English requirement bill receives criticism

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The Border Security, Economic Opportunity and Immigration Modernization Act of 2013 is a Senate bill that, if passed, would be responsible for the strengthening of border security alongside the legalization of approximately 11 million undocumented immigrants.

The bill presents Registered Provisional Immigrant Status, a preconceived step in which immigrants would begin their path towards legal status, so long as they have been physically present in the U.S. since before Dec. 31, 2011.

Once this status has been established, these immigrants will then be able to apply for permanent residency, given they have maintained their presence in the U.S., paid their taxes, acquired employment, and have taken classes to learn about English, government and history.

This language requirement, met by enrolling in English classes, bothers some, including Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, one of five senior fellows in the School of International and Public Affairs.

In a press release on the senator’s website, Rubio proposed an amendment to the bill as a means of fixing this shortcoming by requiring immigrants to prove proficiency in English. This means they would have to show their ability of understanding language at the point of reading, writing and speaking the words accordingly, as opposed to simply taking a course.

On the day we announced the principles that would shape the immigration bill, we made it clear that English proficiency would now be required for permanent residency for the first time in American history,” said Rubio. “This amendment ensures that will be the case.”

Reactions to the amendment have varied.

A poll on fiusm.com shows that 53 percent of voters believe that immigrants applying for legal status should be proficient in English, while 30 percent voted no and the remaining 17 percent voted maybe.

According to Aiken, international business major Giorgio Izzo said that while he understands Rubio’s concern over the negatives of immigration legislation, he considers the amendment to be the most closed-minded way of dealing with it.

“If simple truths, I believe this requirement treads on the American values of welcoming immigrants throughout our history,” said Izzo. “I firmly believe it is an attack on global citizenship as a whole; a country that does not tolerate non-English speakers is deliberately closing its borders on international citizens.”

Izzo additionally said that there would be no need to impose such a law, as immigrants would want to learn on their own that being fluent in English is necessary.

International Business and Marketing major Santiago Diaz, on the other hand, believes that immigrants should be able to communicate, although proficiency should be defined more clearly.

“If you want to stay, you should adapt or at least try to, [as] effort is well compensated,” said Diaz.

Juan Carlos Gomez, clinical assistant professor of law, said that while this may affect hard working people in the community such as students’ parents, he does not see the amendment as a troubling obstacle because there are always exceptions and waivers.

“In naturalization, there are exceptions for people who don’t have the capacity. Medical waivers are granted all the time, in terms of naturalization. Everything from people who have a mental or physical disability [that keeps them] from learning English to people who are just developmentally delayed,” said Gomez.

Still, Gomez does not think it’s wise to predict the probability.

University prepares for hurricane season

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A month and a half has passed since the beginning of hurricane season, and FIU’s Department of Emergency Management has prepared all year to take on the possibility of a hurricane season.

“FIU is an all hazards university, meaning that we take measures to be prepared for any type of emergency or disaster,” said Amy Aiken, director of the Department of Emergency Management, in an email.

As preparation for any emergency, the university conducts training exercises to prepare staff to respond to any emergency.

According to Aiken, at the beginning of the hurricane season, the Department of Emergency Management meets with President Rosenberg and his staff to go over different scenarios and discuss what actions they would take to prepare the University and recover from any impacts.

“Emergency Management monitors the tropics,” said Aiken, “If a storm looks like it may threaten South Florida, twice-daily conference calls begin with the National Weather Service and Miami-Dade County.”

Additionally, the University’s Emergency Operations Center is activated whenever the University is threatened by a tropical storm or hurricane. The IOC was first activated last August for Tropical Storm Isaac.

“Fortunately, we were spared, but it was a great opportunity to see all of the training and exercising that staff have been doing in action,” said Aiken.

According to Aiken, depending on the type of storm, the IOC would remain activated 24/7 and staff members would remain on campus during the storm.

“The Emergency Management group that staffs the IOC meets to ensure that key departments like Facilities, UTS, FIU police, and Housing are prepared to secure the University in advance of the storm,” said Aiken.

Although the Modesto Maidique Campus is not in an evacuation zone, and students that cannot go home are taken to the Modesto Maidique Campus to take shelter from the storm.

“If students from either campus can’t go home, they will be sheltered in a common area in one of the residence halls,” said Aiken.

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The parking lots around campus were flooded from the rain, courtesy of tropical storm Chantal.
Gay marriage bill passes in Britain

Britain’s gay marriage bill passed through the House of Lords on Monday, where lawmakers will review government amendments before it officially becomes law. Currently, same-sex couples can form civil partnerships, which carry similar rights and responsibilities to marriage. The bill will enable gay couples to get married in both civil and religious ceremonies in England and Wales. The Church of England is barred from offering same-sex ceremonies, however.

Spain prime minister resists resignation

Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy told reporters that he would not step down amidst scandalous text messages that surfaced that show him comforting a political party treasurer under investigation over a sluag fund and secret Swiss bank accounts. This spectacle of alleged corruption has hurt and enraged Spaniards who are suffering from austerity and high unemployment. Former Popular Party Luis Barcenas told investigators that he gave tens of thousands of euros in secret cash payments to Rajoy.

Cuban, US diplomats allowed to travel

Recently, Cuban and U.S. diplomats have been increasingly, and more easily, traveling within the Cold War enemy countries. Cuban diplomats at the United Nations in New York cannot go 25 miles beyond Columbus Circle in Manhattan or past the Beltway loop circling Washington without the permission of the U.S. State Department, and U.S. Interests Section workers must submit detailed itineraries to Cuban officials if they want to travel outside Havana.

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Trouble between generations

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On May 20, Time magazine published “Me Me Me Generation,” completely stereotyping Generation Y into a bunch of lazy, narcissistic, and not even contributing to the workforce. “Millenials are lazy, entitled narcissists who still live with their parents,” said writer Joel Stein in May’s Time issue.

Despite using these attributes to declare us as the generation to “save us all,” Stein’s backhanded compliment is still completely redundant and unfounded. Here’s why.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Those of us who have been working with Royal Caribbean on a mutually benefi

cial partnership on the Biscayne Bay Campus are disappointed on your recent

editorial. Our thinking and motivation all along has been completely student centered. In fact, the benefits this would bring to you, the student, are the only reasons for us to enter into this public/private partnership.

First the facts: FIU is working with Royal Caribbean LTD to create a produc

tion, rehearsal and performance facility at

Campus. This facility will be a state-of-the-art facility unlike

any that exists currently in South Florida. This facility will have “rigging” capabili

ties, thus playing performers a la Cirque de Soleil. Our theater students will have access to this building for master classes, mock auditions and other custom workshops and training to be conducted by Royal Caribbean entertainment professionals working on the front lines of the entertainment industry.

Royal Caribbean will become our partner in offering experiential learning opportunities to our students that will be invaluable as students enter the job market. For example: they will conduct exclu

sive behind the scenes shipboard tours and provide access to their management teams in entertainment and operations.

Starting in fall 2014, Royal Carib

bean will provide 20 paid internships for FIU students. These opportunities - shipboard and on land - will be invaluable to our students in the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management as well as those in the College of Architecture + the Arts.

Royal Caribbean employees must at a minimum adhere to our campus code of conduct, but are also subject to their compa

ny’s code of conduct, which is more strin

gent than the FIU student code of conduct.

These new residents are likely to be great neighbors and having camps on

will also allow us to expand the dining offerings and hours of operation at BBC, which is something BBC students have wanted.

As in the case, through SGA

Campus Life at BBC has an array of ongoing activities to keep students involved and active. These include various events in Panther Square, in the auditorium and ballrooms, and on the bay. The lecture series is one of the highlights on campus during the

year. All of these activities will continue and be expanded as conditions and funding allow.

Your editorial also casts a negative light on plans for a MAST academy at BBC. These plans are moving forward and, just like the partnership with Royal Carib

bean, this partnership with Miami-Dade Public School System is designed to benefit our university community. In addition, it creates a pipeline of high-performing STEM students, it benefits the local community and it helps us create a more vibrant BBC community that is even more focused on science, technology, engineering and math.

Larry Launius, Vice President for Student Affairs

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Please understand what we’re saying

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Modernization Act of 2013 has been

referred to as one of many means to appease opponents by holding up the passage of the Senate bill that could be responsible for legalizing approximately 11 million undocumented immigrants.

The amendment itself would require regis

tered provisional immigrants to prove their proficiency in English in order to acquire permanent residence in the US, instead of the bill’s current language skills stipulation that could be satisfied simply by enrolling in English courses.

While the amendment is an intentional roadblock in the path of acquiring legal status or not, The Beacon can’t help but agree with Rubio’s emphasis on learning the English language in order to become legalized.

Our reasoning behind this is that although learning a new language may be an obstacle for some, learning enough English to be able to communicate accordingly is not an impossible feat.

To begin with, the approximate 11 million undocumented immigrants the Senate bill is addressing are immigrants who have to prove they have been physically present in the US since before Dec. 31, 2011, meaning these are people who have been here long enough to have picked up some understanding of the English language.

We would go so far as saying that not having learned some English within that time is due to laziness or stubbornness. We do, however, acknowledge that it would require effort, from that is, quite frankly, nothing compared to the risk of entering and residing in the US illegally.

Of course, there are exceptions to the rule are people incapacitated by physical or develop

mental disabilities as well as mental impairments, for which a waiver is mandatory. There is also an exception for registered provisional immigrants that are 70 years of age or older when applying for permanent residence, but this is discretionary.

Whether Rubio’s amendment gets passed or not, the underlying importance is that these people need to take the step forward in ensuring their future in this country is solidified by learning English. Rubio’s amend

ment simply makes it a requirement, but it is necessary regardless of such a law’s presence.

Yes, the amendment would present one more obstacle in the way of many hard workers in the community trying to survive on a daily basis, but it’s an obstacle that, if conquered, will eventually lead to peace of mind and a sense of security because the risk of being deported would be diminished.

A chance for that peace of mind as result of trying to fix a broken immigration system is being presented to these people through the Senate bill as well as Rubio’s amend

ment. We think it’s only right they their part and meet it halfway.
Panther is offered internship with ‘cake boss’

JESSICA VALERIA RODRIGUEZ  Staff Writer

If the University library is your second home, you have probably met Melissa Del Toro and her divine sweets. She has sometimes been spotted giving out booster cupcakes around finals to encourage students to stay motivated during a stressful time. Or maybe you’ve heard of her dessert catering business, Rebel Sweets.

Senior Del Toro is majoring in hospitality management and is graduating this fall. She will also be representing FIU at Carlo’s Bake Shop when she interns with Cake Boss’ very own Buddy Valastro in New Jersey. Del Toro knows this is a very big step in her career and is very excited, as she will be learning from her role model. “[He’s] my inspiration; he thinks differently. I already learned so much just from watching the show,” said Del Toro.

Del Toro has helped with fundraisers in high school where she would make cupcakes and sell them as birthday grams. Her love for cake making flourished in high school, but it was still “small baking.” Everything she knew was self-taught and her first official class was at Michael’s. From this experience, Del Toro’s curiosity for cakes exploded, so much so that it caught her first customer’s attention. “My first customer was actually a family friend, for her son’s birthday.” After that, Del Toro started making business cards to hand out to everyone she met. Shortly after, she started receiving calls and creating a client base.

“Melissa has made me exactly what I want and exceeded my expectations. Not only does she make the most beautiful cakes, but the taste is so good,” said Jemina Domínguez, one of Del Toro’s clients. Once at FIU, Del Toro started looking into the business aspect of baking and the name Rebel Sweets was cooked up. She decided to use rebel because she identifies herself with the word. “The word rebel has always been a personal thing of mine, and I think my creativity makes me rebellious,” she said.

Naming her business Rebel Sweets was also her way of showing customers that no cake idea is too wild for her. Del Toro describes her baking as different and creative. “[They’re] cakes you wouldn’t find at your local bakery because they have something ‘rebellious’ about them,” said Del Toro. “I love when someone comes to me and they have this crazy idea that I’ve never seen before and I make it happen.”

Del Toro has used her baking powers for good and has donated cupcakes to the Sigma Kappa sorority for their annual fundraiser benefiting Alzheimer’s. Del Toro also worked with The Great American Bake Sale to end poverty for children in America and got four other bakeries to donate pastries to raise money for the cause. Having interned for the Food and Beverage Department at Norwegian Cruise Line previously, Del Toro has some experience to help her in her new internship with the “Cake Boss.”

“At the Food and Beverage Department at Norwegian Cruise Line, I would bring them cupcakes all the time and show them my work,” said Del Toro. “The employees at Norwegian loved the cupcakes! I would hand them a business card with the cupcake.”

She even made them a cake on her last day of work, as a thank you for teaching her about the company and about the cruise line business. “The cake had little cut outs of the seven people I worked most closely with, and they appreciated it,” she said.

Shortly after finishing her internship with Norwegian, Del Toro’s inspiration, ‘Cake Boss’ Valastro, came to Miami Beach for a show in the Jackie Gleason Theatre. With a little push from her friend, Carling Lexcano, Del Toro took a risk and gave Valastro a USB filled with pictures of her work. Almost immediately, Velastro admitted to being nervous when she met him. “At least I got him to sign my Rebel Sweets t-shirt,” said Del Toro being optimistic.

Another close friend, Mariana Hernandez, was there to show her support. Hernandez has helped Del Toro stay up during those long busy nights, as well as advertise the with Rebel Sweets’ advertising. Ironically enough, Hernandez doesn’t have a sweet tooth—unlike Del Toro’s sweets. “I don’t like sweets, but every time she makes one I try to make extra for me,” said Hernandez.

Shortly after Norwegian Cruise Line announced their partnership with Carlo’s Bake Shop, Del Toro received a phone call from her previous boss inviting her to come meet Valastro. To her surprise, the “Cake Boss” remembered her. “Oh my God, your cakes are beautiful!” said Valastro when he recognized Del Toro.

After sitting with him and discussing her plans to go to Chicago for pastry school, Valastro offered an alternative. He offered her an internship at his shop. “I was absolutely ecstatic!” she said.

Del Toro is preparing for the big move and plans to learn from the best for the next three months. She hopes to learn how to make her cakes more three-dimensional and learn Valastro’s way of doing business. In the near future, Del Toro hopes to impress the Cake Boss and land a job with him. “I hope to follow in Buddy’s footsteps; I don’t feel ready for a bakery right now. Working for him is my dream, but in the future I can see myself owning a bakery” -life@fiusm.com

Students spread their wings at Flugtag competition

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Have you ever seen a flying panther? Well, now is your chance.

On September 21, the National Redbull Flugtag Competition, a contest to see who can build the most creative successful flying machine, will fly its way into South Beach.

Over thirty teams are attending, including five of the University’s mechanical engineering majors, Patrick Alvarez, Juan Barrera, Andrés Cardenas, Kevin Guldberg, and Raul Oliva. Together, they are “The Flying Panthers,” and for them, the sky is literally the limit.

With one pilot and four team members pushing the machine to fly over a 50-foot platform, The Flying Panthers knew they would find great interest in participating.

“We were a pretty nice group; we were all pretty motivated,” said junior Kevin Guldberg, who is also the pilot, “Right now, basically what we need to do is make sure we have enough money for the project.”

The team used each other as inspiration to build their aircraft, but their passion for this competition brought them together. “We all have a common interest in the aerodynamics and aerospace part of engineering. We are interested in the aerodynamics of mechanical engineering. We are friends, so most of the time we are together,” said Andres Cardenas, a junior mechanical engineering major. Cardenas’ job as a Flying Panther is to determine how to improve lift on the aircraft, what airflow to use, and how to reduce the weight.

The judges of the competition are not only looking for the most energetic aircraft, but also the creativity put into building it, as well as a short skit and mission statement that is required of any team applying. This skit includes approximately half a minute of music and dancing to capture the judges’ attention. Safety and knowledge of the competition is also important.

There [are] a lot of regulations. We can’t do a lot of stuff like enclosed the pilot or use glass or other materials,” said Cardenas. “There’s a whole book called the Pilot Handbook that we have to read.”

Assignments and tasks are also given by Red Bull, and medals are awarded to the team on their website. Assignments include maintaining a growing amount of followers, and for the teams to be as active as possible in social media.

On the day of the event, airplanes show accompanied with music will be included in the entertainment, as well as the competition of the teams itself. Three prizes will be awarded: A skyside with the expert free flyers of the Red Bull Air Force for 1st place, a VIP seating at a Red Bull-titled sporting event for 2nd place, and the opportunity to attend a Red Bull-titled dance, music, or art event. Winners are determined through the judges’ scores.

As for their aircraft, The Flying Panthers are in the design process, receiving assistance from Professor George S. Dukhovny and Professor Richard Zicarelli. Tag Heuer Watches is one of the sponsors of the team, but other interested sponsors are free to contact Cardenas at acardenas@fiu.edu.

Admission to the Red Bull Flugtag Competition is free to the public and students interested in seeing The Flying Panthers take off.

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Toledo in Spain: New places, new friends

Daniel Uria
Staff Writer

FU’s Wolfsonian museum has established itself as one of South Florida’s hidden gems, and with the addition of a recent gift from founder Mitchell Wolfson Jr., its presence should continue to grow. The gift includes approximately 25,000 objects for the collection and an estimated 20,000 square feet of office space in Downtown Miami.

Since joining the University, the museum’s Miami Beach location has not only housed thousands of pieces from Wolfson’s personal collection, but also provided classes and tours to FIU students. With the addition of this gift, the Wolfsonian can offer a new location as a new type of experience for visitors and students.

The Downtown location includes three stories of office space. According to an internal document written by the museum’s staff, one of the goals for the new space is to provide more free access to the exhibits.

“The Wolfsonian will use the Downtown site as an object study center,” it states.

“Permissioning students and faculty members freer access to a large number of different kinds of items than can it offer at our Miami Beach headquarters, where the conditions of storage make the vast majority of holdings accessible for scholarly investigation only via labor-intensive interventions by staff members.

Easier access to the exhibits is not the only benefit of the proposed use of the new space. The museum staff also plans to include meeting spaces and offices for faculty and staff. Downtown. There are also plans for classroom space that would facilitate learning by “enabling discussions to take place in a direct proximity to items in the collection.”

Wolfson himself personally collected the pieces that will likely fill the Downtown space, like the ones at the museum’s Beach location.

“It is what he has been collecting, mostly books and periodicals, to deepen and strengthen our collection,” said Museum Director Cathy Leff.

The pieces include various written works including rare books that the museum has collected.

“The materials in this recent gift follow The Wolfsonian’s core collection interests, strengthening and enriching our collection and bringing new areas to bear on the kaleidoscopic period from which the materials derive,” said Assistant Curator Matthew Abes.

He elaborated further, “the contents of the gift are the product of Wolfson’s efforts to enrich the repertoire of narratives already embedded in The Wolfsonian’s collection through an especially focused collecting strategy, addressing overlaps in the collection while supporting the immediate exhibition plan.”

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Wolfsonian expands thanks to gift

Aurus Torres/The Beacon

The newly remodeled 5th floor of The Wolfsonian-FIU Museum is entirely dedicated to the “Art and Design of the Modern Age.” The exhibit encompasses all aspects of the modern age including decorative art and pantone, as well as communication and transportation technology.

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KEDRIC RHODES ARRESTED

Kedrick Rhodes was arrested Saturday night, July 13, after discharging three to four shots in parking lot 6 outside Everglades Hall.

Kedrick Rhodes dismissed from FIU football

Running back Kedrick Rhodes was ready to begin his senior year for the FIU football team until he was arrested on Saturday July 13 at 7:30 p.m.

According to the arrest affidavit, Rhodes was charged with possession/discharging of a firearm on school grounds, improper exhibition of a firearm, discharging a firearm in public and discharging a firearm under the influence of alcohol.

According to the affidavit, a witness observed Rhodes exit Everglades Hall and run towards his vehicle, parked in lot six, in anger over an unknown cause.

The same witness observed Rhodes pull out a firearm, step out of the vehicle and yell, "Get the f—k back!"

Rhodes then proceeded to fire proximity three to four rounds towards the air from his .380 caliber semi automatic pistol leading the witness to flee for his safety.

Rhodes was then arrested and taken to Miami Dade County jail where he provided a written confession that he has under the influence of alcohol while discharging his firearm.

The situation escalated when Rhodes lost a play fight with a teammate, according to multiple witnesses. This was later verified by University Police Chief Alexander Casas.

“I don’t know if it got to a real fight but Rhodes got upset because he did lose a play fight,” Casas said.

This is not the first time that FIU has had a problem with a football player and firearms; in 2004 three FIU players were arrested, including one who was charged with attempted murder for firing a gun into an occupied car.

Rhodes is now the fourth player to be arrested for the use of a firearm. Cornerback Everett Baker was charged with attempted murder for firing into an occupied car.

He also was charged with two counts of armed robbery, possession of a weapon on school grounds and two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, all felonies.

On the field, Rhodes is coming off a season that saw the young back rush for 714 yards while racking up four touchdowns.

The Panthers defense looking to regain its intensity

When new Head Coach Ron Turner began his era at FIU, he brought in an entirely new coaching staff. His defensive staff is very diverse, with the experience column ranging from former NFL coaches to recent college graduates as defensive assistants.

The defense is in the hands of Josh Conklin. Conklin comes to FIU after being the safeties coach at the University of Tennessee last season. The Volunteers ranked 107 in the nation in points against after the 2012 season.

Before coaching for the Vols, Conklin was the defensive coordinator for the Citadel for two seasons in 2010 and 2011 after being the defensive backs coach for Wolford from 2007 to 2009. He began his coaching career at his alma mater, SDSU, as a defensive graduate assistant before being both a special teams and defensive coach for two seasons.

Conklin has the burden of rebuilding a defense that was ranked 97th in points allowed last season.

Bringing in the most NFL experience is defensive line coach Andre Patterson. He has had coaching stints all around the country at every level of football from high school to professional over a 30-year career.

His career, which started at the University of Montana in 1982, has spanned 14 seasons in college football, 10 years working in the NFL and five seasons at the start of career as a high school head coach.

Defensive backs coach Jason

Panthers defense looking to regain its intensity

Head Coach Ron Turner and his new defensive staff look to put the bite back in the Panthers defense.
New coach leading to optimistic outlook for volleyball

OSCAR BALDIZON
Contributing Writer

Starting last year, there were high expectations surrounding the women's volleyball team at FIU. They had a solid group of newcomers and veterans that were poised to make a deep run. However, that all came crashing down when the team was decimated by injuries.

"With all the controversy that happened last year, I think we really thought we would all know how to approach different problems and overcome adversity now," said junior libero Carolyn Fouts.

"The seniors speak about their upcoming season’s eyes say everything, and you can tell they are hungry to show everyone this team is revamped and geared up for this upcoming season."

The burden of positioning the team to succeed is now squarely on the shoulders of a woman who knows a little bit about success in the volleyball world. Guiding them through this season will be new Head Coach Rita Buck-Crockett.

"She can do one practice last year and almost changed my whole arm swing in an hour, by the end of the practice we were all really shocked at how much we had learned in just one practice with her and were very impressed," senior middle blocker Kimberly Smith said.

A member of the Volleyball Hall of Fame Class of 2011 and a two-time Olympian, Buck-Crockett brings a wealth of playing experience at the highest levels of volleyball competition to FIU, along with over 20 years of coaching experience.

This head coaching change came as a bit of a surprise considering the athletic department brought in Buck-Crockett last year as the Assistant Volleyball Coach. However, with such experience and knowledge it was a welcomed adjustment by the players.

"Joining Coach Buck-Crockett on the sideline will be assistant Coach Felix Hou. His resume boasts serious volleyball experience at both the collegiate and international playing fields, including 16 years of NCAA Division I coaching experience and extensive international expertise, both as a coach and a player."

"They have a big heart for the game and that’s very inspiring for us players and learning from two Olympians," Fouts said. "Specially coaches like them can specifically help certain positions, it makes a big difference and we really respect everything that they have to say."

Hou also realized that the upcoming year for the Panthers would have many obstacles to overcome.

"With the new conference change this year we are going to be facing tough teams right off the bat. I believe with the returners we have and the new players coming in we will be able to make a splash right from the start and really get into this season," Hou said.

Former Volleyball Head Coach Trevor Theresa, who was released as the head coach, was unavailable for comment.

"I want to thank the team of wonderful young ladies that I’ve been privileged to coach and mentor – I know that they will continue to move towards a brighter future of FIU women’s basketball in Conference USA. That being said, I am extremely excited for the opportunity to lead the St. Thomas University women’s basketball program, and to take the next step in my coaching career."

-Buck-Crockett

"Of course, I will still talk to her on a regular basis and try to get some games with her in the gym, we are still close," Durant said.

With her departure from FIU now set in stone, Thomas Bateast was appreciative for the opportunity the Panthers provided for her.

"I want to thank Cindy Russo and the entire women’s basketball staff for the great opportunity to grow in this profession at FIU for the last seven seasons," said Thomas Bateast in a release provided by the athletics department.

"I want to thank the team of wonderful athletes that I’ve been privileged to coach and mentor – I know that they will continue to move towards a brighter future of FIU women’s basketball in Conference USA. That being said, I am extremely excited for the opportunity to lead the St. Thomas University women’s basketball program, and to take the next step in my coaching career."

-Thomas Bateast

Former assistant coach moves on, leaves behind legacy

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Contributing Writer

Friendly faces continue to fade away for the women’s basketball team as they enter the 2013 season. The squad graduated four seniors and will now be without assistant coach DeSma Thomas Bateast.

After seven years of serving as an assistant coach with the Panthers, Bateast recently accepted the head coaching position at nearby St. Thomas University. For the Panthers, Thomas Bateast’s departure brings mixed emotions.

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Brooks will be coaching defense for the first time since 2007 when he was an assistant secondary coach at the University of Massachusetts.

Tom Williams also comes to FIU from UTEP as the linebackers coach. With over 20 years of experience, including three seasons under Jack Del Rio with the Jacksonville Jaguars.

The line backers coach has also dealt with some of the most intelligent athletes in the game of football with his work at Yale University and the University of Stanford.

Williams was a four-time All-American at Stanford, which is also where he got his coaching start.

The two graduate assistants for the defense are second year assistant Matt Garris, a former line backer who played for FIU from 2006-2008 and Mike Hiestand. Hiestand was a lettermen for the Illinois State Redbirds before having a career ending injury in 2011, his first coaching job was as a graduate assistant for the University of Miami at Ohio.

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New coach leading to optimistic outlook for volleyball

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Starting last year, there were high expectations surrounding the women’s volleyball team at FIU. They had a solid group of newcomers and veterans that were poised to make a deep run. However, that all came crashing down when the team was decimated by injuries.

“With all the controversy that happened last year, I think we really thought we would all know how to approach different problems and overcome adversity now,” said junior libero Carolyn Fouts.

“The seniors speak about their upcoming season’s eyes say everything, and you can tell they are hungry to show everyone this team is revamped and geared up for this upcoming season."

The burden of positioning the team to succeed is now squarely on the shoulders of a woman who knows a little bit about success in the volleyball world. Guiding them through this season will be new Head Coach Rita Buck-Crockett.

“She can do one practice last year and almost changed my whole arm swing in an hour, by the end of the practice we were all really shocked at how much we had learned in just one practice with her and were very impressed,” senior middle blocker Kimberly Smith said.

A member of the Volleyball Hall of Fame Class of 2011 and a two-time Olympian, Buck-Crockett brings a wealth of playing experience at the highest levels of volleyball competition to FIU, along with over 20 years of coaching experience.

This head coaching change came as a bit of a surprise considering the athletic department brought in Buck-Crockett last year as the Assistant Volleyball Coach. However, with such experience and knowledge it was a welcomed adjustment by the players.

“They have a big heart for the game and that’s very inspiring for us players and learning from two Olympians,” Fouts said. “Specially coaches like them can specifically help certain positions, it makes a big difference and we really respect everything that they have to say.”

Hou also realized that the upcoming year for the Panthers would have many obstacles to overcome.

“With the new conference change this year we are going to be facing tough teams right off the bat. I believe with the returners we have and the new players coming in we will be able to make a splash right from the start and really get into this season,” Hou said.

Former Volleyball Head Coach Trevor Theresa, who was released as the head coach, was unavailable for comment.

“Of course, I will still talk to her on a regular basis and try to get some games with her in the gym, we are still close,” Durant said.

With her departure from FIU now set in stone, Thomas Bateast was appreciative for the opportunity the Panthers provided for her.

“I want to thank Cindy Russo and the entire women’s basketball staff for the great opportunity to grow in this profession at FIU for the last seven seasons," said Thomas Bateast in a release provided by the athletics department.

“I want to thank the team of wonderful young ladies that I’ve been privileged to coach and mentor – I know that they will continue to move towards a brighter future of FIU women’s basketball in Conference USA. That being said, I am extremely excited for the opportunity to lead the St. Thomas University women’s basketball program, and to take the next step in my coaching career."

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Public-private partnerships becoming a growing trend within University

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Welcome to the new Biscayne Bay Campus-at least what is planned to change in the next few years.

During the University’s Master Plan update session held on July 15 at 5 p.m., faculty and students were shown the proposed changes coming to the campus.

The biggest change: public/private partnerships.

In late June, Gov. Rick Scott signed a law to ramp-up public-private partnerships in Florida.

The new part of the law allows businesses to send unsolicited proposals to local governments and send unsolicited proposals to local governments and agencies, according to the Sun Sentinel.

Projects that qualify under the new law are any that serve a public purpose, including airport or seaport structures, pipelines, mass transit infrastructure, nursing homes, educational buildings and cultural centers or sports stadiums.

The Royal Caribbean Cruise Line partnership, which has been in ongoing discussions, is one of three proposed private partnerships that were discussed during the meeting.

Others included the new housing complex for students, which would be on the east side of the Hubert Library. If the proposed plan continues on this path, the new housing would be set to open in 2017 according to Chief Financial Officer Kenneth Jessell.

The current housing complex for students, which would be next to the Kovens Student Center. This would be used to help conferences for faculty and staff on campus.

The committee is also proposing two other partnerships including a hotel complex, which would be next to the Kovenos Center. This would be used to help conferences for faculty and staff on campus.

Bob Griffith, director of Facilities Planning, said that the committee isn’t looking at the funding aspect for much of these proposals yet, just overall plans.

Rose wines to brighten up your summer night

It is believed that most of the first wines produced probably had the same color as today’s rose - a faded red - since they did not have enough information on techniques of production. In addition, wine was mainly used to be distilled in order making it then safe to be drunk. Rose is often misclassified as a sweet and cheap wine, a fruity beverage for those who want a nice color in the glass and something sweet to sip on late afternoon. Because of this, there is still a lot of resistance from people when buying a rose.

It is true that rose is a challenging wine to buy, yet, when you find a good one you will fall in love right away. Don’t fool yourself with wines that “look pink.”

This past Saturday, July 13, the theme of the tasting was “A Rose Night.” We tasted a variety of rosés in total but I will review only my favorite three.

At 9:30 p.m., the bottles were placed in a specific order for each wine to be properly enjoyed. As in any regular tasting, you would first do the whites going from lightest to heaviest body and then moving to reds from lightest to heaviest as well. For this reason, the first two wines tasted were from a French region named Provence.

Provence is the largest wine region in the world to specialize in dry rose. The grapes were brought from the Greeks when conquering the 600 B.C. The main grape varieties are Grenache, Syrah and Mourvedre.

My favorite wine in the night was Domaine Fontaylly Rose de Provence 2012 from the Provence Region made with “Rhone blend” grapes as mentioned above. Its appearance was a pale pink with subtle hints of gold in a bottle that reflected a woman’s body shape. Not much tang was present since the color was very light - what gives a rose its color is the duration of the contact of the red skin with the grape juice.

Moreover, this wine had a great nose revealing hints of strawberry, starfruit, melon, wet stones and lavender. Its taste had an outstanding balance between fruit and acidity; raspberry and strawberry were present, but to my amazement it was not fruity. The acidity flew along with all the elements in this wine resulting in a superb crispy and delicate beverage with a medium-light body ready to be consumed. This wine can be found for $15 with a alcohol percent of 12.5, and in my opinion it is the one that holds the best value of the night.

The second wine was the elected by the majority present in the tasting as the best of the show. It is from France as well, but from a region more known as Tavel. The wines from this region are all roses. The method used to create this wine is called “saignier” - red grapes are pressed to ferment with its skins for a short period of time, usually one to two days. The must is then separated from the skins, and in some cases are left together a little longer to obtain a higher concentration of tannin as well as a deeper color.

This Tavel is produced by Domaine Heneque 2012 vintage. It is made from 100 percent Grenache grape - giving the wine the structure as a consequence. Its appearance was a bright dark pink, almost light ruby. The nose was very complex with hints of white chocolate, rasperry, white pepper and lemon zest. The taste was very smooth with a well balanced acidity giving the wine a nice medium body with 13 percent alcohol content. This wine sells for $19.

The third wine was from Monterey County, California, named Sofia in honor of the owner’s daughter - Mr. Francis Ford Coppola. The vintage of 2011 was produced with 80 percent Syrah grapes and 20 percent Grenache grapes resulting in a 12.5 alcohol percentage. The color was a bright pink. The nose had hints of cherry and ripe berries with a subtle grassy smell at the end. The taste was an intriguing one since I could notice a little bit of oxidation, yet cherry and dark berries were present with a hint of spice. It had a very pleasant mouthfeel; it was easy to drink with a short finish. This wine has an average price of $17.

Finally, what you should expect and look for when tasting a rose is the balance between fruit, acidity and tannin. The fruit should reflect the local terroir where it grows, the acidity should complement it by not overwhelming your palate while the tannin should give you the right texture. All those combined in an harmonic way can give you a perfect and elegant summer wine.

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