Egypt’s President forced to step down

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Last Wednesday, Egypt’s military forced Mohamed Morsi to step down from his position, and was placed on house arrest along with members of the Muslim Brotherhood after a series of anti-Morsi demonstrations and a 48 hour ultimatum to order reformers and offer concessions to the opposition.

University professors and students responded to these events with mixed feelings.

“I understand a lot of the last week have hurt the concept of Egyptian democracy for many Egyptians, particularly those who voted and still back Pres- ident Morsi,” said Reza Sanati, professor and grad- uate fellow at the Middle East Studies Center.

In a television announce- ment on Wednesday, Gen. Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi announced that the military set up a provisional government, in which Adly Mansour, the chief justice of Egypt’s Supreme Constitutional Court, was sworn in as the new president on Thursday live on television.

A date for the new elec- tions has not been set yet.

“It is important that the new interim government reaches out to the Muslim Brotherhood and incorpo- rate it into new elections and the rewriting of the constitution,” said professor Russell Lucas, associate professor of Arab Studies in Michigan State University and former FIU faculty member.

Three of the six appoint- ees that Mansour announced on Sunday were from the military.

The military intervention in Egyptian politics will invari- ably add a new element to the politics of the country which the politics of the country would be decided by the ballot box,” said Sanati. “This move by the military was clearly in direct contra- vention of that.”

After Mubarak was forced to step down, President Rosenberg was unavailable to comment.

According to the University’s 2012 Fact Book, from the 18,013 students admitted to the University, 44 percent were Asian, less than 0.50 percent were Native American, 18 percent were White, 12 percent were international students and 1 percent were not reported.

Last month, in the Fisher v. University of Texas case where Abigail N. Fisher sued the University for its race-conscious policies, the U.S Supreme Court ruled that the case go through extended examination by a lower court.

President Rosenberg was unavailable to offer information on the admission process.

With the help of the University’s Mastery Math Lab, the pass rate for 2012 College Algebra has increased to 52 percent. Evelyn Urdaneta helps students check in and use equipment in the lab.

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MATH HELP

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Carolinians text while driving ban effective starting fall

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Twenty-five percent of American teens respond to a text message at least once each time they drive, according to the U.S. government’s official website for distracted driving.

Judging by that statistic, texting while driving should be a common sight at the University. According to incoming FIU student, Kelly Abdel-Fattah, “I rarely see any texting while driving around campus, he said he personally did not.

However, students said they witness their peers texting and driving often.

“I see people texting and driving all the time on campus,” said Roberto Lopez, junior computer science major. “It’s usually in the parking garages, which is especially bad considering the amount of blind corners as well as the pedestrians you see walking around all the time.”

On October 1, 2013, Senate Bill 52 will make texting while operating a moving vehicle a secondary offense. This means that a driver can be fined for texting while committing a moving traffic violation, a primary offense.

First time offenders will receive a $30 fine. A driver who is fined for a second time within five years will receive a $60 fine and accumulate up to three points on his or her license.

Some people question the bill’s effectiveness because of the complications behind determining whether a driver was actually using their phone at the time of the infraction.

“How would police offi- cers differentiate between a message received at the same time [that was] not read, and one that [is] actually answered at the time?” said Andrea Padrón, senior biology major.

The bill’s answer to this question is to check phone records when the driver chal- lenges the officer’s claim that he or she was texting while committing a moving violation.

Section 1, part 6(c) of SB52 says that during the process of determining whether a driver was texting anything while driving, authori- ties may use billing records from the driver’s phone or use evidence from the “appro- priate authorities receiving such messages.”

Under very specific circumstances, one’s phone bill records may be used as evidence in a Florida traffic court.

Requesting such private documents comes into place if one decides to go to court to challenge the ticket and is able to prove that no text went through at the time of the infraction.

“Under no circumstances may the government or authorities search for records of a texting offense without a warrant. It is serious and it will make the process longer,” said Sanati.

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Cyberspying targets South Korea and US military

The identities of hackers trying to infiltrate South Korean computers to steal U.S. military secrets are not known to researchers. Researchers at McAfee Labs said the malware is designed to find and upload information referring to U.S. forces in South Korea and the word “secret.” The value of any information the hackers have acquired is also unknown. McAfee experts said the hackers have targeted government networks with military information for at least four years.

Haiti hopes to revive tourism

The Haitian government is hopeful in reviving its tourism sector with a Venezuelan-financed $13.2 million airport and new infrastructure on the southern island of Ile-a-Vache, and an $8 million development of the historic coastal town of Jacmel. The Ministry has signed off on 15-year tax breaks and exemptions from import duties for 11 hotel and resort projects. It is also training a force of “tourism police officers” who will learn Spanish and English and be trained in first aid and customer service.

Professors develop quick delivery of anti-HIV drug

Two University professors, with the assistance of two graduate students, have developed a new way for the anti-HIV drug azidothymidine triphosphate to enter the body through the brain. The discovery has been made by Madhavan Nair, a professor and chair of the department of immunology, and Sagar Khizroev, professor of immunology and electrical engineering.

The human body has a multitude of natural barriers that prevents certain drugs and substances from entering the body. One of these barriers is called the blood-brain barrier, which prevents the AZTTP drug from entering the brain and prevents effective treatment.

“We wanted to send some drugs to the brain and the nanotechnology and nanoparticles are the smallest in size, so they can cross the blood-brain barrier,” said Nair.

The new delivery process developed by Nair and Khizroev works by attaching the AZTTP drug to microspheric magne-to-electric particles and using magnetic energy to guide the drug to its destination.

Once the drug has reached its desti-
nation, it is released from the nanopar-
ticles by passing a low electric current. According to Nair, the drug is still func-
tional after the process and allows the drug to work past the blood-brain barrier.

“Now we have a new technology by which not only can we send the drugs to the brain, but also release the drugs,” said Nair.

The testing of this breakthrough was conducted at FIU’s Herbert Wirt-
heim College of Medicine. There, they created a cell membrane which simulates the blood-brain barrier that is found in humans.

Nair and Khizroev have been working on this research since 2009, and the research will continue through a second phase of funding that will commence at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

The second stage will involve testing the technique on monkeys infected with HIV.

Pending the success of the second phase could mean the possibility of human trials, and eventual approval from the Food and Drug Administration would mean open use to the public.

“We hope that this can be done in a laboratory in a doctor’s office,” said Nair. “It’s a very cheap technique,” said Khizroev. “We want to have it in every office for quick treatment.”

Because of the cost effectiveness of the process, it can be used at almost any location. Examples include hospitals, free health clinics, and Third World countries.

“In the future, we could also develop a cell membrane which simulates the blood-brain barrier that is found in humans,” said Nair. “We don’t need any fancy equipment or any fancy clean-rooms,” said Nair.

According to Khizroev, there has been a major response from South America because of both the breakthrough and the cost effectiveness of the delivery process.

“There is a lot of participation and a lot of momentum,” said Nair. “There are a lot of students interested in this project.”

Two graduate students, Velya Sagar and Rakesh Gadur, came on board to help with the project two years ago.

“We have a lot of participation from students who have a lot of momentum,” said Nair. “There are a lot of other ways to deter people from texting while driving.”

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“International organizations should definitely inter-
vene in the realm of security and humanitarian aid if necessary but other countries should stay out of the issues militarily,” said Herrera.

According to Herrera, the US should avoid damaging relations with Egypt by taking sides.

“At the same time, the United States, as well as other world powers, should keep an eye on develop-
ments,” said Herrera.

The situation would differ if texting and driving was a primary offense and an officer could issue a citation for simply catching a driver using his or her cell phone’s keypad while driving.

Assistant Chief Janiello believes that texting while driving will one day be a primary offense.

“I think that texting while driving will be treated just like wearing a seat-
belt,” said Janiello. “At first, I couldn’t just pull you over for not wearing one, but that changed and that’s the common practice.”

The law is one that, in theory, would never be enforced because it is too easy to be caught.

How law enforcement will use it and how the courts interpret privacy rights remains to be seen.

“Enforcing it could be very prob-
lematic,” said Cody Taffert, a senior anthropology major. “I don’t see any other way to deter people from texting while driving.”

More information can be found, and for more news online, visit www.FIUSM.com.
Take a stand with Wendy Davis

LAUREN BANA
Staff Writer

Sen. Wendy Davis of Texas made one of the greatest impacts on American women over the course of the past few weeks, and I am proud to stand with her and her now infamous bright pink and green tennis shoes.

On June 25, I encountered an uprising all across the world of social media. Every other, if not every, Tumblr post, Facebook post and tweet echoed with the shouts of thousands of feminists around the world. Every other, if not every, post and tweet echoed with the shouts of thousands of feminists around the world. 

After an 11 hour long filibuster of an anti-abortion bill, which, according to the International Business Times, “would ban abortions after 20 weeks and add other restrictions that opponents say would close 37 of the state’s 42 abortion clinics, and several other proposed bills,” Davis only temporarily delayed the probability of the bill passing to Monday, July 1.

According to The Washington Post, “advocates of the legislation say it is a means of assuring abortion is safe; opponents say it would force nearly every abortion clinic in the state to close.”

I, as an opponent to this bill, see the closing of nearly every abortion clinic in the state of Texas as a terrible occurrence for the women of Texas, and I am glad that Davis was adamant enough to stand up to such a biased bill.

Although it appears so, Davis’ filibuster, in which she could not eat, drink or stop talking, will not have been done in vain.

Whether or not she succeeds in postponing the bill, an entire nation will have seen for them- selves the true power that women hold. We have learned that we will no longer stand for the oppression of those who wish to oppress us.

Junior biology major AnaMaria Zambrano said that she feels that “women have become so used to having their rights taken away that some women have even bought into the nonsense the oppressors have been feeding us.”

“I am proud to stand with Wendy Davis and the women of Texas on this, and I know that she will inspire people all over America to stand up and fight for their rights,” said Zambrano.

I think that having someone like Davis stand up against those oppressors of women’s rights can really have an impact on our generation to stand up for our rights in the same, strong way that she did.

Davis not only stood in her bright pink and green tennis shoes for the women of Texas, but for all the women of America.

I’m hoping that what has been happening in Texas will teach women in our University’s community to stand up for their rights as well; and maybe we will have our own Wendy Davis rise from FIU to stand up for the rights of women everywhere.

- Lauren Bana

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

On June 26, an opinion piece titled “International students unacknowledged in GL’s new requirement” discussed how international students are affected negatively by the recently introduced Green Library policy of requiring two forms of identification when checking out devices. Such devices include laptops, i-pads, e-readers and any other computer accessories and components available for students to borrow.

The article states the two-identification policy was implemented due to a rash of thefts of devices stolen Panter Ids. The article goes on to signal a discontent among international students because the only identification available to international students, besides their PDs, is their passport; and carrying passports around campus on a daily basis is a burden.

Indeed, imposing a second state-issued ID for all students seems like a particular burden to international students. Yet, this burden has ways to be resolved.

Specifically, all international students are eligible to receive a state-issued ID. Students can simply go to a local driver’s license office, along with his or her passport, I-20 and other state-related documents. Any student, international or domestic, can then and apply and receive a state-issued ID, which is very similar to what a driver’s license looks like.

Students can also visit gathergoget.com to verify documentation needed to obtain the state-issued ID, and even schedule an appointment; there is a Drivers License Services Center right across from MMC.

The benefits of securing the devices available for all students in GL against theft are extremely weighty as it affects virtually every student. Students can now check out devices from a centralized location without worrying about theft.

For example, a state-issued ID is useful not only in the University setting, but beyond: students could use their state-issued ID to open a bank account, as an ID when paying with a credit or debit card at a store, when attending age-restricted events, and a vast range of other possible situations in which the state-issued ID will be handy.

Finally, I do want to raise the issue of a particular group of students that will be possibly detrimentally affected by the new library policy: undocumented students.

In Florida, an individual may NOT request a state-issued driver’s license if he or she does not have documents of residency, etc. Only U.S. citizens, legal residents, international students and such others with official, unexpired documents are eligible to apply for a state-issued ID or driver’s license.

As a result, undocumented students may not be able to enjoy the library benefits that other students do enjoy; this is a sad consequence in the long list of practices that adversely affect undocumented students.

The question now is whether undocumented students are being unacknowledged in our University.

- Nicki Mendes-Coleman, FIU Alumnus, Political Science Department & Honors College

EDITORIAL POLICY

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I know from the moment I booked my flight that traveling to my destination was not going to be pleasant. Perhaps this predetermined mindset is what set the tone for my flight. I was set to depart from Miami International Airport at 5:35 p.m. on May 18 and arrive in Madrid the following day at 11:35 a.m. It goes without saying that although I was looking forward to arriving in Spain, I was not looking forward to the nine hour flight.

I do not have a fear of flying nor do I have acrophobia. Being short and petite has its advantages sometimes—I can fit into tight spaces easily and sit up straight most of the time. This is a great asset to have while flying because seating space is quite limited and the restrooms are always busy. I do not like flying simply because I get restless easily. It does not take long for me to start sitting on pins and needles waiting to get somewhere. I was that child that would pester my parents with, “Are we there yet?” every hour for the duration of the flight.

For this upcoming dilemma I decided to make a list of all the things that would keep me entertained while I was on the flight. The first thing I did was update my Kindle. I bought “The Great Gatsby” and “Travels with Charley.” I wanted to read the last book of the Great Gatsby trilogy while I was on the flight. It was such a blessing to be able to get to know this story and talk about it with him and another student until we were in Spain. Our expectations for the rest of the trip. Traveling is different for everyone. People can blame bad flying experiences from anywhere on bleak airports to unfriendly flight attendants, but the truth is, it really is whatever you make it. A positive attitude and a comfortable neck pillow can go a long way for a better plane ride.

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**Summer heat calls for hot accessories**

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**Campus Life brings color party to University**

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The purpose of the event is to get students pumped up for the fall and bring more attention to FIU by showing freshmen what we do.

Jane Rodriguez  
Committee Member  
Campus Life’s Summer Fest

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There’s a misleading feeling to the way that images of happy couples flash on by to “That’s Amore” during the opening credits of “Love Is All You Need.” After being introduced to Ida, played by Trine Dyrholm, a hairdresser who has been battling cancer about to travel to Italy for her daughter Astrid’s, played by Molly Blixt Egelind, wedding.

Susanne Bier’s writing with Anders Thomas Jensen for this so-called romantic comedy is as predictable as it comes, but there’s a twist to the way it’s presented. Just like in most rom-coms, the predictability is high and there’s enough drama to go around, but Bier never shies away from the dramatic elements of her story, making it feel much less like a romantic comedy than expected.

After establishing that this hairdresser has lost her hair and her husband has been cheating on her, Susanne Bier takes her character down a muddled but interesting route. The traditional rom-com stylings involve the wedding, the enchanting music and location, and even Ida’s meet cute with her romantic interest Philip, played by Pierce Brosnan, who just happens to be the father of her daughter Astrid’s fiancé Patrick, played by Sebastian Jessen.

The drama of the film comes from all sides, some hidden and some out in the open. Fighting and crushing, uncertainty filling the air and the awkward relationship between Ida’s daughter and her fiancé. The tumultuous wedding is frankly one of the film’s weakest points, even though it’s meant to be what holds the film together, with Jessen and Egelind’s work and story piling in comparison to that of their on screen partners.

What really makes “Love Is All You Need” rise above the predictability of it all is some truly stellar work from its two lead actors, as well as the beautiful way that the Italian scenery is shot that only serves to enhance their chemistry. Dyrholm and Brosnan have a knack for balancing both the light and dark that comes with the story, charming each other and the audience all the same as they dance, flirt and fight throughout Italy.

While Pierce Brosnan has shown us that he can have a good time often enough, a constant reminder of which is “Mamma Mia!” he takes this opportunity to remind us that he can handle drama well. Trine Dyrholm delivers a vulnerability that one doesn’t usually get from a film of this nature, baring it all for a character that genuinely deserves to have an actor who can carry the cards they’ve been dealt.

For all of its flaws, Susanne Bier’s film is enjoyable to watch because of all the good that comes with it, be that turning the romantic genre on its head a bit or just plain and simply watching a wonderful actress in a beautifully shot film for nearly two hours.

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Softball leader starts new chapter as coach

Ashley McClain, FIU’s softball all-time leader in almost every statistical category, is now stepping out of the batting box and using her knowledge to help other young ladies achieve their goals.

McClain racked up numerous accolades, such as being named the second player in the program’s history to be named to the All-Sun Belt first-team on three occasions.

McClain is also the Panthers’ first-ever Sun Belt Player of the Year and the first FIU player to earn three National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-Region honors.

McClain helped lead the Panthers to a winning record each of her four years at FIU. Now McClain is using what she has learned on the field to teach other players as an assistant coach at Murray State University, some players who are just one to two years younger than McClain.

“It was definitely a learning experience because I transitioned so quick from being a player to a coach,” McClain said. “I’ve gotten great feedback from the girls telling me they’ve really enjoyed how I coach them.”

As a Racer, McClain will work with their pitchers and assist with hitting. Anya the young athlete has had much success in during her softball career.

“It’s been a blessing having Ashley on staff this past year,” said Head Coach Kara Amundson. “Her ability to connect with our pitching staff was pertinent for the success of our program and she did an incredible job not only building a connection with them, but also helping them grow as players and people.”

During her senior year at Riverview Tampa High School, McClain recorded an ERA of 0.90. At FIU, McClain ended her career and is currently the all-time leader in batting average, total bases, RBIs, home runs and doubles.

McClain is no stranger to the stress that comes with being associated to a team at the college level. Having been in the limelight most of her time at FIU, McClain knows first hand what players may go through and how to overcome it.

“Once you break that one record, once you show how good you can do, there’s always going to be pressure to follow up that next year to do the same,” McClain said. “I had great support from my teammates who just kept making me feel like I was just another player out there playing.”

While at FIU, McClain expressed to former head coach Beth Torina her goal of being a graduate assistant; though leaving the game of softball wasn’t something that was done easy.

Torina, who would later accept a head coaching position at Louisiana State University, helped McClain find a way to continue being a part of softball, and interned in the marketing department during the off-season.

“Torina has a very positive approach to coaching and a vibrant personality,” Amundson said. “I am really looking forward to her coming back this year and starting up right where we left off.”

Coaching wasn’t McClain’s first choice after graduation. The love of softball still filled her lungs once her time as a Panther came to an end.

Unfortunately, McClain couldn’t stay coaching or try again on the field is still yet to be seen.

“We definitely enjoy softball and it’s going to be hard for me to give it up,” McClain said.

“You definitely going to see softball somewhere. If I’m playing on a small pitch league or if I’m dealing with the University.”

Panthers face a new mountain to climb

Starting on July 1 of this year, FIU joined Conference USA in all sports, along with eight other universities. This brings the total number of members in C-USA to 16.

As the Panthers also go into the fall practice, the pair must grow into the middle of the pack for the new C-USA contest.

On Oct. 5 FIU will face Southern Mississippi who are coming into the 2013 season with a major chip on their shoulders. The Eagles went a 9-0 record last season which ended in a loss to the University of Louisiana in the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl.

The Thundering Herd is one of the few teams that the Panthers will be facing that had a below even record at the finish of the 2012 season. However, the past is the past, especially for the Herd.

With eight players selected to the preseason all-conference team by Athlon’s, they lead the pack. The Herd were a pass first offense last season with an average of almost 120 more passing yards per game than their opponents.

FIU will then wrap up the 2013 season on the road against Florida Atlantic University. The Owls are another team that joined C-USA on July 1. Our northern neighbors in Boca Raton are joining us a year earlier than expected, leaving the Sun-Belt conference. In their last season in the SBC, the Owls tied with our football project with three wins and nine losses. They also tie with the Panthers in number of players selected to the Athlon’s all conference list, only a single player in Tight End Nikon Dorrillas.

The FIU Football team looks to prepare for a new era under the guidance of new head coach Ron Turner.
Coasting to 2nd makes or good night at Daytona

JENNA FRYER
AP Writer

Tony Stewart coasted for at least 250 miles at Daytona International Speedway, where he hardly worked up a sweat until the final hour of the race.

It's a game he hates to play, dropping to the back of the pack on restrictor-plate races to casually circle the track lap after lap.

The strategy of waiting until the end of the race to make a frantic, final push goes against his fundamentals of racing.

But as Bowyer grumbled about how much idle time he spent at Daytona, where drivers run just a few laps of practice to tune their cars, then turn one lap on qualifying day, then sit and wait for the race to take it easy until the end, it became apparent the whole system is broken.

NASCAR will never cut races from 500 or 400 miles to a 25-lap shootout, but that's basically what they've become.

Everybody sat around and waited three days to watch the final 25 laps of Saturday night's race.

As for the race itself? Who knows?

There's no incentive to race early, and there's not much NASCAR can do to change that.

For now, we know what we're going to watch four times a year.

We'll sit and watch for some wrecks, then wait for it to get crazy at the end.

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PANTHERS LOOK TO POUNCE ON NEW CONFERENCE

STEVEN ROWELL
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It's time for a change in Miami.

All athletic teams at FIU are beginning their transition into the new Conference USA from the Sun Belt Conference.

Defending the Coral Gables in the SBC, the Panthers went 12-8 in the SBC and reached the semifinals of the SBC tournament before bowing out to Middle Tennessee and then eventually falling to Florida in the Women's National Invitational Tournament.

With the 2012 season behind them, FIU begins a new era for women's basketball. The 2013 season will be the first season FIU enters their new conference -- Conference USA -- and will now have a new slate of conference opponents to face each year.

FIU is one of eight schools that are part of Conference USA this year giving the conference a total of 16 teams. FIU is not the only school to leave the Sun Belt for Conference USA, as Middle Tennessee State, North Texas and Florida Atlantic University will also be joining FIU this coming season.

The Panthers are in the east division along with FAU, East Carolina, Marshall, the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Middle Tennessee State and Southern Mississippi.

Out of those teams, East Carolina finished with the best conference record of 11-5 last season.

In the west division, Louisiana Tech another team entering its first season in the conference along with North Texas, University of Texas-San Antonio, UTEP and Tulane who finished in second place in the regular season last year with an 11-5 record, and last season's tournament champion in Tulsa as they defeated former Conference USA member the University of Central Florida.

The thought of FIU entering Conference USA has been welcomed by some of the current teams in Conference USA, including East Carolina Head Coach Heather Macy.

"I would like to welcome all the new teams including FIU into the league and I look forward to it being a more competitive year with the new teams," Macy said. "I think we will be a really good basketball league this year and even after this year."

Macy thinks it will really open up recruiting for FIU joining the new conference.

This change will only be brief for four seniors Jerica Coley, Marta Dadydova, Ancille Durant, and Timeyin Oritsetan as they will only have one season in Conference USA.

With the goal in sight of reaching the NCAA Tournament, the Panthers led by the four seniors, will have to achieve success against their opposition where familiarity of their opponents will be minimal.

While FIU will be facing new opponents, the same goes for current Conference USA teams as many of them might get their first go at defending Coley, who was the nation's leading scorer last season, and was named Sun Belt Conference Student-Athlete of Year and has broken several records at FIU.

The conference schedule has not yet been released for any teams.

"Since we haven’t gotten the schedule out yet, we haven’t really been able to know who our opponents are home or away, so I haven’t really gotten to looking at players from opposing teams yet," Macy said.

The entire FIU women’s basketball team and the coaching staff were unavailable to comment.

STEWART SAID IT'S 'BORING' TO WATCH MIDDLESIDE IN MAY

But Stewart is correct in sensing that many fans don’t like watching drivers take it easy. They gripe and grumble that there’s no point in watching a plate race until the very end because that’s when it gets exciting.

So what does NASCAR do about this predicament?

Series officials can’t force drivers to race hard, and there doesn’t seem to be any real consequence to laying back.

Several years ago when Denny Hamlin was in the thick of the championship race, he lost a tandem partner while racing at the back and fell out of the draft.

In danger of going a lap down and ruining his title chances, fellow Toyota driver Waltrip got out of the gas and slid back to rescue Hamlin.

And NASCAR can’t take the plates off unless it figures a way to slow the cars, which nobody has been able to do at the two biggest and fastest tracks in the series.

But as Bowyer grumbled about how much idle time he spent at Daytona, where drivers run just a few laps of practice to tune their cars, then turn one lap on qualifying day, then sit and wait for the race to take it easy until the end, it became apparent the whole system is broken.

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The conference schedule has not yet been released for any teams.

“Since we haven’t gotten the schedule out yet, we haven’t really been able to know who our opponents are home or away, so I haven’t really gotten to looking at players from opposing teams yet,” Macy said.

The entire FIU women’s basketball team and the coaching staff were unavailable to comment.

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the new insurance marketplace, it could they can charge to older policy holders. as Lopez to buy insurance under the Affordable Care Act is becoming a major concern good health," he said. pay a premium of about $3,000 a year if he two part-time jobs. $100 penalty for those who skirt the law's takes full effect next year, the 24-year-old money. been to a doctor in 10 years, so buying program gave us a little bit of background together. In addition to that, he and we went through each wine whines and three reds as an assignment. It was the only American produced wine of the night, and, in fact, was also included in the wine list. The comparison was a good idea. The nose - usually how the sense of smell is registered - was delicate with hints of star fruit, roses, and fresh-cut grass. The taste did not light. The average price of this wine is $15. The second wine I want to mention was the third and last wine we tasted that night. It is originally from The Republic of Georgia, specifically the Bodbiskhvi-Kakheti region produced by Pheasant's Tears Vineyards with the same grape variety previously mentioned. It was the vintage 2009, in my opinion, a little young to have had the most beautiful color I have ever seen in a white wine: amber like a liquid in fire. On that note, Clark explained to us that this wine is sometimes referred to as “Fire Wine.” The nose was a very intriguing one, with notes of black tea leaves, truffle and earth. However, it lacked the body for making me a little disappointed. What helps white wines to age is its acidity, which was very subtle producing a very light mouthfeel, in other words, the texture of a wine in your mouth; you can associate water with the lightest and milk as the heaviest to better understand. The finish was short and it reminded me of a 5 p.m. tea party. The average price of this wine is $18. On a history note, those wines are aged before bottled in Qvevri, a unique Georgian wine vessel made out of clay. More complete group included myself, Orestes Lavassas, Nicole Linares (the host), Sara Kaplan, Keith Linares, and her fiancé as well as Aaron Welch (FIU wine visitor professor) and his brother Morgan. The fifth wine tasted in the evening, the second red wine and my favorite from the whole tasting. It was a Qvevri red wine made by Wine Man with the Saperavi grape, an indigenous variety, also originated the Kakheti region of Georgia. The story behind one had an unusually low alcohol percentage: only 12. Unquestionably, it was dark red, with such a deep color that when placed over a white surface, you would not be able to see anything through. In all honesty, it had a perfect balance or a 27-year-old making $30,000 pepper and smoke olives, note that this wine also was produced in old clay vessel with Qvevri. Cherry and blackberry were easy to pick up as in comparison with our more known Cabernet Franc. It is definitely a wine more suit able to the American market than the others that I tasted. The average price of this wine is $13. I love the structure of this wine; it had individuality and introduced each element in a harmonic way, yet I could still pick its unique terroir; the different earthiness scents on the nose and on the finish of the palate made it the best of the show! -Daniela V. Walter is a Teaching Assistant to professors Chip Hope and Bill Hebrank of the Chaplin School of Hospitality & Tourism Management.

Georgian wines shocking American palates

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Health insurers fear young people will opt out

The first time I tasted a Georgian wine was in my first wine class, Historically, Georgia wines are only taken in fall 2012 at the Chaplin School of Hospi
tality & Tourism Management with Professor Bill Hebrank. As we went through the history of wine in class, we were able to taste wines from different countries that you would not usually taste; not because they are not available in the market, but because they are not familiar to us and unfortunately most of us try to stay on the safe side while experi
encing new things. Wine might not seem complex at first, but requires more information that you might be willing to know.

On June 23, we tasted six Georgian wines. It was an exper
iment conducted by Clark Smith and his assistant in Miami Nicole Linares to introduce these wines to the “American palate.” Our tasting group consisted of everyone that evening; you would imagine to stay in South Florida. Clark Smith is one of the teachers for the Wine Program at FIU. We tasted three whites and three reds as an assign
ment. He joined us via a Skype conference call while in California and we went through each wine together. In addition to that, he gave us a little bit of background on the country and the challenges that Georgian wines have been facing by trying to get into the American Market. The group had mostly the same impression about each; but, still, wine tasting is a tough and unique personal experience. As we waited for Georgia wine to join us, I decided to start at the tasting: 9:30 p.m. with the whites. The first white wine we tasted was our up-to-year present to us from The United States; more specifi
cally at The Finger Lakes, NY, by Dr. Konstantin Frank Winery. Rkatsiteli, the grape variety used in the production of the wine is originally from Georgia, is one of the oldest vintners grapes known to man. The vintage of the wine – that means the year in which the grapes were harvested – was 2011, and it had an alcohol content of 12.5 percent. It was a dry wine and some compared it to a Pinot Gris. I was impressed when Clark told us that this wine was produced from a vine that was planted in 1952. Usually old vines produce fewer yields but tend to increase in quality.

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Persuading young, healthy adults such as Lopez to buy insurance under the Affordable Care Act, was $218 the first year he was 21 years old. Jonathan Gruber, an economics professor at MIT who helped craft that state’s insurance plans and Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association recently wrote to federal health officials warning that they many young adults have chosen rela
tively bare-bones health plans before the Affordable Care Act, but the new law requires all plans to offer a minimum set of benefits, thus raising the price for coverage.

The cost of health coverage is difficult to estimate because it includes so many factors, but a 27-year-old making $30,000 a year in 2014 will have a $3,400 premium and will be eligible for subsidies that cover about 26 percent of the bill. That person would end up paying $2,509, or about $209 a month. That does not include deductibles, co-pays and other variables which can vary widely.

The estimates come from the nonpar
Kaiser Family Foundation’s online Health Insurance Subsidy Calculator.

François Louis, a 20-year-old college student in South Florida who works part

time, can’t remember the last time he went to the dentist. His mother warns him to counter medication whenever he’s sick. He’d love to get a check-up, but says it’s too expensive on his income of less than $10,000 a year.

“I probably would do the $100 fine because it’s just cheaper and you don’t have to worry about paying off monthly costs,” said Louis, a student at Broward Community College near Fort Lauderdale.