New pope responsible for changing view of Catholicism  

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Atheism has increased consistently over the years and it is most prevalent in Millennials, making it highly plausible that the selection of the 266th pope was an event that went under the radar of Generation Y. The conclave convened in the Sistine Chapel in Vatican City following the Feb. 28 resignation of Pope Benedict XVI, and on March 13, white smoke billowed from the Chapel’s chimney, signaling the election of a new pope. As the world’s most influential religious leader, the pope wields an immense amount of power and thus, the inauguration of Pope Francis I, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio, is ultimately of great consequence to the world. “The election of a new pope is important news for everyone in the world because in a modern papacy, we have the new pope being not just the spiritual leader of over 1 billion people, but also the head of state of Vatican City as an independent state,” said Rigoberto Vega, the FIU Catholic Panthenists’ minister. “The pope has a voice, a moral conscience and authority on issues concerning poverty, human rights, the environment, war and peace and religious liberty and freedom that goes beyond the limits of the Catholic Church. He will be an ally for all those who share humanistic values.”

Francis, the first pope from Latin America, will hopefully also mark a new chapter for the Catholic Church. Ahead of him is the vexing problem of restoring the credibility of an institution whose reputation has been marred by headlines reporting cases of sexual abuse and corruption. “He has the great challenge of having to continue to address the sex abuse scandal in the Catholic Church,” Vega said. “And must reconcile Christians who are divided among many issues within the Church and other denominations.”

Catholics have been described in recent years as a divided flock, but many speculate Francis will successfully respond to opposing demands as the first ever Jesuit to become pope. Vega predicts that Francis will be a “unifying force” despite the fact that Jesuits have always been a controversial group. “[He] will appeal to liberals because of his concern for the poor and social issues of equality, and will appeal to conservatives based on his doctrinal and moral orthodoxy,” Vega said.

That a Jesuit was elected Pope is remarkable not only because it is a first, but because part of becoming a Jesuit is taking a vow of poverty so as to forgo any opportunity for earning ecclesiastical honors or high positions. “For a Jesuit to become a bishop and then pope speaks of the incredible record of service and leadership that he has offered the Church throughout his life as a priest,” said Hernandez.

The accession of a new pope is deemed deserving of reverence because the papacy is a reminder that the Roman Catholic Church is the only institution in the world that can boast having withstood the test of time and the havoc wreaked by a multitude of barbaric rulers and destructive empires, all while expanding its influence to serve as a spiritual guiding light for more than 1.2 billion souls. “If nothing else, Pope Francis is one more voice for those who can’t speak for themselves: the poor, the diseased and the abused,” junior public relations major David Feldman said. “That’s something everyone should care about and find admirable, regardless of their religious beliefs or lack thereof.”

Health and law clinic changing people’s lives  

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Manitza Hernandez, 54, of Miami Gardens, has dealt with many injuries from torn knees to osteoarthritis to spiritual stress and a tinnitus syndrome. She’s also unemployed and has no insurance to cover her medical bills. Hernandez’s case is just one of the many that the university’s Health, Ethics, Law Policy Clinic works with here in South Florida.

The HELP Clinic is a joint clinic by students of both the University’s College of Law and the College of Medicine. They help those who cannot afford but are in need of medical and legal aid.

This past August, Hernandez came into contact with the University’s HELP Clinic. Her daughter, who is friends in the clinic, was the one who referred her. “I would not be here [without the clinic], period,” said Hernandez.

The clinic also calls and texts Hernandez consistently. According to Hernandez, they call around three to four times a week, asking if she’s been newly appointed Pope Francis I has many challenges facing him and the Catholic Church moving forward including addressing the ongoing sex abuse scandal.

Director’s study reports that shark population on the decline worldwide  

JUNETTE REYES  
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There is no need to fear Jaws when you head to the beach — at least fear a little less as the shark population around the world is on the decline.

The effect of a declining shark population will not only affect the survival of shark species, but can also cause consequences to ecosystems, the environment and human populations.

An average of one million shark deaths was reported in 2000 and 2010 by executive director of the School of Environment, Arts and Society Michael Heithaus in a paper titled “Global Catches, Exploitation Rates and Rebuilding Options” published in the journal “Marine Policy.”

“What we tried to do was figure out how many sharks worldwide were being killed in fisheries every year,” Heithaus said. “There’s a fairly big range. It could be the high 60 million up to more than 200 million.”

The mortality rate was compared to the rate of reproduction among shark populations which showed that more sharks are being caught than reproduced annually.

“If we look at what other people have done around the world, looking at the catches of sharks in commercial fisheries, we see that shark populations over the last several decades have dropped a huge amount, in some cases 80 percent or even more,” Heithaus said.

That research, Heithaus said, proves that there is a valid necessity to fix the problem, not only because catching rates exceed reproduction rates when shark populations are already dangerously low, but because how much of the decline in shark populations can affect their surrounding environments.

“We are really concerned about this decline and continued overfishing of sharks because it might disrupt whole marine ecosystems,” Heithaus said.

“There is work that my colleagues, students and I have been doing in Australia for many years that shows that having tiger sharks in seagrass ecosystems is really important for the seagrass itself because they kind of keep the grazers in check.”

Heithaus suggested that the concern can even shift to the fish and fisheries people rely on.

“If we lose sharks and seagrass ecosystems are disrupted, then there might not be the habitat that shrimp and fish grow up in. We’d see less fish making it in the fisheries for people, he said.

As for solutions to the problem, Heithaus said one approach is to lessen the high demand and value of shark fins, such as taxing the exportation and importation of shark fins. Heithaus said that early reports suggest that this is starting to happen in the Chinese government, where the serving of shark fin soup is being discontinued in official functions.

Another approach is to have better international regulation and enforcement.

“Sharks that stick around the coast of places like the U.S., where we have strong fishery laws and enforcement, they can do ok, but a lot of sharks go out into the open sea and international waters,” Heithaus said.

He said that in order to resolve the issue, especially for species of sharks that are worse off than others, both international agreements and limitations on international trade need to be set.

“It’s just not worth it for people to catch them,” said Heithaus.
WORLD NEWS

5 Pakistanis killed in robbery outside Cape Town

South African police say two robbers stealing a safe shot and killed five Pakistani men and wounded a sixth in a getaway outside the tourist resort of Cape Town. Spokesman Col. Tembinkosi Kinana said the attack took place in a house believed used as a bakery later Tuesday.

The attackers took off with the safe. Kinana said police arrested a 28-year-old South African who had a gun and the safe. He would not say what was in the safe.

Battle for control over Russia’s Bolshoi escalates

The Bolshoi Theater’s general director has rejected criticism from an assertive principal dancer who is openly aspiring to take his job at the famed Russian dance theater. The two men have waged an increasingly ugly public battle since the Jan. 17 acid attack on Bolshoi artistic director Sergei Filin.

Iksanov has blamed Tsiskaridze for creating an atmosphere of intrigue that contributed to the attack to settle scores.

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Woman’s life changed by clinic

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receiving her checks in the mail, her medication, and about her all around well-being.

In a previous interview with Student Media, Leonor Ayerdis, a member of the HELP Clinic and law student, said that one of the aspects of the clinic was its personable quality.

“You actually go out to the client’s home, meet the families, and you deal with them in a consistent basis,” said Ayerdis.

Ayerdis has been working in the United States for almost 35 years. She always had two or three jobs; she would make about $80,000 a month. At 18, she served in the army for four years. After the army, she pursued a career in nursing, all while obtaining side jobs. She never took a leave of absence or a vacation from any of her jobs. She is from Puerto Rico, and has never been sick a day in her life. In October of 2011, however, everything changed.

“My left leg started swelling,” said Hernandez, “I had a rule out DVT, which is to rule out clots, and I had an ultrasound on both legs. That was negative, so I didn’t know what went on. I had an OB exam, and (the doctor) said, ‘no, what you have is that your uterus is backwards; it’s pushing towards your back, and it has to come out.’”

Two weeks after the exam, she had an entire reconstruction of her pelvic floor. They gave her a hysterectomy, but left her ovaries. Once she got back to work, her right leg began to swell.

An x-ray showed that she had developed osteoarthritise. A week later, she received an MRI and discovered that her right knee was also torn. Because of her torn right knee, she couldn’t apply any pressure to her right leg.

She began to focus and put her weight solely on her left leg. Once she started doing that, she began to have backaches. After an MRI of her back, doctors discovered that she had spinal stenosis. Eventually, her left knee started hurting again. An MRI of her left leg showed that her left knee was now also torn.

The legal side of the HELP clinic is currently helping Hernandez apply for insurance and secure her medical bills, while the medical side is helping her take tests and receive medication, all without paying a dime.

Hernandez had short term insurance at the time, which helped some of her expenses, but didn’t cover them all. All of her expenses eventually made her lose her insurance. She started paying out of pocket, which led her to rapidly lose her money.

“IUI is like an angel on earth,” said Hernandez.

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Landmark gun bills signed in Colorado

The governor of Colorado signed bills Wednesday that put sweeping new restrictions on sales of firearms and ammunition in a state with a pioneer tradition of gun ownership and self-reliance.

The bills thrust Colorado into the national spotlight as a potential test of how far the country might be willing to go with new gun restrictions after the horror of mass killings.

The bills require background checks for private and online sales and ban ammunition magazines that hold more than 15 rounds.

Each time he signed a bill, applause erupted from lawmakers and their guests, who included Jane Dougherty, whose sister was killed in the attack at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Conn.; Sandy Phillips, whose daughter was killed in Aurora; and Tom Mauser, whose son was killed in the 1999 Columbine shooting in Colorado.

Phillips, who lost daughter Jessica Ghawi, reminded Hicklenlooper that it was the eight-month anniversary of the theater rampage.

“You’ve given us a real gift today,” she told the governor.

Later, Phillips added: “Thank you so much. You’re leading the entire country.”

Dougerty thanked Hicklenlooper with tears in her eyes. Mauser also expressed gratitude.

“I knew it would be a long haul,” he said, “But I had faith in the people of Colorado.”

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Our fascination with television’s sociopaths

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Everyone loves watching a happy ending. Apparently, everyone also loves seeing unsur- pusable sociopaths triumphing by bulldozing societal norms.

The fourth edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, published by the American Psychiatric Association, describes the axis of anti-social personality disorder as “…a pervasive pattern of disregard for, and violation of, the rights of others that begins in childhood or early adolescence and continues into adulthood.”

Sociopathy, or Lord Disick Syndrome as I like to call it, falls under this axis but goes far beyond a mere sense of self-entitlement, characterized by indirect personality traits such as glibness, narcissism, and shallow emotions.

I invite you to conjure up in your head the faces of some of film and television’s most popular characters: Don Draper of “Mad Men,” Walter White of “Breaking Bad,” Patrick Bateman of “American Psycho” and Dexter Morgan of the eponymous series.

The list could go on for days but I will stop there as to not risk accidentally including my own name. Just kidding. I think. Rooting for a psychopath is a contradictory experience of being simultaneously repelled and fascinated by what we have been culturally conditioned to deem unkind, even evil. You begin by being horrified by the atrocities committed by a character, then suddenly admiring them and envying their Machiavelianism.

When asked why it seems people are so drawn to ruthless amoralities, sophomore psychology major Francisco Kelly said, “I think the reason we all love sociopathic characters is because they play out that fantasy we all have of ‘What if I didn’t care about laws and rules and other’s feelings?’”

“We would be completely unhindered and able to do all the things we secretly want to do. Deep down, I think all humans are ultimately self-serving.”


Kotsko asserts sociopaths transcend norms and their lack of social connection allows them to not “give a f*** about anyone or anything” and thus, “be powerful and free.”

Kotsko goes on to say that to watch a fictional portrayal of psychopathy is to engage in a vicarious thought experiment. We project our own desires onto characters and on some level, wish we could be as manipulative and guilt-free as they are.

“House of Cards,” the Netflix political drama series, was my most recent encounter with the fantasy sociopath. In it, Kevin Spacey plays Francis Underwood, House Majority Whip and first-rate psycho. Within two minutes, any illusions the viewer may hold about Underwood having detectable cortisol levels are obliterated -- SPOILER ALERT -- as he looks into the camera, declares that “There are two kinds of pain. The sort of pain that makes you strong and useless pain . . . I have no patience for useless things,” then proceeds to strangle his neighbor’s dog.

Underwood is unceasingly megalomaniacal, trampling all rules and obstacles to reach his professional goals.

Even the female characters of “House of Cards” are heartless -- refreshingly so, might I add. Robin Wright plays Underwood’s cutthroat wife Claire and Kate Mara is the cunning and seductive Zoe Barnes. These women are aware that nice guys, and girls, finish last and are as unprincipled as their male counterparts.

I metaphorically waved a finger to the world and decided to be as cold-blooded in my own life pursuits as I compulsively watched all 13 episodes of the series in one sitting. I may have even channeled Underwood by using a Southern drawl while on the phone with Domino’s.

I eventually realized I could never take a dog’s life, much less a human’s, and that my conscience is as loud as a foghorn, but my attraction to these fictional portrayals of sociopathy led me to the conclusion that there is something very human about behaving inhumanely, especially in a capi- talistic society.

Survival of the fittest, indeed.

-DEBORA LIMA

Fun postponed, the habit of waiting on a friend

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Great times become great experiences and memories, especially in the company of others. In many cases, it is the company of friends that we seek in order to do so.

Whether it is as simple as hanging out or as eventful as attending concerts and the like, it is usually more enjoyable when surrounded by those you like spending time with.

The idea of hanging out with friends kind of becomes a habit sometimes, so much so that there is now a sense of dependency on others in order to be able to have a good time; this is, for the most part, fine by me.

A sense of reliability is not always present, though, meaning one might just very well be stuck at home if they feel they cannot have a good time without friends, especially when plans are broken on the part of others.

And plans are easily broken quite often.

In my experience, it has not gotten to the point where I miss out on amazing events because I cannot have myself to attend them without friends. For simple events like watching movies and whatnot, it is easily forgivable when friends back out.

It gets old pretty quickly though when this becomes a usual occurrence.

Junior Omar Ancarola mentioned, when it comes to prarranged events. The way I see it, there are two ways to avoid such situations: either make plans with reliable friends--although something can always come up--or ahead and attend events by yourself. You’ll probably find someone who came alone as well.

Besides, if you really went for the event and not just to hang out with friends, you wouldn’t interrupt expe- riencing it all by talking.

-JUNETTE REYES

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Students spend spring break helping others

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For many students, spring break was a chance to unwind, relax and forget about a stressful semester by the beach. For Alternative Break group members, however, spring break had a different purpose. It was a chance to do something charitable in a completely different setting.

During the break, a group of nine FIU students flew to Nicaragua to build foundations for a new school. The trip was one of six trips planned by the Alternative Breaks program at the University. The program’s aim is to create active, charitable citizens by giving them the chance to help various people and causes all over the world—nationally and internationally. The service-learning organization is run by students.

The group of students spent a week working in Los Fierros, which is Spanish for “the irons.” Los Fierros is small, poor, rural town in Managua. It is on a mountain side and can only be accessed via a dirt road. The community’s income comes mostly from the cultivation of coffee. “Humble country people live there. Field workers that collect coffee, raise chickens and pigs, and grow fruit trees,” said Maria Mora, a native of Nicaragua.

Nathaniel Edwards, junior and biology major in the pre-med field, was one of the nine students who traveled to Los Fierros during spring break.

“We were one of three groups that are going to build the school,” said Edwards. Edwards and the rest of his group were responsible for establishing the foundation on which the rest of the school is going to be built. The two other groups that will go on to complete the school are not from FIU. On a regular day, the group of nine mixed cement, cut barbed wire and dug trenches. They were accompanied by some locals who helped with their efforts. According to Edwards, there were usually about 20 people at the site every day.

Alternative Breaks gives students the opportunity to work for causes they feel passionate or wish to learn more about. The program is open to all University students who want to participate. Applications are available online and in the Center for Leadership and Service office. Students choose a cause and are then assigned a volunteer site, which can be local, national, or international.

This experience turned students into teachers, helping them to develop their English language skills. “This really brought the reality of the research to what they were doing,” said Espinosa. “While these unique presentations were certainly an interesting use of the study abroad platform, the trip had other purposes.”

“The key to the trip,” said Norhurst, “was in Cambodia, where the students first visited one of the sites every day.

“Working in Los Fierros gave Edwards perspective. “We have it too easy here. In those places there are very poor. Little things like pencils are great. Here you bring a box of pencils to a school and it’s nothing. There they have one pencil and they cherish that one pencil,” said Edwards.

“Que tal?” which means “What’s up?” is an awesome experience. It teaches you how to be a global citizen. You know about what’s out there. Not just your little bubble.”

Nathaniel Edwards
Junior biology major

Honors College’s first trip to Asia leaves lasting impression

Daniel Uria
Staff Writer

College study abroad programs are generally seen as a life changing experience. Honors students and faculty who traveled to Southeast Asia would almost certainly agree.

The trip marked the first time that FIU’s Honors College study abroad program had visited the region, as students traveled to Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia.

“This interdisciplinary trip examined the history, culture and art of these countries, especially Cambodia and Vietnam, and also traced the centuries on the region’s geography and politics, and the evolution of players on the world stage of Cold War politics of the Western powers from 1945 to 1990,” explained Honors College Dean Lesley Northrup.

The students, along with Program Director and Associate Professor within the Honors College, Juan Carlos Espinosa and in-country facilitator, Harry Roberge, a Vietnam veteran, would begin their journey abroad by flying to Bangkok. But, their arrival would not be the beginning of their education on the region.

The trip was preceded by a 3-credit course during the Fall 2012 semester to prepare a research paper on the region. During this time, students were also asked to prepare a research paper discussing a person or topic related to the trip, which would be presented on the actual site upon their arrival.

Freshman Matt Forensky presented on emperor Ho Chi Minh and the Indochinese communists party outside of Minh’s mausoleum.

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Some students in Edwards’ group developed friendships with the children from the community and promised to write to other. “It’s an awesome experience. It teaches you how to be a global citizen. You know about what’s out there. Not just your little bubble,” said Edwards.

According to Quant, the homeless situation in New York is very unfortunate but the homeless are very grateful when they receive help. Bonding with different students and developing friendships despite language barriers are also some of the benefits to those that participate.

Edward, who does not speak Spanish, had fun fist pumping Los Fierros locals and saying “Que tal?” which means “What’s up?”

The key to the trip was in Cambodia, where the students first visited one of the chilling, horrific killing fields left by the Khmer Rouge...
Ponce de Leon's expedition to Florida in celebration marking the 500th anniversary of de Leon as part of the Viva Florida 500 celebration.

The ships used by the explorer Juan Ponce de Leon are significant to the history of Florida. Despite the explorers' injuries, Ponce de Leon's discovery led the way for other Spanish and Portuguese explorers - Hernando de Soto, Tristán de Luna y Arellano and Pánfilo de Narváez.

Building models has been a hobby of the Dothan doctor since he was a kid. But Harris' attention to detail and extensive knowledge of early ships led to an opportunity to help with the Ponce de Leon project by Roger Smith, head of the Florida Department of State Underwater Archeology Network.

The ship models were built for the Florida Department of State Archeology Division. And the ships that brought them all across the ocean - and Columbus before them - have fascinated Harris for years.

"These early Spanish and Portuguese ships were important to the archeologists because they represented the ability now of Europe to go everywhere in the world and come back," Harris said.

Ponce de Leon sailed under the Spanish flag with three ships - the Santa Maria de la Consolacion, the Santiago and the San Cristobal. The Santa Maria de la Consolacion and the Santiago were bigger carravels while the San Cristobal was believed to be a smaller ship known as a bergantin. Harris also built a fourth model to show the hull frame of the Santiago.

The ship models were built for the Florida Humanities Council and will become the permanent property of the Florida Public Archeology Network. Having been displayed at Flagler College, the models were recently moved to the St. Augustine Lighthouse and Museum for display, where they will remain through May before being moved to Miami for an exhibition.

Harris was recommended for the Ponce de Leon project by Roger Smith, head of the Florida Department of State Underwater Archeology Division.
‘No names’ key to FIU football success

JOE STALEY, Jahri Evans and Logan Mankins. Three names even NFL diehard fans would not recognize. Now, have you ever heard of Tom Brady, Drew Brees or Colin Kaepernick?”

I’m sure the answer is yes.

However, what many football fans neglect to realize is that without those three ‘no-names’, the aforementioned super star quarter-backs would not survive in one NFL game or at any playing level.

These no-names happen to be pro-bowl offensive lineman. Staley plays for the San Francisco 49ers alongside Kaepernick; Evans suits up for the New Orleans Saints with Brees while Mankins and Brady are New England Patriots.

While their respective teams are different, Staley, Evans and Mankins’ duties remain the same: protect the quarterback.

‘Trust is bond, FIU football and especially quarterback Jake Medlock and the running backs will rely heavily on their protectors up front, better known as the offensive line. No matter what level of play, Pop Warner, NCAA or the pros, the philosophy remains the same: for a team to be a great on the gridiron it must be built from the inside out.

Despite the skill positions like quarter-back, receivers or running back that receive all the press, it’s the O-lineman that battle in the trenches in between the hash marks are the ones that deserve the props.

Don’t get me wrong; guys like Medlock, running back Kadrick Rhodes or wide-out Glenn Coleman deserve a lot credit for their play-making ability despite a forgettable 2012 season that gave former Head Coach Matte Cristobal the pink slip.

However, neither of these stand-outs, along with any other skill position players, won’t reach their full potential unless the underappreciated ‘no-names’ referred to as the O-lineman do their job to serve and protect.

Graduation, one of the highlights of a student-athletes career, is also a negative for the FIU program. It leaves gaps to fill the following year. This year, not a single O-lineman from the 2012 season is returning.

Caylin Hauptman, Giancarlo Rivera, Shae Smith and Rupert Bryan won’t be running out on the field for that week one matchup on the road against Maryland. So it is up to the young bloods like redshirt freshman Trent Saunders, redshirt sophomores Aaron Nielsen and Edens Sinece, junior Yousdif Khoiry, redshirt juniors Jordan White and Delmar Taylor as well as any other O-lineman on the roster to step up in the depth chart during spring football.

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Come week one against the Maryland Terrapins, the O-line will take the field with Staley, Evans or Mankins that ‘no-names’, but as a close-knit family of resilient protectors that will ultimately determine the future direction of the FIU Panthers football team.

-Brian Mahoney
AP Staff

Gail Goodrich knew Miami would beat Boston the other night.

He knew even a 17-point deficit, the largest they had faced in six weeks, wouldn’t stop LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh.

“Once they got back in the game, there was no doubt in my mind they were going to win,” Goodrich said of the Heat’s 105-103 victory over the Lakers.

“I really didn’t think that that record, after really thinking about it, could be heard all through the area that it must be built from the inside out.

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-Jonathan J. Jacobs, fl4usm.com
Hungry and Humbled: Journey to FIU

TYMELL MURPHY
Special to the Beacon

“Coach Pitino just got the job at Florida International, Tymell, I’ll call him up and tell him about you.”

Those were the words of my junior college coach Hank Plona. I said “Who, coach Rick Pitino from Louisville?” He said no, his name is Bill, he’s the guy I went to Google to look up coach Pitino and FIU because I had no idea this school existed to be honest. Next, I got a call from coach [Mike] Balado and he told me about FIU and the situation. I then spoke to every [FIU] coach on that same phone call.

“I’M COMING COACH!” I told Pitino.

Man, I think that was the greatest choice I made on my own in my whole life. Since then, the games got progressive, the players became more focused and unselfish. The rest of my career turned to gold when PMU. I grew among us that somehow, miraculous things can happen. Your shot is going in, you keep it going.

I feel they can make any putt. The record’s going to be broken. Now, I’m starting to change my mind,” Goodrich said during a recent Golden State home opener.

The Lakers knew they had it. “We were capable of running haves, streaks, running off 12 or 15 points in a game,” Goodrich said. “Pretty much we were confident we were going to do that, but I think the confidence builds that you’re better than your opponent. That doesn’t mean you disregard them, but you are better.”

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The toughest obstacle for the Heat — already one of the most scrutinized teams in sports from the moment James and Bosh joined Wade last summer — was having runs, streaks, running off 12 or 15 points in a game.

With Heat rolling, Lakers recall their record run

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Pipe burst caused damages, class cancellation

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Dripping water, soaked carpet floors and computers piled up in the corner to avoid getting wet greeted journalism students when they walked into class.

Senior Journalism student Angela Bonilla did a double take when she walked into Room 258 in the Southeast Academic II at Biscayne Bay Campus wondering what had caused the cancellation.

"Upon approaching the classroom I saw wires hanging from the ceiling then looked inside to see water dripping from the ceiling and the wall and carpet in one area soaked with water," said Bonilla.

According to Neil Reisner, journalism professor, the leak had a distinct aroma and yellow color, which led him to cancel his News Reporting Workshop class.

"Everything started out quite nicely, we were having a very nice class and suddenly water started dripping from one of the tiles at the rear of the classroom," said Reisner. "That kept happening and but it kept getting substantially worse and we had to start moving computers to get them out of the way."

"Class is canceled," said Senior journalism student Jona-
than Shaffer to his peers as they approached the classroom.

Jessica Meszaros, Senior jour-

nalis-t student, was in Reisner’s class when the leaking started.

"We were having our class discussion, as usual, when everyone in the class started hearing a crackling noise," said Meszaros. "At first, we thought it was some electrical problem in the ceiling, then we noticed a small drip coming from the back ceiling."

Because of severe conditions, Reisner canceled his second class too.

According to Matthew Mielke, coordinator of Operations and Maintenance Services, a 1½" pipe that provided fresh water to an unused piece of lab equipment in AC2 350 burst causing water damage to ceilings on the first and second floors of the building, which will have to be cleaned out. The carpets had to be steamed cleaned; fortunately, no damages to electrical or data systems were found.

"Sometimes pipes leak, that’s not uncommon," said Mielke. "However, rarely to this extent."

Later that day, the water had reached spaces on the first floor; however, Mielke said disruption was minimal.

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The Student Organizations Council and Campus Life-BBC will team up and bring students a day of cultural awareness as well as club exposure for students.

The SOC club fair and the Ethiopian themed Late Day Latte II will take place on Tuesday March 26, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., in the Hospitality and Management patio area by the bay. It will be a day full of food, music, culture and exposure to the clubs on campus.

"All clubs are required to attend Late Day Latte II at the SOC club fair to showcase what their organization is all about," said Michael Aquino, president of SOC, the organization that organized the club fair aspect of the event.

Aquino also pointed out the benefit of clubs attending the event; they will be able to "recruit new members to keep their organization going."

Aqino wants to "promote involvement at the beautiful Biscayne Bay Campus."

SOC has its club fair event about four times a semester; this event will mark the third club fair of the spring semester, giving students another chance to meet and greet the number of clubs on campus. According to Aquino, SOC and Campus Life-BBC have collaborated on events in the past and expressed his appreciation of coordinating events with Campus Life-BBC.

The Ethiopian themed Late Day Latte II event was coordinated by Campus Life-BBC and the event has evolved since its debut last year.

According to Andres Bermeo, marketing coordinator for Campus Life, the event has "evolved over the last year dramatically."

According to Bermeo, initially, the Late Day Latte Event was just a social for clubs and organizations; now entire departments are invited to come and check out the event.

The setup has also been upgraded for this event as well as the day the Late Day Latte will feature a different country as its theme.

Meaning that the event will shine the spotlight on a particular country, this idea originated from the success of the first Ethiopian themed Late Day Latte, Bermeo mentioned.

The Ethiopian themed event will not only live up to its name and have coffee, but will also have Ethiopian dishes and music. There will also be giveaways.

"It’s important for the overall of world-wide culture, especially in Miami, the melting pot," said Josh Saka, sophomore pre-med major.

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