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 Panthéons’ 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 and so Francis will be without his notable Jesuit robes. “For a Jesuit to become a pope 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 the 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.”

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

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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.”

“Sharks that stick around fisheries more than a little are very well adapted for their marine environment. They have a very good sense of smell, and the ability to find the food that they’re looking for,” said Heithaus. “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 this is starting to happen in the Chinese government, where the serving of shark fins 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.

Heithaus said that in order to regulate these catches, 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.

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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 are friends in the clinic, was the one who referred her.

“It would not be here [without the clinic, period],” said Hernandez.

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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 robbery outside the tourist resort of Cape Town. Spokesman Col. Tembinkosi Kinana said the attack took place in a house believed used as a brothel last 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 ballet company late Tuesday. The dancer has accused Iksanov of using the attack to promote his own career. Iksanov has blamed Tsiskardze for creating an atmosphere of intrigue that contributed to the acid attack on Bolshoi artistic director Sergei Filin. The Bolshoi’s artistic director Sergei Filin.

Surviving a surge in street violence in Venezuela

On their daily cable car rides to and from home in Venezuela’s capital, Maria Gonzalez and Jose Rafael Suarez soar in a bubble of safety far above the deadly, trash-strewn streets below.

Untouchable for 17 minutes, they peer at the expanse of dank, narrow alleys and the zinc roofs of shanties, some built four stories tall. Stray bullets whiz past, cutting through the air. They think of their families back home. The dancers have bloodied hands from the attack to settle scores.

Landmark gun bills signed in Colorado

Two ballot measures have already been proposed to try to hold more than 15 rounds. Two potential tests of how far the tradition of gun ownership and self-reliance. The bills thrust Colorado around well-being.

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In a previous interview with Student Media, Leonor Ayed, a student, said that one of the aspects of the clinic was its personable quality.

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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 inhumanly, especially in a capitalistic society.

Surival of the fittest, indeed.

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Our fascination with television’s sociopaths

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Great times become great times because you’re spending time with people you like spending time with. By those you like, it is usually more enjoyable when you are surrounded by reliable people nowadays.”

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WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE WHOLE GENERATION Y THING?

WE WILL BECOME THE NEXT CARDS IF GENERATION "Z" POPS OUT....

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OPINION
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 way.

During the break, a group of nine FIU students flew to Nica-ragua 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 on trucks 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 Moa, a native of Nicaragua.

Nathaniel Edwards, junior and biology major in the pre-med track, 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 working in Los Fierros gave Edwards perspective.

“We have it too easy here. Work professions 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.

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.

Nathaniel Edwards
Junior biology major

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.

Students fundraise to cover the costs of their trip, which vary depending on the site. After fundraising, cost for a local site can range up to $100, national sites up to $200, and interna- tional sites up to $400. Travel, lodging, and food are covered by the costs.

Alternative Breaks offers volunteer opportunities four different times throughout the school year. The first is in the fall over Thanksgiving break, the second is during the first week of winter break, the third is over the week of spring break and the fourth takes place during the summer. Each group is headed by a site leader. Site leaders are picked during the summer and there are no special requirements to be a site leader.

Alternative Breaks offer students a way to spend their break doing something to help their community, country, or international community. There are many causes and issues that students can address through their participation in the program. They include poverty, homeless- ness, education, animal rights, and HIV/AIDS awareness among many others.

The sites include Costa Rica, Panama, Washington D.C., Cali- fornia, Ft. Meyers, Orlando and many others.

Farrida Quant, sophomore and civil engineering major, has also participated in Alternative Breaks. Quant traveled to New York during winter break to address homelessness in that city.

“We gave out food, clothes, and raised money,” said Quant.

According to Quant, the homeless situation in New York is very unfortunate but the home- less are very grateful when they receive help.

Bonding with different students and developing friend- ships despite language barriers are also some of the benefits to those that participate.

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

Some students in Edwards’ group developed friendships with the children from the community and promised to write to each other.

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Those who wish to partici- pate in Alternative Breaks can fill out an application at www.leadserve.fiu.edu. Applications can also be picked up at WUC 220 in the Biscayne Bay Campus and GC 242 or GC 2210 in Modesto Maidique Campus.

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Honors College’s first trip to Asia leaves lasting impression

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College study abroad programs are generally seen as a life changing expe- rience. Honors students and faculty members have 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 the influence of the centuries on the region’s geography and politics, and the evolution of travelers on the world stage of Cold War politics of the Western powers from 1945 to 1990,” explained Honors College Dean Lesley Northup.

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 get students prepared for their four-week stay in Southeast Asia over the break.

“This allowed them to travel with some prior knowledge of the under- lying history and culture,” said Northup.

During this time, students were also asked to prepare a research paper discussing a place, 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 commu- nist party outside of Minh’s mausoleum.

“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.

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Honors College...
Ponce de Leon's expedition to Florida in celebration marking the 500th anniversary of the vessels used by the explorer Juan Ponce de Leon to establish a colony. The models are currently on display in St. Augustine, Fla.

Steve Harris' home is filled with models of ships. 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 something called SuperConf. The ship models were built for the Florida Archeology Division.

“Ponce de Leon, even though he discovered Florida, never made any kind of land exploration into Florida – he had intended to,” said Harris, a doctor with ENTcare. “His first expedition was entirely by ship, but a few years later he came back thinking he was going to establish a colony.”

The native Indians of Florida, however, attacked. Ponce de Leon was wounded and later died in Havana. But, the explorer’s discovery led the way for other Spanish explorers - Hernando de Soto, Tristán de Luna y Arelano and Pánfilo de Narváez. And the ships that brought them all across an 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 María de la Consolación, the Santiago and the San Cristóbal. The Santa María de la Consolación and the Santiago were bigger caravels while the San Cristóbal 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.

Good Luck

Ala. man builds model ships for Fla. celebration

PEGGY USSERY AND DOTHAN EAGLE

Steve Harris’ home is filled with models of ships. 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 something called SuperConf. The ship models were built for the Florida Archeology Division.

“Ponce de Leon, even though he discovered Florida, never made any kind of land exploration into Florida – he had intended to,” said Harris, a doctor with ENTcare. “His first expedition was entirely by ship, but a few years later he came back thinking he was going to establish a colony.”

The native Indians of Florida, however, attacked. Ponce de Leon was wounded and later died in Havana. But, the explorer’s discovery led the way for other Spanish explorers - Hernando de Soto, Tristán de Luna y Arelano and Pánfilo de Narváez. And the ships that brought them all across an 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 María de la Consolación, the Santiago and the San Cristóbal. The Santa María de la Consolación and the Santiago were bigger caravels while the San Cristóbal 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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The University Health Fee Committee will be holding public hearings on

Thursday, March 28, 2013 MMC
GC 150 at 10:00am
Thursday, March 28, 2013 BBC
WUC 155 at 2:00pm

The objective of these meetings will be to give interested individuals an opportunity to hear arguments pertaining to the proposed increase to the Health Fee. The amended fee will become effective in the Fall 2013 term. Students and other interested individuals are invited to attend these meetings.
**SPORTS**

**Turner, Panthers kick off spring football**

**PATRICK CHALVIRE**

*Staff Writer*

Spring is in the air and the Turner Era for the Panther football team has officially begun. Tuesday morning brought the team back onto the field for their first spring practice of the year.

The Panthers open up the spring not only with new management, but also a new and inexperienced group of young men shaking off the dust of being away from the field. Head Coach Ron Turner understands the difficulty of leading a new team into a new system.

“I want to see energy and enthusiasm,” Turner said. “I know the execution obviously was not going to be where we want it. We want to make it simple, but you can’t come out day one and have the kind of execution you want out in it. I want to see athleticism, energy and enthusiasm. As long as we have that, then we have a chance.”

Energy and enthusiasm played a key role in the Panthers’ first practice of the year. Coaches are hard pressed to find out which players will stand out and who fill the needs and gaps from last season, but there were a few bright spots that proved themselves on the field and showed coaches what they’re made of. Richard Leonard, Leonard could be heard all through out the field both with his voice and plays. Leonard succeeded in disrupting passes and making it difficult for receivers to catch passes, as well as keeping the motivation and support high for the rest of the defense.

Another player returning from last year’s squad is Willis Wright. A wide receiver that is expected to see more passes this year now with former Panther Wayne Times no longer on the team. Wright looked in shape and when the team separated into position drills, he did not seem to lose a step running his routes and in catching his passes left and right.

Though there are players returning with previous playing experience, there are some big needs to be filled by the young and inexperienced players. Former Panthers Jonathan Cyprien will not be returning to the field because he is projected to be drafted in the 2013 NFL Draft. Turner understands that filling gaps left behind by seniors is the nature of the game.

“We’ll need to see that their college football,” Turner said. “You lose guys like that, somebody else has to step up and play and somebody will.”

Jericho Lee, who spent last season playing on the defensive line, went through drills with Chad Roberts and the rest of the running backs. Under Turner and his new system, Lee may possibly be switched over to offense and use his size and physical ability as the team’s fullback.

“We run some two-back offense and he looks like a fullback body type,” Turner said. “He’s a willing football player. He loves the game, plays with heart, so hopefully we find a place for him and give him a shot there.”

The offensive line, coached by Steve Shankweiler, graduated all five starters and will be one position that will see some of its biggest competition. The Panthers do have three returning juniors in David Delsoin, Donald Senat and Jordan White. But with four out of seven linemen being freshmen, there is a lot to learn in this new system for the team.

“There’s a reason why they call you jocks,” said Shankweiler jokingly. “We get a long way to go but we are more eager kids that are trying and want to do well.”

The offensive line position, unfortunately, could not take full advantage of their first practice as well as other positions. The first practice only brought players out in helmets and shorts, and for a position that is strictly contact and movement, it can cause problems at first.

“Anytime you’re running around in pajamas, it’s hard to evaluate a lineman,” Shankweiler said. “The bottom line is you get to line up and knock somebody’s butt off the ball.”

Another position filled with fresh men players is the line backers. Led by new line backers coach Tom Williams, the first practice showed more energy and enthusiasm by the group.

All the coaches, including Williams, understand the pros and cons to having young talented players willing to learn. The inexperience allows Williams and the coaching staff to mold their group the way they feel is beneficial for the team.

“They don’t have old habits to break,” Williams said. “As he’s a new coach, they have a lot of enthusiasm, a lot of energy and love to play the game of football. They don’t have a lot of playing experience so we got to try and get them as much experience in practice to prepare them.”

**Joe Staley, Jahri Evans and Logan Mankins. Three names even NFL diehard fans would not recognize. Now, have you 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 star quarterback backups would not survive in one NFL game or at any playing level.**

**JONATHAN JACOBSON**

**COMERTUARY**

The offensive line positioned at center for the Panthers has not been a problem for the team. But what many Panthers fans may or may not realize is that the offensive line at guard has had its fair share of problems this year.

The Panthers open up their first spring practice with Leonard at center and Pat Murphy at right guard. Murphy was responsible for the protection of 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, Popp-Warrner, NCAA or the pros, the philosophy remains the same: As young players, they got a long way to go but they are willing to learn.

“Don’t get me wrong; guys like Trent Saunders, redshirt sophomore Aaron Nielsen and Edens Sinece, junior Yusof Khoury, redshirt juniors Jordan White and Delmar Taylor as well as any other O-lineman on the roster have to make the team.”

The Panthers open up their first practice of the season to prepare them.

**GUIL GOODRICH**

Guil 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.

“They just are better than everybody else.”

So were the 1971-72 Los Angeles Lakers.

When West, Chamberlain and Abdul-Jabbar were a Big Three to rival what Miami has, the core of a team that racked up routs on the way to an NBA-record 33 straight victories. They rarely felt threatened, either by their opponent or the stress of the streak, making one of sports’ most remarkable achievements seem nearly effortless.

“We had one of those teams that comes along every once in a while,” West said. “The only bad thing about it is we were really too old to be able to sustain it. But it was easy. And when we lost, it was like, ‘I can’t win.’

We lost a few games. But it was like two and-a-half months. It was a very special time.”

Miami has won 23 in a row heading into its game Wednesday at Cleveland. After that, it’s home for Detroit and Charlotte, then off to Orlando, a four-game stretch against the bottom four teams in the Eastern Conference. So after years when Miami came close to threatening their record, the Lakers recognize this could be the end of their time at the top.

“I really didn’t think that record, after really thinking about it,
Hungry and Humbled: Journey to FIU

TYMELL MURPHY
Special to the Beacon

“The toughest obstacle for the Heat — already one of the top teams in the NBA schedule. Even in what’s usually a quiet time in the NBA schedule, there would be fights, kicking and punching, everybody let their anger and frustration out,” Abdul-Jabbar said. “But that for a couple days I had to live with the fact that I didn’t record a single rebound the game before Middle Tennessee. I came out that game and was just relentless. I went after everything. Also a great accomplishment was being named first team All-Conference, being the first FIU player in the ‘04-’05 season to do so. I think I elevated my game a lot this year, but I know I’m nowhere near finished.”

My first year in Miami going to high school right away, even if you were a five-year guy.

In all, I did six years of high school and got some experience in playing organized basketball under guys I still talk to and have changed on my life today.

“We had veteran guys on our team. Veteran players like that, you don’t have to fight on the court to play a good game and say a word,” West said. “It was, ‘Let’s see who’s playing tonight. Don’t come to the locker room if you’re doing and go play.’”

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was going to be broken. Now, I’m starting to change my mind,” Goodrich said during a phone interview. “I think they have a good shot at it.”

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The Lakers, even with Abdul-Jabbar.

“Our game as the Heat have been, they can’t match the ruthlessness of the Lakers’ run. It started after a loss — two of them, actually — early in the season. The Lakers fell 109-105 to Golden State on Halloween 1971, then franchise cornerstone Elgin Baylor retired because of a knee injury.

They returned with victories on three straight days from Nov. 5-7 — players complain now, about being a truly good person off of the court, but this season has been a blessing for me.

I learned so much about coach Pitino, who is my hardest critic besides myself. The guy really wants to see me do well and I love him for that.

“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 disrespect them, but you are better.”

The Heat have had it tougher. They trailed by 16 before rallying for a six-point victory over a Knicks team that had beaten them badly twice earlier in the season. They went two overtime periods with Sacramento and needed a layup by James with 3.2 seconds left to beat Orlando. His jumper with 10.5 seconds remaining allowed them to escape Boston with the streak intact.

“The toughest obstacle for the Heat — already one of the most scrutinized teams in sports from the moment James and Bosh joined Miami in 2010 — may be the attention they’ll face. The team has made the regional champs larger than life, even drawing attention away from college basketball’s postseason due to what’s usually a quiet time in the NBA schedule.

The Lakers, even with Chamberlain’s outsized personality, didn’t face nearly the level of media interest. The then-record of 26 in a row had been set by Milwaukee less than a year earlier, the Knicks had won 18 in a row a couple of years before that, and just there wasn’t the fascination with a feat that didn’t seem as extraordinary at the time.

West, a consultant now with the Warriors, was watching a national news program recently and saw a segment about the Heat’s streak. But asked how much the Lakers heard or thought about theirs, he said: “Honestly, not much.”

“I think athletes have the ability to focus in on what’s going on around today. And then toward the end there when we really got in the 20s, there wasn’t a lot of interest,” Abdul-Jabbar said.

The streak finally ended on Jan. 9, 1972. The offense that had been humming for so long managed only 17 points in the second quarter, and the defending champion Lakers beat them 120-104 behind 39 points from Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

That started a stretch of four losses in six games before the Lakers regrouped and won eight in a row on route to a 69-13 record and their first championship in Los Angeles. They’d have great individual talent for years, but knew that season they had something more.

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GFC 140 at 9 a.m.

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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 Academic II at the 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 kept getting worse and we initially put a trash can underneath one of the desks underneath the leak, 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 journalism 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 changed out. The carpets had to be steam 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.

Following the burst pipe, many classrooms such as the one above, took in water damage that destroyed a ceiling tile and reached both the first and second floors of the building.

Ethiopia comes to Biscayne Bay one latte at a time

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

The SOC club fair and the Ethio-pian 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." Aquino wants to "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 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 now 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.

Nina Montoya, sophomore public relations major, said the event will bring “more awareness about Ethiopia, the country itself and its status.” Montoya also mentioned that the event will be a “fun way to bring students together and to make FIU’s clubs more known. I can’t wait.”

Vincent Uzoka / The Beacon

Organized by The Impact Movement, the Simple & Classy to Fab & Fancy event took place inside of Wolfe University Center 223 on March 20. Nilla Moline, international makeup artist and hair stylist, and Jennifer Petion, an esthetician from Body and Soul Retreat in Pompano, Fla., were the guests of the event.

Nilla Moline taught students how to properly apply makeup. Christine Joseph, sophomore in hospitality management, had her makeup done by Moline.

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