game and get the three points, but we’re here to show them otherwise.”

Arena and Hobbs have expressed that the team’s goal this season is to make the conference tournament, and to take it one game at a time.

ANTHONY HOBBS SELECTED TO PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE USA TEAM

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

“It’s 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.”

Hobbs also earned a chance to play in the U-20 World Cup representing New Zealand.

“ar in the U20 World Cup, I played against professionals that train and play every day. They get paid to do that, and that’s where I want to be. It was good in developing my game,” Hobbs said.

Hobbs looks to finish his final season with the Panthers on a strong note.

“I definitely have goals for myself this year, I want to make sure I don’t concede too many goals and try to help out the goalies and the midfielders, make the conference teams and work hard and hopefully we’ll do well,” Hobbs said.

BASKETBALL ADDS RECRUITS

Panthers fans eager to see the new addition hit the court in U S Century Bank Arena, however, will have to wait until the 2013-2014 season. Buckles suffered a torn anterior curate ligament (ACL) in his left knee in the Jan. 16 game against Marquette. It’s not the first injury for Buckles, who tore the ACL in his right knee in 2011 during his sophomore season. The forward has also suffered a concussion and a broken index finger.
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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. He's the 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.

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As a voluntary assistant coach at Marshall University from 2001-2005, Theroulde helped guide the Thundering Herd to an overall record of 89-45 over the four-year span. In his final year with Marshall, Theroulde capped a stellar tenure at Marshall with a Conference USA championship victory over Houston University. After just one year of service at Central Florida in 2006, Theroulde became the lead assistant coach for FIU.

After serving as the program’s assistant coach for the previous four seasons, Theroulde was appointed as the head coach in mid-April. For the past four seasons, Theroulde gradually helped develop a new international team dynamic while under the tutelage of Danijela Tomic.

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New coach gets his chance to run his own program

ARENA, PAGE 13

In 2002, 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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TEAM SETS LOFTY GOALS FOR SEASON

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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 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.

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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,” 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 with the Heat and for Australia 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.”

Rakeem is an extremely hard worker who is dedicated on the court as well as in the classroom.

Wade says LeBron made Olympics seem ‘effortless’

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 quarterfinal round — seem “effortless.”

“It’s been that way for a while, too,” 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.”
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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.

Jake Medlock 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 — 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.

“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 considerable 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 they’re both capable of helping us win, rather than just helping us get by,” Cristobal said. “They are different style quarterbacks, but they are both accurate and while 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 new 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 bigger 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 Turner 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.”

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the history books. He’s not thinking about it; he’s just doing it. He’s at a gear that I’ve seen before at myself and then feels easy. He’s just a gear above everyone.”

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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.

SJMC gets digital

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The University is among six U.S. universities chosen to participate in the Solar Decathlon China 2013. During this year-long competition, student participants 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 the 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. If the University is one of the 20 teams to win the U.S. $100,000 fund, they plan to use it wisely.

“We plan to add the money towards the building and to offset some overhead costs that we might have,” said Okwor.

They also want to help conserve energy on campus and make it a better atmosphere for the students.

Even though this is the first time the University is competing in the international competition, they have big goals and a strong mindset on conserving energy and bringing home what they learn in China.

“Our goal is to engage students in an activity outside the classroom work to experience the hands-on project,” said Okwor. “Also, since it is our first time competing outside the country on a solar decathlon competition, we would like to show them that we have what it takes to be the best.”
Three construction projects are currently underway at the CSHTM building. The $7 million teaching restaurant project is expected to be completed in February 2013.

The Bay bites into local businesses

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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.”
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 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 Hapsel and Vice President Ohuwotobi 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 forums,” 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.

Yuanyou Hou was appointed marketing coordinator. Daniel Usma, senior double major in psychology and international relations, has been appointed 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 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 Reychan, 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. Reychan 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, Reychan has chosen to continue her involvement on campus through her new SGC-BBC position.

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

According to Reychan, 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,” Reychan 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 SGA 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 attract applicants.

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

-and Julia Duba

Some hospitality with a bit of hammer and nails

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The roar of chainsaws and the pounding of hammers are two of many noisier aspects when they approach the Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management building.

According to Mohammad Qureshi, assistant dean of CSHTM, there are three different projects in progress at the building. Qureshi is in charge of overseeing the constructions and to make sure there is a clean and safe environment for the students.

The main construction project is for the teaching restaurant. The restaurant is going to have a brand new kitchen, a dining room, a wine tower and a teaching bar,” said Qureshi. “It is going to be beautiful.”

The restaurant project is being funded by the Food Network South Beach Wine and Food Festival, which has worked with the CSHTM for the past 11 years. The festival has raised more than $17 million for the school, which has subsequently funded three different divisions: capital (construction), operational (lab supplies), and scholarships to students.

Fundraising for the project began in 2008 and in 2011, they broke ground. According to Qureshi, the $7 million teaching restaurant project will be finished in February 2013.

Hospitality Management senator, Xue Yan, thinks the restaurant will be a great tool for students to experience the real operation of a restaurant.

“This new restaurant brings a lot of study opportunities,” said Yan.

“Teaching restaurant project isn’t the only construction the building is going through. The recon

New digital media program promises hands-on experience

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Alina Balcen, a graphic designer for a local company, graduated in 2010 with bachelor communications from the University. “Took I use for my job is essential to any student,” said Alina Balcen, who had to learn many of her skills in work-stops, on-the-job or on her own.

“If students plan on creating their own blog, they have to learn Word-press. 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.

Balcen’s words match the inspiration behind the new digital media studies program that is apart of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, which gears education from classroom study into practical application.

“The seed, planted by faculty from public relations, journalism and advertising, is led in part by Allan Richards, associate professor of SIMC.

The idea of the major was born and nurtured in a Digital Rap Session organized by Richards in September 2010 with all faculty invited to attend via email. During those sessions, they discussed the necessities of having a more practical course where students would have more contact with the multimedia tools needed today.

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 Moreno 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 classes 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