Students not using services, fees continue to increase

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Students are granted services, sometimes unknown to them, covered by fees including athletic, health and activity and service fees that tack on over $200 to a student’s semester costs. Students may be unaware or uninterested in the events taking place, some may not have the necessity for the services at all and some may not know they are entitled to these services to begin with.

“It’s amazing how students don’t know about services they were offered,” said William Brenz, associate dean of undergraduate education.

For the 2013-2014 year, athletic fees are $20 and health fees are $181.10, with the latter having experienced a 2.8 percent increase approved by the Health Fee Committee in spring 2013.

Each year, the University rotates fee increases amidst athletics, health and activity

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Animal rights group raises awareness about pitbull ban

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When people think of Miami a few things come to mind – beautiful beaches, night clubs and the one and only Mr. 305, the artist Armando Christian Perez better known as Pitbull.

But if you take a good look around, you will notice the lack of pit bulls in this city.

According to the University’s Student Animal Legal Defense Fund, pit bulls were banned in 1989 from Miami-Dade County after a young girl was attacked. Over the years, there have been attempts to have the ban lifted, but none have been successful.

SALDF is hosting the Miami Coalition Against Breed Specific Legislation, an event to raise awareness of the ban, on Nov. 12 at the College of Law.

“Our mission is to protect the lives and advance the interest of animals through the legal system,” said Oscar Fernandez, SALDF president and second year law student.

“We’re here to help animals in the best way we can.”

The organization will welcome the Miami Coalition Against Breed Specific Legislation’s Dahlia Cane, the founder who will speak about the history of the organization and the community’s chance to vote “yes” on having the pit bull ban lifted.

Last year, the Coalition successfully achieved having the ban placed on the ballot, giving voters the opportunity to decide if they wanted to welcome back pit bulls.

Unfortunately, the outcome was not in favor of pit bulls, but they are not giving up that easily.

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“I specifically asked them to talk about their plans for the future, on what they’re going to do after the defeat they suffered last year,” said Stephanie Klein, SALDF co-president and second year law student.

It is an animal tradition for the Miami Coalition to come speak about the false image that has been placed on these dogs, and this year’s presentation will have a few variations.

“The animals are not at fault here. Animals react to human behavior. If they feel attacked, they will attack,” said Andrea Franco, junior journalism major.

Whether you are the proud owner of a four-legged friend or if the only type of dog you like is the one you put on a bun, the event will advocate how pit bulls can be saved from an unjust fate.

“We want to promote awareness. Not everyone, but most people have had pets growing up. Pet owners know first-hand that animals have their own personalities, their own characteristics and nature,” Fernandez said.

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A court granted former Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf bail Monday in a case related to the death of a radical cleric, paving the way for him to end his more than six-month house arrest, his defense lawyer said. Musharraf, who has been plagued by legal troubles since he returned to Pakistan in March after years of self-imposed exile, already has been granted bail in three other cases against him. However, he is still prevented from leaving the country, his lawyer Byas Saddiqi said. Saddiqi said Musharraf was granted bail because there was no evidence to prove his involvement in the death of the radical cleric, who was killed during a raid on a hard-line mosque in Islamabad in 2007. Prosecutors could not be immediately reached for comment.

Thousands of Russian nationalists rally in Moscow

Several thousand Russian nationalists rallied Monday in Moscow, venting against the migrants they accuse of pushing up the crime rate and taking their jobs. The protest took place on Unity Day, a national holiday established in 2005 to replace commemorations of the Bolshevik Revolution. Many demonstra-
tors carried Russian imperial flags. One group displayed a banner reading “Young People Against Tolerance.” Animosity is strong among nationals against migrants from the former Soviet Central Asian republics and against non-Slavs from the largely Muslim Russian Caucasian region. Central Asian migrants are widely employed in big cities in construction and do other low-paid jobs that Russians are not eager to do. The protesters marched in a southeast neighborhood Monday afternoon along a tree-lined boulevard.

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Students oblivious of services offered

and service. However, students only receive the full benefit of these increases when they take advantage of the resources provided by these fees.

Students receiving athletic scholarships reap the benefits of the athletic fee because most of that money is attributed toward their tuition, granting about $20,000 a year per athlete according to Beesting. The other portion grants students free admission to football games and all other intercollegiate athletic events, but most students fail to show their Panther pride.

Temprissy Sharp, junior psychology major, said she never attended a University of Miami football game due to the distance of the stadium and the Golden Panthers’ poor reputation.

“I rarely go to the [Modesto A. Maidique Campus],” said Sharp. “And the team loses.”

Although Sharp hasn’t attended football events by her athletic pass because the students are robbed of the benefits entitled to them by not knowing when the games and other events are taking place.

For instance, Jennifer Armatrading, freshman chemistry major, said she attended a lecture as an extra credit assignment for her English class and enjoyed it, but hasn’t attended any other events because she isn’t aware of them.

“I don’t really hear about events,” she said—a statement echoed by other students.

Most students are willing to partici- pate in the on-campus activities and service fees, but miss out on those opportunities because they, like Armatrading, don’t know of the activities taking place.

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Corrections

In Volume 25, Issue 32, a football photo ran instead of a soccer photo. In Volume 25, Issue 34, we ran the incorrect story for “Alumni on frontlines of Veterans and Military Affairs.” Please look to Issue 35 for the correct article.

The Beacon will gladly change any errors. Call our MMC office at 305-348-2709 or BBC at 305-919-4722.

Kieron Williams

The African and African Diaspora Studies Program will address tactics used by the president of Zimbabwe to seize the majority vote in a roundtable on Nov. 9 with keynote panelist Chenzera Hove, an award-winning writer exiled from Zimbabwe.

The roundtable will be held in the Green Library, room 100A.

The event will provide insight into President Robert Mugabe himself as well as a discussion about a failed petition submitted by the Movement for Democratic Change, a political party in Zimbabwe that was formed in 1999 to oppose Mugabe’s campaign.

Hove is an award-winning poet and writer who has been exiled from Zimbabwe, his home country. Hove was selected in 2008 by Brown University to be the writer-in-residence for their national Writers Project. He has written various novels, including “Masimba Avanita,” a novel written entirely in his native language, Shona. However, his history with Zimbabwe is not so decorated.

“When he was very young, Hove’s sister Agnes was taken away,” said Reyn Valerio, program assistant for the AADS. “Only later did he find out that his father had told Agnes into a marriage that was old enough to be his grandfather.”

Hove’s family worked very hard and sold all their valuables to help Agnes flee, but the practice is still very common in Zimbabwe.

“When he found out that, he just couldn’t sit by,” Valerio said. “He had to take action.”

The School of International and Public Affairs will be hosting this roundtable to discuss the war paid on behalf of civil activity and service fees, but miss out on those opportunities because they, like Armatrading, don’t know of the activities taking place.

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Cyber bullying: the man-made virus

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The virus is everywhere. It spreads its prison from one area of cyberspace to the next: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, online video game forums and even voice chat in “Call of Duty.” It festers in anonymity but doesn’t necessarily require it. In the worst cases it leads to suicide, while in others it leads to insecurity, shame and misery.

That is the face of cyber bullying, and it’s happening on a global scale.

According to a press release by the Pew Research Center in 2011 on cyber bullying, 95 percent of teens ages 13 to 17 are online and 80 percent have a social media account. While the document notes that 80 percent of those polled said they had defended the victims targeted by cyber bullying, 21 percent said they had joined in on the cyber bullying.

The majority of parents had no idea of the cyber bullying itself, with only 7 percent of them showing concern about their child being bullied online.

But cyber bullying isn’t limited to children and teenagers — it occurs to adults as well.

In South Korea, the online video game scene is enormous. Even in this medium where people are meant to have fun, certain players have been known to attack other players.

The best way to address the complexities of our world is by stepping in and rejecting this negative behavior online. It festers in cyberspace to the next: Facebook, Twitter, even voice chat in “Call of Duty.” It festers and mutates into something far more serious while it remains online.

Cyberbullying has started to shift and become helpful. In South Korea, the online video game scene has started to shift and become helpful. Perhaps a similar approach is needed to deal with the cyber bullying occurring in all our physical worlds, as well.

I am fairly confident the vast majority of us have witnessed some type of cyber bullying of various degrees. I tend to see it among adults during presidential elections or due to religious beliefs.

A key element here is the lack of information on online bullying in terms of how much people know. If stems from the fact some still haven’t realized the Internet is as important as our physical world, and that it is real, which in turn makes these individuals simplify all things that happen on the net.

This is where FIU, as an entity, can help. We are “Worlds ahead,” and I think part of making sure we stay there is incorporating the importance of the Net on a humanitarian level throughout the University. The Net is a wonderful medium for communication and learning, and I feel that it needs to be taken much more seriously than it currently is by society as a whole. The idea is to get people to step in and reject this negative behavior online when it’s encountered.

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On a positive note, ever since the above post was created detailing his experience, it has had a ripple effect on all the South Korean WoW servers, where the community has started to shift and become helpful.

Perhaps a similar approach is needed to deal with the cyber bullying occurring in all our other physical locations, online or in real life. It festers in such places, but with a similar approach, the virus is everywhere.

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Let me begin by saying that I am a straight male currently in a relationship. It’s too obvious what you’re doing. Not just to me, but even to my mom sometimes.

1. The Reflection

Let’s face it: The left side of your face is too beautiful for the world to not see it twice. You know that people scroll through their Instagram feed quickly and might accidentally commit the biggest mistake of their lives by swiping past your majestic picture by accident, so you’re going to be nice this time and display your face twice times just in case. While you help the world see both sides of the same face, your poor little, innocent, misguided Maria posted her selfie without putting in the extra effort to reflect her face on a vertical axis. Common, Maria. This isn’t Google+. Step it up.

2. The Bathroom Shot (Maxim Edition)

We’ve all been there. Our camera rolls may be full of them, but some take the extra step to publicly demonstrate their dirty toilet seat, open its tooth paste bottle, and whether they’re daring enough to have an electric toothbrush or not to touch it. What some people see as a mirror image of themselves, Miami girls see as a portal to the world of fashion, stardom and modeling. Basically, it’s the 21st century wardrobe from Narnia. In these types of pictures, optimal butt position is essential for maximum likes. Many girls do this subconsciously because they’re masters of their own art, but there is actually a science behind “accidentally” sitting on the counter of their bathroom, allowing their Instagram rectum to bulge out like it desperately needs oxygen. The used towel hanging from their towel rack is not a sign of their inability to tidy up before a picture. It’s actually an allegory to their multifaceted stance on human self-acceptance and their deviancy of the norm, but they pretend to not know that. While hopeless Maria takes a bathroom selfie just standing in place, the more versatile Miami girl throws up peace signs, adds a foot of depth to her face with makeup, and tilts the camera ever so slightly to achieve that deep sense of disquilibrium sought after by so many professional photographers.

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If for some reason you’re managed to avoid the “Just Dance” series up to this point, I regret to inform that Ubisoft keeps the dance game craze going with “Just Dance 2014.” It’s the fifth main series entry of the franchise following last year’s “Just Dance 4.” If you’re unfamiliar with the series, “Just Dance” is a dance party game where players dance to songs and try to get the highest score. This is a simple concept on paper, but somehow works in execution when you get a group of friends together.

In “Just Dance 2014,” there are new songs, new dance moves and some new features, but not much else. I can’t imagine Ubisoft changing the formula for the “Just Dance” series any time soon, as new games in the “Just Dance” series feed more like a compilation album of different dance tunes than a full new game.

That said, depending how you value the songs in “2014,” it may be worth your investment, especially if you enjoy the “Just Dance” gameplay and the new songs.

These new songs include “Blurred Lines,” “Get Lucky” and “Applause.” (For the full tracklist, read the review on FLUSM.com.) There are some oddball songs in the game like Disney’s “Prince Ali” from “Aladdin” and the “Ghostbusters” theme song. There are some older songs like “Careless Whisper” and “Flashdance… What a Feeling,” along with lesser known songs like “Nitro Box” and “Candy.” These songs definitely change up the population of the “Top 100” hits, and if you’re playing this game at a party, the variation allows for almost everyone to have at least one song they can enjoy dancing to.

The dancing mechanics remain the same, as players must match the movements of their right hand to the dancers on the screen. While actually matching the dance movements on the screen is encouraged by the game, a lazy gamer could easily sit karaoke option, so you can sit back and sing along to the songs while everyone else dances. The multi-layered gameplay during a song is appreciated, and the party focused design helps the game succeed at its goal of being a “dance party game.” There are also some new features designed to improve gameplay during a song. Depending how fit and energized your friends are, expect an average “Just Dance” gameplay of about 30 minutes to an hour if you have a gathering of friends.

Outside of party usage, “Just Dance 2014” does feature an online mode that allows you to dance along with players around the world to the same song. It’s an interesting mode and the idea of having individual players around the world dancing to the same song is a little strange, but it’s convenient to have a random playlist of different songs and viewing your dance skills compared with other players. It’s a good way of racking up points to unlock new dance routines and unlockables, and makes the idea of dancing alone less goofy.

Another online feature that’s included is Just Dance TV, which allows you to browse and share dance videos that have been recorded. The clips play out like gifs, showcasing random segments during your routines. It’s an interesting feature, especially if you’re inclined to share your dancing escapades online.

The Just Sweat mode returns, which may be an option for those that would rather dance to lose calories than hit the gym. Some songs feature unlockable routines designed for you to be more active for certain songs, thus burning some more calories. While including the Just Sweat mode is nice, I don’t think it’ll work for everyone.

The Wii U version features an updated “Puppet Master” mode, now called “Party Master” that allows whoever is holding the gamepad to choose the songs and dance moves for the dancers. (Note this option is also available on the Xbox 360 and Xbox One versions through Smartglass.) This asymmetric gameplay is effective when used appropriately, and can be used to benefit the dancers and enhance the experience, or frustrate them by choosing difficult dance moves. It’s a “use at your own risk” feature.

The Verdict:

The “Just Dance” games are fortunate enough to have a simple design behind it: you pick up the controller, follow the movements on the screen and have a good time. In my case, I enjoyed dancing to some of the tunes in the game, and the World Dance Floor mode makes playing solo enjoyable, by dancing alongside players around the world.

While “2014” isn’t a major change from previous Just Dance games, it provides the same dancing gameplay you’ve come to expect from the series. The biggest feature difference is the series lies with the World Dance Floor mode – it allows for great replayability outside of party usage.

If you’re interested in this new iteration of “Just Dance” you’d look through the track list and determine whether it’s worth purchasing for your gatherings of friends or playing with family.

The heart of the game is the music on the disc (and the down-loadable content.) If you don’t like a particular song, there’s a good chance you won’t enjoy dancing to it.

If you can actually get friends or family together and play this game, you’re probably going to have a good time. There’s joy to be found in dancing to some of the songs in the game, and you can get some enjoyment in watching friends and family attempt at being as precise as the dancers on the screen.

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3. The Marco Island Glory Shot

If you’re a girl, live in Miami, and go to the beach, then there’s no escaping this one. I’m talking about the lying-down, head-to-toe shots wherein one captures, you know, the beautiful line in which the sunset connects with the furthest glimpse of the ocean, the swaying palm trees in the distance, your belly button, and the beautiful multi-colored sand surrounding the blissful landscape. Sometimes I question whether you go to the beach, take this picture, touch the water, and leave. While the foolish and lost Maria takes a captivating picture of the scenic topography that invokes awe, a Miami girl adds that touch of genius by including her toes (exposing her uncut toenails) which adds a nice balance between nature and human anatomy. Maria, if you don’t help yourself, no one can.

4. #yolo

As the wise philosopher Aubrey Drake Graham popularized, you only live once. Many girls take this to heart but forget that you also only die once. They suddenly realize that life is too short and they need to go to every party, getty, and drink in each one before the world ends. Gathering random people from the party and commanding each one to hold up their red solo cup in front of their youth is not out of the ordinary for Miami girls. Terrible midnight photo quality aside, these girls really know how to show everyone they’re having the time of their lives. In case you missed their photo caption of “Partying with my day-one #yolo [every relatable emoji ever],” they make sure you can see it in their eyes and facial expressions that everyone side. Simple-minded and misguided Maria goes to parties and enjoys the night by dancing and talking to others and sometimes forgets to take pictures, but Miami girls who take these pictures often accompany their expose shots with touching quotations taken completely out of context from books they’ve never read, tumblr blogs they don’t follow and songs they heard on Pandora a minute ago on their Zedd station in an attempt to add that extra touch of cultural capital. These girls are fearless. They know their moms follow them on Instagram and simply don’t care. When confronted by their mom about the picture, they stare at their mom in the eyes and whisper “Like the picture.”

### University-approved medical-marijuana panel

**Date:** Nov. 6  
**Place:** Graham Center  
**Time:** 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

**PANEL WITH IRVIN ROSENFIELD**

**Pictured (above) is a person smoking a marijuana cigarette. Currently, marijuana is listed as a Schedule I drug by the Drug Enforcement Administration.**

- Diego Saldana-Rojas  
- Kelly Milagro  
- Dario Moreno, as well as Rosenfeld with University professors:
  - Michael Weissberg
  - Eduardo Gamara
  - Jose Miguel Cruz
  - Julia Samuel

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At the end of the spectrum we have the untamed animals (rawr) that can’t be stopped. These girls don’t care if their breasts occupy 95% of the image, if there is more skin in the picture than cars parked at FIU, or if their shorts fail to do their only job. Miami girls who take these pictures often accompany their expose shots with touching quotations taken completely out of context from books they’ve never read, tumblr blogs they don’t follow and songs they heard on Pandora a minute ago on their Zedd station in an attempt to add that extra touch of cultural capital. These girls are fearless. They know their moms follow them on Instagram and simply don’t care. When confronted by their mom about the picture, they stare at their mom in the eyes and whisper “Like the picture.”

**CURED OF CANCER CORDON**

**DIEGO SALDANA-ROJAS**  
**The Beacon – Wednesday, November 6, 2013**

** entertainment director**

A new on-campus student organization, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, will be hosting medical marijuana patient Irvin Rosenfeld to discuss his experience with the Supreme Court, and his views on the status of the War on Drugs.

Rosenfeld was born Ports-mouth, Va. in 1953. He was diag- nosed with a bone disorder at age 10 while playing little league. He discovered the healing properties of medical marijuana in 1971. Now, he is married and has been so for the past 34 years and is an investment consultant — and still using medical marijuana to help him deal with his illness.

Kelly Milagro, vice president, of SSDP is inspired by Rosenfeld’s struggle against his rare bone disease and the government.

“He’s lived through decades of being a patient. He’s the second patient in the US to be allowed to have medical cannabis,” said Milagro.

The first portion of the event will have Rosenfeld discussing his experiences with medical marijuana. The second portion of the event will be a panel discussion with University professors: Michael Weissberg, Eduardo Gamara, Jose Miguel Cruz and Dario Moreno, as well as Rosen-feld. Students are encouraged to participate and ask questions.

“I’m leaving the floor open to ask whatever they feel comfort-able with,” said Milagro.

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**3-month-old Prince George is christened in London**

**GREGORY KAIZ**  
**AP Staff**

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When William was christened in 1982, he wore the original gown — by then well-weathered — and tie as he proudly carried their first child. Luke and Prince Harry from the Gospel of St. John.

The others include Oliver Bader, a friend from William and Kate’s days at St. Andrews University. Emilia Jardine-Paterson, who went to the exclusive Marlborough College high school with Kate; Hugh Grosvenor, the son of the Duke of Westminster; Jamie Lowther-Pinkerton, a former private secre-tary to the couple; Julia Samuel, a close friend of Princess Diana, and William van Cutsem, a childhood friend of William’s. Palace officials said water from the River Jordan — where Christians believe Jesus Christ was baptized — was used for the christening.
SPORTS

Panthers’ season spiraling down after big loss to ECU

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Last Saturday brought another loss to the Panthers football program as they fell 34-13 to East Carolina University. The Panthers now sit at 1-6 overall and 1-3 in Conference USA play. After the game, Head Coach Ron Turner said again what he has been saying all season.

“There is no such thing as moral victories,” Turner said. “I do not and will not ever say that I believe in them.”

This came from speaking about the defensive unit and its play near the end of the game. Turner went on to speak of where he believes the Panthers are headed.

“I like where we are going and I told the team that in the locker room after the game. I am really excited about where this football team is going. This football program and this team, if we believe and continue to fight, we are going to get there and I am excited about it,” Turner said. “As I have said every week, we have guys playing more plays than they should, but when we get our full squad out there and everyone is taking care of business – like they should – and we keep believing and fighting like that, then we will get things done.”

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The Mean Green of North Texas as the C-USA tournament kicks off. This is a North Texas team that FIU has not played this season and with their 12-6-1 record they aren’t to be taken lightly.

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The Pirates dominated time of possession throughout the game, holding the ball for 40 minutes and 37 seconds in total. This only gave the Panthers 19 minutes and 23 seconds of ball possession and you cannot score unless you have the ball. The largest difference margin between ball possession came in the third quarter when the Pirates had the ball for nearly two a game. However, I want to add perspective to that number, since the 2-7-0 start as opposed to 2.20 throughout the season.

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Strong start for swimming

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Staff Writer

The FIU Swimming and Diving team improved to 3-0 this season after a 140-101 win over Indian River Community College this weekend.

FIU was led in the Swimming events by senior Sonia Perez, who with a time of 2:03.98 on the 200 meters backstroke event posted the top time on Conference USA this season on that event.

Perez also took first place on the 400 IM event with a time of 4:24.87.

Another swimmer that contributed to the Panthers victory was junior Johanna Gustafsdottir, who also won two events on the meet.

Johanna posted a season-high time on the 200 m freestyle event with a time of 2:20.22 and finished first on the 200 breaststroke.

Nadia Farrugia also took honors on the 1,000 Yard Freestyle to seal the victory for the Panthers.

The Diving events were led by senior Sabrina Beaupre who won the one and three meter diving events.

Beaupre recorded a season-best score of 294.45 on the three meter diving event to earn first place in the event.

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Despite final preseason win, Russo not happy

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In their final tuneup before the regular season, senior guard Jerica Coley’s 30 points led the way for FIU over Barry University 66-52 on Nov. 1 at the U.S. Century Bank Arena.

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Panthers getting ‘bold’ with new student-run public relations agency

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Something very bold is happening at the FIU School of Journalism and Mass Communication. Bold Student Agency is the faculty managed, student-run public relations agency at the University and it is making some very bold statements.

From packages to website design, the students of Bold are bringing real clients to the table and working with real companies as part of the classroom setting. Bringing together about 15 students from journalism, mass communications, public relations, advertising and more, Bold is supervised by Professor Victoria Shorten – but the students are the brains and brawn behind this operation.

“The power of the agency is that everyone has different talents to bring to the table,” said Shorten. “They’re getting real world opportunities to expand their horizons.”

Students at Bold work with various multimedia outlets, plan press releases, build media packages, design websites as well as produce work for high-end concierge and real estate services such as “More Than Lux,” companies in Wynwood, Miami, as well as the Discovery Channel.

“We’re learning how to produce a story that’s more than just an advertisement,” said Misha Cardona, senior public relations specialist. “It doesn’t just have to be about selling a product. It’s about the essence of the story.”

Bold brings a hands-on approach to working in the field of public relations, journalism and advertising through the lessons students learn in entrepreneurship as well.

“You don’t get taught business in mass communications,” said Laura Cardona, senior advertising major and event planning minor. “With Bold, it’s learning how to deliver and build our brand at the same time... We’re building a bridge to the business world.”

Students at Bold affirm that working with real clients on deadlines and working with people from so many different fields can be hard and takes a lot of time. Even so, students are determined to make it work.

“The journalists help the public relations students and the [students] that are good with social media and websites help the students who are having trouble... You wouldn’t think we all work so well together,” Cardona said. “Sometimes we’ll blast emails in the middle of the night and talk about ideas.”

The students of Bold not only learn skills in media production, but also in project management, content to experiencing an internship for a big company.”

Shorten notes that the students are very dedicated to Bold and that’s what keeps them going. Students have other classes, full-time jobs and other responsibilities, and don’t have time for a full internship.

“(This class) is our hour of personal growth time,” Mendoza said.

“Usually I don’t like group projects because there’s always that one person that doesn’t do anything or doesn’t care,” said Samantha Serra, senior advertising major. “But here, everyone is needed. In class you’re taught what to do, but Bold shows us how to do it.”

Last week, Bold had its first official welcoming ceremony, introducing the agency to the University and the world. The event was an opportunity for students to engage other professionals in their field and was planned, advertised and put together by the students themselves. Sponsors of the event included Misha’s Cupcakes, La Gliotonnerie, FastSigns, Nancy Starr and VSL Jewelry – Shorten’s own line.

Through Bold, students also work in partnership with various companies such as MasterCard, Discovery Latin America, Tierra Nueva Fine Cocoa and even Google. One such participant at the event was senior media sales executive of Google and former Apprentice participant Panos Zambetakis.

Bold hopes to open doors to students in the world of local and international business as well as provide a learning experience for them to get the tools they’ll need to survive in the real world. “We really build our strengths here, but we build our weaknesses at the same time,” said Cardona. “Our future employers will want just what’s in our field.”

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