FIU to compete at the Olympics of Model UN teams

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The University’s Model United Nations Team was chosen to participate in the upcoming Harvard National Model UN Conference.

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Bombed houses in Gaza violated international law, Israeli rights group charges

In the most extensive report yet on Israel’s policy of bombing homes during last summer’s war in Gaza, the Israeli rights group B’tselem Wednesday that some of those attacks violated international law while others raised “grave concern” of such violations.

The study, which examined 70 incidents in which 606 Palestinians were killed, noted horrifying consequences of the bombings of homes filled with civilians, top Israeli government and military officials continued the policy for weeks.

B’tselem, the most prominent Israeli rights group documenting alleged violations by security forces in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem, said it had sent the report to the office of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, but there was no immediate public comment from the government or the military.

Israel strikes Syrian government positions after rockets land on Golan Heights

Israeli aircraft struck Syrian government artillery positions early Wednesday as tensions mounted along the Israeli-held Golan Heights, a week and a half after an Israeli airstrike killed an Iranian general and six members of the militant group Hezbollah.

Israeli army spokesman Lt. Col. Peter Lerner said the early morning airstrikes were in response to the firing from Syria of at least two rockets that struck the Golan Heights on Tuesday. The rockets landed in open areas and caused no damage, but Israeli forces have been on high alert for retaliation since the deaths of the Iranian and Hezbollah members.

New Islamic State video sets 24-hour deadline for release of Iraqi bomber

The Islamic State on Tuesday gave the Iraqi government until Wednesday to release an Iraqi jet pilot, according to a video message that was published online.

Glamour magazine featured a story about a couple who spent $1 million on a trip to Africa to raise money for their charity, which helps orphans in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The magazine noted that the couple, who is 54 and 52, met while working at a New York City investment bank and have been married for 17 years. They have three children, ages 13, 11 and 8.

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Miami is known as the second rudest city in the United States, right behind New York as seen on Travel+Leisure’s “Rudest Cities in America.”

I’m here to argue that. I think we Miamians have been cheated out of the number one spot. It’s not fair to throw us out of the number one spot because of our lack of subways and smog.

Miamians are some of the rudest, most self centered people in all of the 50 states. Our driving skills and lack of road etiquette alone should be enough to reward us with the number one spot on Travel+Leisure’s “Rudest Cities in America.”

The fact that our self centeredness translates so often onto the road and could potentially cause an accident and hurt someone else is ridiculous to the point where we find ourselves joking about bad drivers here.

Like, is it really necessary to cut someone off because they look at you wrong?

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Too much of anything is bad. We all know that. Too much candy, too much alcohol, even too much of the things that are supposed to be good for us.

Let’s be honest, when you’re running late for your 9 a.m. class, standing in a Starbucks line for 20 minutes trying not to get irritated by the mixture of overly happy morning people and overly impatient not-morning people isn’t really what you want to be doing.

But coffee can change your life. I know that sounds extreme, but none of the people in the world who terrify you the most are the ones who are tired – not just the ones who are tired from achieving all the things that you are capable of.

But if one more espresso shot is what it takes for you to do.

Sleep is wonderful, but there are a lot of important things to get done – and if you haven’t realized that yet, you’re not in college for the right reasons.

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The Miamian walks around with a swagger of exfoliated testosterone, Axe body spray, cafecito cubano and bulldog look that will scare the stripes off your shirt. He pulls up next to you at a red light and gives you that, “Hey man, wanna race man, cause I’ll so take you man, cause man bro, man man bro?”

We have to start asking when did we start pridng ourselves with being obvious and ‘trying’ or challenging every other person that walks by because our ego needs to be inflated a little bit more. This kind of outward attitude already proves that we’re basically asking to be named number one in rudeness.

So why isn’t Miami in the top spot, are we still not rude enough? Is it because our streets don’t smell like garbage? Well, take another sniff! Travel+Leisure, cause what you think smells like Axe body spray is just a cover up.

Take a walk down any other part of Miami but the beach and you’ll be greeted with the raw Miami. The one that will make you sick to your stomach and make you cringe when you hear the song Welcome to Miami.

I still don’t get it and I don’t think I ever will.

Why you should drink more coffee

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The reasons other than lack of caffeine. But if one more espresso shot is what it takes to get that paper done or that extra hour of studying in, don’t give up and go to sleep. Don’t go out and party again. Ease out the alcohol and ease in the coffee. You’ve got work to do.

The number one spot at the bottom of the barrel
DakaBoom act brings music performance, comedy together

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For Ben McLain and Paul Peglar, high school in southern California was a combination of jazz choir, and a cappella groups. They learned faucets, baritones, crescendos, and harmonics and in the midst of learning performing arts they quickly learned they’d become friends.

“We became insta-besties,” said McLain who has a stage act with Peglar as the travel comedy duo, Dakaboom. The two performed at FIU in the Graham Center’s Ballroom, Monday at 6 p.m. and livened up the crowd with a show that mixed humor, theater, opera, jazz and hip hop.

They yelled, danced, cried, sang, and screamed during different parts of their show while interacting with the audience.

Some of their sets included catchy mash-ups and loud acts which all revolved around their friendship on stage. McLain says most of their skits were made for fun and show, but some are derived from real life experience, like college life and trying to land an acting role in Los Angeles.

“There’s definitely truth behind it,” said McLain. “It’s really frustrating being an auditioning actor in Los Angeles, it’s incredibly hard because you’re rejected, you’re rejected and you’re rejected.”

Peglar went to UCLA to study opera and acting.

Ben McLain (left) and Paul Peglar, the comedy duo Dakaboom, perform at the Graham Center Ballrooms on Monday, Jan. 26.

They learned falsettos, harmonics and in the midst of groups.

Now they travel to different colleges to perform their comedy skit and before coming to FIU, the two had a show at Saginaw Valley State in Michigan.

Though the two went to highschool together, they split for over four years while they went to college.

“There was a girl who kind of initiated the separation,” said Peglar. The tried not to laugh and quickly digressed.

“College we did on our own thing and then moved in with each other in L.A.,” said McLain “We hit the ground running and tried to act. It was a lot of cattle calls.”

What really started Dakaboom, was their high school.

“We really started doing this because we wanted to do a fundraising show for our old high school,” said Peglar. “So we put together Dakaboom because we were heavily involved with the music department there, and I think it was more an excuse for us to do something.”

Even their name, Dakaboom, can be accredited to their schooling, specifically in Peglar’s ballet class where his professor would recite “Tic Taka Boom” as a way to give instructions.

“You created something of our own,” said McLain. “So we put together an hour’s worth of material and went back and put on a show and built our repertoire and kind of one thing led to another.”

You can see a video interview with Dakaboom on fiusm.com.

Dating apps: Am I your Tinderella?

DATING APPS ARE ALL THE RAGE NOWADAYS. NOT ONLY ARE THEY USER FRIENDLY, THEY’RE ALSO THE FASTEST AND EASIEST WAY TO MEET NEW PEOPLE.

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YOU NEVER KNOW—MAYBE THE HPLLIE THAT SITS IN FRONT OF YOU IS ON IT AS WELL.

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Dating apps are all the rage nowadays. Not only are they user friendly, they’re also the fastest and easiest way to meet new people.

Our generation relies heavily on technology as well as being able to do practically anything on our phones, which makes dating apps that much more in demand.

Dating apps have been around for a while now, but have only recently blown up in the past few years. Apps like Ok Cupid, Plenty of Fish and Tinder have all grown in popularity.

Tinder is a combination of a hook-up and dating app, making it one of the most popular applications available to iPhone and Android owners.

With functions that allow for a quick swipe to the right to “like” someone, Tinder has definitely been the MVP of the dating world.

Tinder has caught the attention of not only FIU students, but also found a home in the Sochi Winter Olympics last year. American slopestyle gold medalist Jamie Anderson told Us Weekly that she had to delete her Tinder app in order to keep her from being distracted.

One of the pros to Tinder is that it allows you to know how close or far within the 100-mile radius the person on the other side is. This is extremely useful when traveling and trying to meet up with locals to show you around.

Another application that has increasingly grown its member list is OkCupid. Originally forming from TheSpark.com, OkCupid has become another front-runner for those looking to network, or just for fun.

Anthony Santovenia, a senior communications major, was asked whether or not he would recommend OkCupid to someone else.

“I wouldn’t recommend it to someone looking for something serious but if you’re trying to have fun and meet new people, yes,” Santovenia said.

Meeting someone from online will probably always be a bit awkward or flat out scary, but as the world changes so do the rules in the dating world and how we meet one another.

According to pewinternet.org, one in ten Americans have used a mobile dating app or website themselves.

So if you’re debating on whether to get Tinder, OkCupid or whatever other dating app that’s caught your attention, go for it.

You never know—maybe the hottie that sits in front of you is on it as well.
“Vulnicura” is Björk best album in over a decade

The album begins with opener “Stonemilker.” This track contains a steady buildup which evolves into grandiose instrumentation.

A full orchestra plays while Björk clearly conveys her emotions through her lyrics; the instrumentation.

“Notget” sounds like a bonus track from her 2007 album “Volta,” that is, until Arca introduces an apocalyptic synthesizer. The song later dissolves into near anarchy, displaying one of the highlights of Björk and Arca’s collaboration.

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Icelandic singer Björk is known for her varied discography, featuring sounds that originate from an array of cultures, musical styles and creative minds.

Her vision and collaborations have led to several stunning albums, each of which is a departure from the preceding release. She is an artist who is unafraid of creating bizarre and seemingly unorthodox music.

For 2015, Björk intrigues our ears with “Vulnicura,” a trip into her gloomy landscape.

The nine-track album features Björk’s modulated voice over Arca’s sublime beats and some soothing violins. She announces “Maybe he will come out of this” which alludes to Barney.

Ten-minute track “Black Lake” illustrates the vocalist at her lowest. The beats, which are a lot of different places on campus that students choose to hang out, grab bites to eat, or study. Here are my top three for the best places to hang out.

No. 1

The swinging tables outside of the Ernest R. Graham Center.

These are usually filled up but if you get the chance to get inside of one of these, it is a great spot for a date, lunch with friends, or if you are brave enough to fight through the wind and/or heat, to do some homework.

It is my top spot because it has the perfect combination of view, exclusiveness, and ways of use.

No. 2

The gazebo in between Lakeview Hall and the Frost Art Museum is the second best spot to hang out on campus.

No. 3

The breezeway by the P.O.D. of the University Towers buildings is the third best spot to hang out on campus.

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“Vulnicura” displays her desire to experiment, a drive found in her previous works. This is her best album since “Vespertine.”

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**Offensive Line Recruit Williams Flips Commit from FIU**

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Monday, Jan. 26, the golf team kicked off its Spring season against the state’s best at the Florida Challenge in Ocala, FL. Unfortunately for the Panthers they did not get off to the start they wanted to this Spring. They finished in last place and had one of their worst performances of the year.

Junior Meghan MacLaren entered the tournament as the team’s third golfer on their respective team. That is tough to achieve, all things considered, when you realize that the top three teams in the conference account for seven all conference selections of the entire 16 player list. All in all, the 2015 season shapes up to be an interesting and competitive one for sure. FIU’s season opener is on Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. against the University of Tennessee at FIU.

**2015 Conference USA Projections (W/L denotes 2014 totals)**

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*Conference Wins and Losses*

**FLU to give Conference USA a run for their money**

**LOUIS AQUEDOL**  
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Florida Atlantic University is expected to finish the season as a close second place, which would be quite the accomplishment, in their first season without All-American and Conference USA player of the year, Aranis Garcia Garcia. The Owls opened with a win over Our Lady of the Lake College 73-53 before getting swept by Conference USA opponents Southern Mississippi and Marshall 78-65 and 89-57 respectively. The Owls have yet to face UAB for what will surely be a tough game. After this stretch, the Owls have a bye week.

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Halfway through Season, Men Seeking to Regain Early Style

Hey NFL, Let the Players be Themselves

Dave Drucker

The men’s basketball team is approximately halfway done with its season, and it is safe to say that things have been up and down. Some have relied on their defense and created just enough offense to arrive at a near .500 record.

FIU had a hot start to the season. They defeated Western Kentucky with a 64-42 win over Florida College. They then traveled to Deland, Florida to play Stetson University. In the game’s final seconds, senior guard Dennis Marvin tacked on a layup to claim a 53-52 victory.

The Panthers then returned home and easily overpowered the Florida Memorial Lions. Junior forward Adrian Diaz dropped ten points on his way to his first career double-double. The win over Florida Memorial pushed the men to a 3-0 start to the season. The Panthers climbed out to a good start, but bumps in the road loomed ahead. Georgia Southern University was the first team to stymie the Panthers, a loss, despite the fact that Diaz scored 33 points.

They experienced defeat again at the hands of USCUpa in a 53-68 loss in the Spartanburg Marriot Classic.

The next day in the event they managed to speak by Wright State to a loss by a narrow margin of 61-64 to California State Fullerton. They left the classic with a record of 4-3.

The remainder of the season up to the midway point has been a tale of back and forth. FIU held Kennesaw State to just 38 points on their way to a win. When they marched into Kentucky, however, to play Louis ville - by far the Panthers’ toughest opponent of the season - things did not go as well.

The Cardinals scored 20 points at will while sending FIU to an 82-57 defeat.

The men regrouped though and managed to take a 69-63 victory from Florida Gulf Coast Eagles. Back-to-back losses against LIU Brooklyn and Hartford sank the Panthers to 500, a winning percentage would hover around for the next few games.

Two victories, a 76-55 win over Florida A&M and a 62-60 result against Florida Atlantic in their conference action, should promising to put the Panthers back on track. They followed up those back-to-back wins, however, with back-to-back losses against Middle Tennessee and Alabama-Birmingham.

The Panthers flashed late-game prowess in a 66-62 victory over Marshall, but couldn’t seem to find a decisive blow against Western Kentucky. They lost that contest by a score of 58-65.

Conference USA’s team statistical rankings have put the Panthers all over the map. In scoring output and three-point shot percentage, they are last.

In defending field goal percentage, they are first. Their individual leaders, however, represent their program well. Marvin leads all Conference USA scorers with 17.2 points per game.

Junior forward Adrian Diaz also leads the conference in a statistical category, and his shooting percentage is the most efficient in the conference.

The Panthers have about half of a schedule - the portion slated with must-win conference games - to play of the remainder of the season. Whether it will resemble the highs of the beginning of the season or the inconsistencies in early conference play remains to be seen.

Rhys’ Piece

“I’m just here so I won’t get fined,” Seattle Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch said.

That is actually all he said for the Super Bowl XLIX media day. He answered every question with that same saying.

He did do a great press conference with the company Skittles, who he is sponsored by.

I think that the portion of why some players and fans deem as the “No Fun League” that fines - or threatens a fine - for things such as not speaking with the media, wearing gold cleats, or a semi-obscene scene touchdown celebration. That touchdown celebration, which Lynch has been fined for, is now being sold as part of a collage of photos by the NFL about a college football game, The Super Bowl.

This is also not the first time he has been threatened with a fine for not speaking to the media. There are almost too many times to list.

However, I think this is a joke.

NFL players go through so much in a year for two things. The first is to play the game that they love at the highest level. That is the dream of every player, to get to the highest level possible. The second is to entertain. Not simply to entertain in a straight-line, only for viewing pleasure, do not repeat at home kind of way, but also to entertain enough to get a child or two or go outside and play. Such as the best - portions - to me - of the NFL, the Play 60 initiative.

They have to work so hard, bear their bodies down, and some even deflect balls to be the best every year. If they don’t want to speak with the media, they should not have to. Something that the NFL has to remember is that the administration is all about getting money from their partnerships with such companies as Bose and Nike among others but I have a simple way to do this. Do not sell anything NFL related that is not made by a company that is responsible).

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Yes, the argument there is that Lynch is arguably the best player on the Seahawks roster, and probably Top 10 in the league overall. So he should be more willing to speak with media since more people want to hear what he has to say than they want a soundbite or quote from the backup left guard. However, if he doesn’t want to, if he just wants to focus on the game, he should be allowed to do that without the fear of being fined.

Also, if a player wants to wear his or her own brand of headphones, or cleats, they should be able to. I know that won’t happen because the administration is all about getting money from their partnerships with such companies as Bose and Nike among others but I have a simple way to do this. Do not sell anything NFL related that is not made by a company that is responsible.

They need to remember that the players have the ability to sign with any brand or company as a sponsor.

Don’t get me wrong with all of this though. I am here at FIU as a Physical Education for Coaching major and one day want to coach at the highest level but I would much rather be a part of a league that gives thought to the lives of players.

To end off I would just like to let everyone know something.

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HONORING JOSE MARTI

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With the ObamaCare enrollment deadline only a couple weeks away, FIU will host its final Health Insurance Information Enrollment Event at the Biscayne Bay Campus Feb. 7.

For the past year, FIU Health, Student Health Services, and FIU Law set a campaign on the Affordable Care Act to inform the FIU Community on their health insurance options.

According to an August 2014 data collected by the FIU Healthcare Network on August 2014 during Week of Welcome, out 460 students surveyed, 70 percent of them were insured — 47 percent of them through their parents’ health insurance plans.

For students like Roberto who have limited incomes below the lower limit for Marketplace premium tax credits but above Medicaid eligibility limits, and this includes some FIU students.

For information about what documentation is needed to complete the enrollment process at the event, students can visit: http://student-health.fiu.edu/insurance-and-fees/affordablecare/FIU_Health_Insurance_Information_Enrollment_Event.html

Health Enrollment Event for a Healthy FIU Community

Milton Vázquez, Field Organizer of Enroll America, said, “Federally-certified in-person-assisters to guide them through the application process.

She said they offer free guidance so they can get covered before the Feb. 15 deadline. They present different health insurance plans and help determine if the person is eligible for financial assistance whether for first-time enrollment, or to re-enroll.

According to Milton, the average monthly premium paid by Floridians who received assistance through the marketplace was $68 in the last enrollment period.

“Not having health insurance when one has a medical or (sic) health care need can have significant financial and, ultimately, academic impact, for our students,” said Mariela.

The event team also works to let the FIU Community know that the student health fee they pay each semester is not an insurance plan.

It provides prevention, on-campus primary care, and mental health services during the semester they are paid by the student, but there is no more coverage beyond that.

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“So far this enrollment period, 94% of those who have enrolled in this state have received assistance,” said Milton.

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Guillermo Perez, FIU’s President’s staff, pulls the cover off the Jose Marti statue during the unveiling at the Jose Marti breakfast on Wednesday, Jan. 28.