Politically correct term coined for Florida’s mentally disabled

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Staff Writer

The state of Florida has unanimously passed a law this summer changing the word “mental retardation” for “intellectual disability.” This means that government forms will now reflect such a change.

The American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities said the term “intellectual disability” applies to individuals who were previously diagnosed with mental retardation, and clarified that those with developmental disabilities may also apply if said impairment has a cognitive effect.

Amanda Niguidula, director of the University’s Disability Resource Center, believes that this is a step in the right direction.

“Being a university where we have a high value of how students identify themselves, anything that helps stop the use of a potentially derogatory label is a step in the right direction,” said Niguidula.

Melissa Resillez, a junior English student, agreed. “It could be insulting to a lot of people,” said Resillez. “Mental retardation is a negative term. It sounds like an insult.”

Niguidula pointed to the fact that, while many students who identify as learning disabled know that label applies to them, the change of legal terminology is of interest to the Disability Center. She also conveyed her suspicion that this change in government terminology might affect the social use of the term.

“Forms and processes [now] have to reflect [the new] word usage. As the use of required language begins to permeate the practice, administrations, services and things like that, I think it’s important.”

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Panther convicted of murder

Former running back found guilty in 2010 campus stabbing

Kendall Berry during an on-campus brawl. Wyche's trial marks the long-anticipated start to a trial that figures to test Flori da's controversial self-defense law. Wyche insisted during trial that he feared for his life when he used a pair of scissors to kill his former teammate. However, the prosecution's view is that Wyche unjustly stabbed the unarmed Berry with a thrust to the heart, then taunted him as he lay mortally wounded on the sidewalk. The trial, which will be overseen by Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Miguel de la O, is expected to last the rest of the week and test the limits of Florida's Stand Your Ground law.

Sentencing for this case is yet to be determined.

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New term coined for mental disabilities

I think personal experiences matter when it comes to marginalizing entire identities in a negative way.

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Disabilities are often viewed as a negative thing.

When asked about a non-governmental approach to changing the term, Niguidula specified how both society and government can work together.

"I think it's important that we're talking about this now, in tandem with [the legislation]," said Niguidula.

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SGA continues to SWAG out its students

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Staff Writer

Yisel Rivera, an international relations sophomore, and 54 other students that became the first "swagged out" members of Students With a Goal last September and plan to continue their legacy this fall. SWAG team is a Student Government Association organization whose goal is to help students that are looking to become involved on campus or advance their leadership and professional skills.

"I became the leader I am today thanks to SWAG," said Rivera. "I remember not always being in my comfort zone, but now I know how to take on any audience. SWAG gave me the confidence I needed to excel in leadership positions."

Throughout her time at FIU, Rivera applies the skills she learned as a member to her new position as SWAG coordinator.

"SWAG has an orientation open to all students today, Sept. 16, in GC 315 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. No prior registration is necessary. The program is under SGA's executive branch, and focuses on leadership skills and education. It was started back in 1997 as a way to create a sense of openness to the student body and allow access to SGA involvement for any student."

"I feel the need to create a program that was much more accessible and that targeted the underclassmen, the non-affiliated, the aspiring but disenfranchised potential student leaders so that it wasn't just an image I was shaping, but a culture I was instilling in Student Government," said Rivera.

"Disability services at FIU often have to do etiquette training. We strive to get to the words right."

However, Niguidula said that the National Advocacy Organization, an independent group that works with individuals and families with intellectual disabilities, helps to end the labeling.

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Privacy: an unsettling myth in the digital age

MOISES FUERTES
Staff Writer

I am sure some of us recall a time when Facebook was not prominent, with that time perhaps dating back to online experiences during the Myspace era. I can recall mine starting out in simple AOL chat rooms filled with random people who logged on for no other purpose than to chat with others. The Internet offered at the time was a more simplistic model with no strings attached. Back in those days, I felt like I actually had a sense of privacy online. I recall that in the AOL chat rooms, I was just another person with an alias. I was not Moises Fuertes, at least not in the sense that the other random individuals online knew exactly who I was. All of this immediately changed with the introduction of Myspace, where we could be searched for by age, height, ethnicity and even relationship status. I did not realize it then, but the lines of privacy were only just beginning to blur.

Facebook surfaced as Myspace died out, further destroying what was left of online privacy. This is made clear by the large amount of individuals that write about their daily lives online on the social media giant. I will spare the details of this debacle, suffice to say that Facebook is the prominent social media website today given the fact that it has over 1 billion users, as reported by USA Today in 2012. But social media didn’t stop there and evolved into even more public domain, exemplified by none other than Twitter.

From the ground up, Twitter is by default asking its users to update events as they happen. Tie into this hashtags and it all becomes overly revealing and pervasive. We print it all, always on, always connected and no longer private. The thin line that separated public from private has disappeared and what online privacy we think remains is an illusion. The National Security Agency has made that fact very clear through their massive surveillance of the digital world in the interest of national security. According to the New York Times, “The N.S.A. hacked into target computers to snoop messages before they were encrypted. In some cases, companies say they were coerced by the government into handing over their master encryption keys or building in a back door.”

We all leave a bright footprint online, resulting in everything anyone does being tracked. The fact that any governmental power has acquired master encryption that allows them to bypass secure measures online, ironically created to protect information, basically gives them unlimited power, insofar as information gathering goes. The Net has become central in our daily lives. It may seem like there is the option of leaving, of opting out, but today that isn’t an option. We rely on Google, as it has become the world’s virtual library. We rely on Facebook to stay connected to friends, colleagues and family. We also rely on the Net for business, education and even political elections. How then, is it so difficult to grasp that privacy online is as important as privacy in our physical world?

Today, governments can learn more about a person through a virtual search than they can through a physical search of that person’s home. Digital privacy laws need to catch up to current times. We live in an ecosystem of bits. It is time those bits became the complete property of the individuals who created them. -moises.fuertes@fiusm.com

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

RE: PARKVIEW PARKING

I’m a current resident of Parkview and something has my fellow resi-
dents and I quite annoy.

FIU, despite having a clear lack of parking available on campus— 
especially for those who live on campus—built a separate garage adjacent to Parkview which is only usable by on-campus students.

I certainly wouldn’t mind a garage specifically for that purpose, if it didn’t cost an additional $200.00 to our already expensive mandatory parking fee of $900.00.

Looking through the garage, I see most of it looks positively pristine, brand new, and underutilized above the first two floors. I still have yet to see anyone on the top floor.

Good for those fortunate enough to have money left over after paying $3-900 for just living in Parkview to begin with, I suppose.

But for the rest of us FIU students who don’t drive the luxury cars and F-150s which are more or less the norm there, it just means more waiting to get to our cars, or even parking off campus.

-Louis Gross, junior biology major

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A moment of silence, not complaints

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Contributing Writer

Let’s face it: we love to complain. It’s become part of human nature. It’s what we do best. We’re all familiar with these cries of distaste, which are normally preceded or succeeded with a sigh or an “ay” to further emphasize our dissatisfaction with these grave matters.

The wailer is taking too long. The food needs more salt. It’s super hot outside. My phone has barely any signal here. The lines are too long. There’s too much traffic. That person doesn’t know how to drive. It’s too humid outside. This food tastes bad.

You may even be complaining right now about how I’m complaining about complaining, or about how this article is a mere waste of time, space, and words.

But that’s okay. That’s beside the point. It seems to me that I constantly carry a crusade against life. I’m probably among the biggest complainers I know. I enjoy going against the current, and sharing with others all the cruelties and injustices life seems to zealously lodge at me. I, however, don’t know what cruelty really is—not do I know what it is to stare at heinous injustice in the eyes.

I’m putting this whining and garrulous ranting behind me because it’s ill-minded. We seem to enclose ourselves in a bubble that subtly blinds us and leaves us with the inca-
pacity to see beyond our own realm.

Well, this may be an eye opener: there are nearly seven billion people inhabiting, roaming, living and breathing in this planet we all share.

Out of these seven billion people, at least 80% of them live on less than $10 a day. Over 600 million people without access to proper sanitation scrape the line between death and life with an appealing $2 a day. And sadly enough, approximately 22,000 children die each day from poverty.

How can I complain about school? When there are kids out there who can’t even dream of stepping into a learning institution.

How can I complain about the food I eat? When there are millions of people who go to sleep hungry, and have never known what a meal is comprised of.

How can I complain about traffic, when I have the luxury and am fortunate enough to have my own means of transportation?

How can I complain about my own parents, when there are children who wish they even had parents at all, who wish they knew what the nurturing love and infinite care of a mother or father? We worry and incarcerate ourselves in a vacuum of greed and cynicism.

It’s okay if you don’t have the latest iPhone model, if your food took too long to come, if your nails aren’t absolutely immaculate or if your last haircut left you looking like you were attacked by a flock of pigeons.

Instead of keeping our lives on the negative, the daily vexations, let’s take a moment and pause.

Let’s open our minds and clear the ignorance that blinds our innate kindness. Let’s give thanks. Let’s lend a hand.

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JUNETTE REYES

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**Volleyball making strides in first year in C-USA**

**OSCAR BALDIZON**
**Contributing Writer**

The Panthers went 2-1 last weekend at the FIU Classic, defeating Houston Baptist and University of North Carolina Wilmington 3-1 and falling to Alabama in straight sets on the Lime Court at the U.S. Century Bank Arena.

Standing at 6'3" from birth, Junior Ksenia Sukhareva led the offense for the Panthers with 43 kills last weekend but was also presented a yellow card after debating a close call during a game against UNCW. Loaded with skill and experience, the furious Russian has the potential to take over a match but is easily flustered.

The Panthers will need their defense most of all this season if they expect to make noise in the new Conference USA. Sophomore Ashlee Hodgskin led the team with 59 assists over the course of the tournament but pressure is mounting on the other players to do just as well.

**Satoric living up to buzz**

Anabela Satoric has been one of the most exciting players of recent weeks for the Panthers, as she has been able to make the most of her skills in crucial moments this year for FIU.

**Towers dominate the middle**

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Coming into the 2013-2014 season, there were high expectations for Gonzalez, who grew up in Miami and played his high school soccer at Miami Killian Senior High. Despite his time at Killian, Gonzalez netted 76 total goals and was named to the first team All-Dade both his junior and senior year.

As a Miami native, Gonzalez admitted to feeling extra pressure playing in his hometown, where he would have to impress not only his new team and coaching staff, but also his family and friends who have supported him throughout his soccer career while also adjusting to the level of competition.

The level goes up significantly and it’s always hard to adapt to higher and stronger levels. Luckily for me, I was aware of what was to come and trained all summer to be prepared and excel during my time at FIU,” Gonzalez said.

Excel is exactly what Gonzalez did, overcoming the pressures as a hometown prospect. After watching just a few games, it is evident Smith has a knack for showing up when the team needs her the most. Whether in long droughts of bad play or the most clutch moments of closing out a set, she relishes any opportunity to get on the court and compete.

A stalwart on the defensive line, Gonzalez consistently leads the team in digs, including a career high 18 versus UNCW. As a member of the FIU Sand Volleyball team as well, Gonzalez is fully prepared to help the Panthers achieve their expectations.

**Falling out school, training, games and hours of practice help Gonzalez**

**ALEJANDRO SOLANO**
**Contributing Writer**

Four games into the season, and the men’s soccer team has started off with winning the games, their most recent a 4-3 win against Florida Gulf Coast.

Several players have stood out so far this season after just four games, making an immediate impact for the Panthers. Junior Roberto Alterio has shined for the team and is currently tied for first in the conference with the most scored goals with four.

Another member of the Panthers who has played well early on is standout Sophomore Daniel Gonzalez. In the Panthers most recent win against the Eagles, Gonzalez converted the game-winning goal in the dying minutes to secure the win for FIU.

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As a member of the Youth National team camp in Boston and flying to London with the Disney Showcase, Gonzalez received the Copa-Dorada Hispanic-Athlete award.

An award given to the top Hispanic athletes in Miami, hoping that they will continue in the path of excellence within their sport.

Even with his long list of local and international achievements, Gonzalez still believes his best moments as a soccer player have come from being a member of the Panthers.

“My best moment as a soccer player has been being able to be a part of such a top-notch Division I program like FIU,” Gonzalez said.

As the season continues, Gonzalez and the rest of the Panthers look to improve as a team behind Coach Ken Arena.

The Panthers, who are currently ranked third in the nation in scoring, take on North Florida on Sept. 20, their first home game of the season.
Declining popularity towards top dog Garcia

STEVEN WINE
AP Writer

Marlins manager wants rookie to tone down

Now a full-time spectator for the rest of the season, Miami Marlins ace Jose Fernandez sat quietly behind the dugout railing Thursday as his team lost 6-1 to the Atlanta Braves.

He didn’t lead cheers, help the bat boy or lobby to pinch-run. He merely sat and watched.

The new Jose? Maybe. Manager Mike Redmond wants the rookie right-hander to tone down his exuberant behavior, and says the Atlanta Braves had a legitimate grievance with the rookie’s behavior, which led to a bench-clearing confrontation during his final start of the year.

The Braves were unhappy Fernandez stood at home plate admiring his home run, then spat toward the Braves’ Chris Johnson while rounding third base. The Braves also were annoyed Fernandez reacted with a cocky grin when he gave up a homer to Evan Gattis, then stared toward the Braves bench at the end of the inning.

Redmond sided with the Braves.

“Jose is an emotional guy,” Redmond said Thursday. “That’s part of his game that is going to improve. We don’t want to take the ‘having fun’ aspect away from him. That’s what makes him him. But at the same time, I think maybe he can center that a little bit. That might be a part of his game he needs to look at, and maybe try to do something different.”

After the game, Fernandez apologized for his behavior. Losing in the furor was another fine outing by the All-Star right-hander in his final start of the year.

He allowed one run in seven innings Wednesday to help Miami win 5-2. The 21-year-old Fernandez finished the year 12-6 with a 2.19 ERA, the second-lowest in the majors behind only the Dodgers’ Clayton Kershaw.

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As Fernandez is popular with his teammates, the consensus in the Marlins clubhouse was that he had gone too far.

“I’m no fortune teller, but they may do something?”

With the way the rest of the fall will turn out.

As sad as it may be for some, the biggest team on campus is the football team and the support or backlash towards Garcia will be based on the outcome of this Panther team.

If alumni felt the need to put together a website to make a point, who knows what they may do next?

I’m no fortune teller, but unless the Panthers turn a complete 180, ticket sales will continue to go down and “fans” will continue to spend their Saturdays watching other football games, while Alfonso Field at FIU Stadium becomes the second home field to opponents.

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For those with any question or need more information, they may call the athletic department at 305-348-3285.

What if that same kid would rather not be good enough for every action.

In the rear through the exit. A few former Miami players have been fired after posting a 26-65 record. Thomas would later consult a former team executive, for a mere $11.6 million.

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Recently, the biggest news throughout campus and the football team was the firing of now offensive line coach at Alabama, Nick Saban.

The new Jose? Maybe. Manager Mike Redmond to FIU, though the kid with four stars by rivals.com and ESPN won’t be coming to FIU, had a 4.0 grade point average and the knowledge of the basis of college ball, it is known that Florida is in the top three states, if not the top state, with the best recruits coming out of high school. With the success and connections stemming from the University of Miami, Cristobal had the know-how to bring those potential athletes to FIU Stadium.

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New York Times author, columnist to speak at BBC

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New York Times columnist and professor of journalism at Columbia University, Samuel Freedman, will speak at the Biscayne Bay Campus on Sept. 18. Freedman recently published a book called “Breaking the Line,” a nonfiction story about a history-changing game between two black coaches and players in Miami, in 1967. During a time when racial segregation was especially prevalent, Freedman’s book highlights the challenges that black coaches and players had to overcome.

According to Freedman, most people do not think much of seeing a black quarterback on the field.

“They had to go to great lengths to get to where they are today,” said Freedman.

Aside from being a published author, Freedman is also a columnist for the New York Times. His column first began as an educational column, but later evolved into a column about religion.

“Writing for the Times has always been a life-long dream. Ever since I was young, I wanted to write for this paper,” said Freedman. “It has been the biggest honor of my life to have the opportunity to write for them.”

According to Freedman, writing for such a well-known publication is not so much a challenge, but definitely hard work.

“Every day you are always trying to publish the most accurate and interesting work for my readers. It’s important that I am giving accurate information, while giving them the best story possible,” said Freedman.

Freedman is also a professor at Columbia in the City of New York. He is a professor of Journalism and Mass Communications in the graduate program. There, he encourages students to keep up with new reporting and writing techniques.

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“Online classes, at least for our department, is no longer simply about putting up notes or powerpoints anymore, or just saying ‘read the book and take the exam,’” Qureshi said.

“Looking into online classes, we felt that in order to improve the faculty member’s demonstrations and presentations, we needed to give them a more professional environment where they could develop learning objects, meaning lectures, presentations and demonstrations.”

“The new facility will have film and audio equipment and will feature a greenscreen in which professors will be able to present their lectures while simultaneously showing images and facts on the screen behind them to further enhance the learning process.

Along with the bachelor and master’s programs that are offered online, the School of Hospitality also offers non credit certificates in various hospitality fields.

Within these online classroom the students will have a chance to work with professors to create presentations that are much more engaging than a normal PowerPoint, according to Qureshi.

When it comes to taking online classes, students seem to have differing views.

“I don’t like sitting at a computer for long periods of time, I also feel that I work better in a classroom setting where I can immediately ask for help, regardless of the way the lectures are presented,” said sophomore electrical engineering major, Albert Angulo.

Gabriella Vargas, senior public relations major, on the other hand thoroughly enjoys them.

“I like that with online classes I don’t have to drive to school, and that I can do the work alone,” said Vargas. “I think making the lectures more interactive would definitely make the classes more engaging and students would probably be more willing to try an online class.”

As of right now the facility will only be used by faculty members and professors, however, students with developed presentation ideas may have the opportunity to use the facility, if scheduling permits. In order to fund the new project, the School of Hospitality is using monies that they have generated through the online masters program.

The program is market rate, meaning that the school sets a monthly fee for the program, preventing the use of monies from the budget to fund the project.

Completion on the Learning Object Development Environment room is expected by November 2013.

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