Law school combats student stress with haikus

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Only two weeks into her first year of law school, Jessica Shraybman observed her peers disappearing from her classes. When they finally returned, they attributed their absence to the need for a break from school to cope with the stress.

According to the American Psychological Association, millennials – people 18 to 33 – seem to have particular trouble managing their stress. On average, their stress level is 5.4 on a 10-point scale, while the national average is at a lower 4.9.

Shraybman realized she needed to create an organization that reminds students to maintain balance in life. The Club for Mindful Living has made it its mission to actively spread the practice of a balanced life among law students.

“It is a way of advocating ourselves as whole people first,” Shraybman said. On Nov. 14, the Club for Mindful Living will host Mindful Living Day in the student lounge in the College of Law. It is open to all students and faculty. The all-day event will promote the idea of restoring peace in one’s life.

Shraybman founded the club in 2011, her first year of law school, after realizing the growing need for an organization that directly deals with reminding students how to handle stress without losing oneself.

“Living mindfully is a source of putting the challenges of law school and expectations of law school into perspective,” Shraybman said. This will be the second time Mindful Living Day is hosted by the club; it is planned to occur on a semester basis.

This semester’s event will include activities that were popular last semester plus some new ones. Mindful Living Day will begin with a spiritual breakfast session where members from the Muslim, Christian, Jewish, atheist communities talk about their relationships with faith and how those relationships have contributed to a holistic, balanced life while managing the rigors of law school.

The breakfast will be followed by a series of lighthearted haiku and mandala contests. Winners of these contests last semester were awarded with T-shirts donated by YOGiZa, a local company that sells organic cotton yoga clothing.

This event will also feature a reggae hour, Luncheon Laugh and a meditation area. Luncheon Laugh is a regularly held event where students can eat healthy food, provided by a local business called The Last Carrot, and enjoy comedy shows such as “Saturday Night Live” before returning to class.

“It’s a really nice and unique event at the law school that is looked forward to by students and faculty alike. Last semester, a number of interested faculty members – myself included – honored the event by starting class with a moment of awareness,” said Megan Fairlie, law professor.

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Police report low numbers of assault

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It’s widely underreported and often its numbers are distorted. Some estimates even say that it happens to one in four women, but according to the University’s most recent annual security report, sexual assault numbers have remained low since 2010.

“We only get 3 to 4 reports of sexual assault a year. That’s a very low number for a campus of this size,” said Chief of Police Alexander Casas.

Sexual assault on college campuses is a nationwide problem, but not a recent one.

In 1986, Jeann Clery, a Lehigh University freshman, was raped but not a recent one.

Dance marathon contestants compete and show their talent to the judges and the Graham Center audience. Maze Enquez (above), a sophomore marketing and international business major, dances to “Do You” by Miguel.

Students gear up for an electro-acoustic symphony

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Daniel Yellin, senior in music technology and percussion performance, said he was inspired by “Guitar Hero” to create his own video games – his first, “Piano Hero” and his second titled “No Exit” which is a mazurka played by a laptop ensemble of six members.

With their laptop pads, each performer goes through the mazurka that contains parameters that affect the sound of the tape. With each movement from the laptop, the tape experiences frequency shifts; this piece is known as electro-acoustic music.

“The idea of the piece is that I have a visual graph that each performer uses,” Yellin said.

This year, music enthusiasts can listen to student’s electro-acoustic music pieces on Nov. 15 and 16 at the Electro-Acoustic Research Society’s two-day Florida Electro-Acoustic Student Festival at the Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center Concert Hall.

“Spearheaded entirely by students, this festival is a culmination of their research, creative work and initiative to collaborate with others,” said Yellin, president of EARS.

“FEAST is very academic. It is a way for students to get their works out there by helping new composers premier their works,” according to Yellin, electro-acoustic music is any music that uses electronics as a means to create the final result.
Knox’s knife DNA casts doubt on murder weapon

A court-appointed expert testifying in U.S. student Amanda Knox’s third murder trial in Italy said Wednesday that a new trace of DNA found on the handle of the knife alleged to have been the murder weapon belongs to Knox, not the victim. That testimony bolsters the defense, which claims the kitchen knife was not the weapon used in the bloody 2007 slaying of Knox’s British roommate, Meredith Kercher. As things stand, there’s no confirmed DNA belonging to Kercher on the knife; one piece of DNA on its blade that was first attributed to Kercher has been disputed on appeal. Expert Andrea Berti testified Wednesday that the minute new DNA trace from the knife’s handle showed “considerable affinity” with Knox’s DNA, while not matching that of Kercher.

Israeli ex-foreign minister cleared in graft trial

An Israeli court on Wednesday found former Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman innocent of all charges in a graft trial, clearing the way for one of Israel’s most powerful politicians and party leaders to return to his post as the nation’s top diplomat, raising his clout in a bitterly divided government. The decision handed Lieberman a resounding victory in a case that had threatened to derail his political career and reshape the makeup of the coalition government. Instead, he could return to the political arena stronger than ever. “This chapter is behind me. I am focusing on the challenges ahead, and there are plenty of challenges,” the triumphant Lieberman said.

TECHO-FIU to talk poverty at Wynwood Art Walk event

TECHO-FIU will be at Wynwood Art Walk from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Panther Coffee on 2300 N.W. 2nd Ave. All future events of TECHO-FIU will be posted on their Facebook page.

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School security versus individual privacy

When it comes down to it, I would rather have my privacy slightly compromised if it meant that my security never was.

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It was in September when T-Mobile set up a station in GC to attract freshmen to their latest plan that reduced cost as more people signed up. While walking with a friend, I stumbled upon this campaign and soon agreed to be part of it after meeting another one of our friends. We were looking forward to something that was cheap and affordable here in the US. We paid for our SIM cards. It was supposed to be three people in one plan. But the story played out in a different way.

On Sept. 20, we woke up to a bill exceeding a $120 each. This had not been anticipated before – but separate bills meant that both of us had separate plans. So we called to reconfirm what all this was about and after hours of explanation to the different representatives at ‘this large’ company we were told that we had no choice but to go to a store and sort out the deal. Taking this advice, we made time in our busy schedules to go to a store and sort out the issue.

Upon arrival, we were informed by a T-Mobile representative that we had been scammed and that separate plans were created under each of our names, which increased the bill. We immediately called in to report this fraud; however, after three days of assessment we were informed that it was a mistake and hence it would be sorted out soon enough – which is why our case could not be classified as a ‘fraudulent case.’

When we asked if they could shut down the account after payment, we were informed that we would physically have to visit the store which was impossible for us since neither of us had a car and we all know what the transport system is like in Miami. So we had no choice but to pay. Instead of paying $90 plus taxes for one month we ended up paying more than that for one SIM. After which we decided to shut down our services. I’m still using T-Mobile prepaid services and there’s no doubt that it is one of the most amazing carriers in the world with exceptional packages. However, it is these stores that operate under them that are giving them a bad reputation just so they can make money by falsifying details and getting away with it.

We made a mistake which will never happen again and it is with these mistakes that we learn how things operate in the real world. For all incoming freshmen, this should be a lesson that they don’t get caught up in schemes like these by other companies – not just law enforcement agencies but T-Mobile as well should look into this matter as it may damage their reputation on the whole.

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How to go on vacation the affordable way

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Vacations are as common as ice cream in the summer and hot chocolate in the winter. Everyone takes a vacation every now and again but when you do it, what you do, where you go, or how much you spend is entirely up to you.

However, with this difficult economy, what used to be budget-friendly has now become much more costly, causing vacations to become almost extinct. Prices are rising everywhere and what was used to be affordable vacations are becoming shockingly expensive.

I’ve gone on two vacations this year, one to Walt Disney World Resort and the other to Sanibel Island, Fl, and I found myself planning them both. In the process, I saw how prices and other things today have really changed since less than 10 years ago.

When I was younger, Walt Disney World was a family budget-friendly place to vacation with a one day ticket adult price only $40-$45. Have you seen their prices now? They have doubled in price to the grand total of $90 for a one-day adult pass.

The price increase isn’t just for the ticket entrance but also for food. Food prices are suddenly high not only in the parks but in almost every other area that is overpopulated with tourists as well. Whether it be in the countryside, a big city, or even by the beach almost every single restaurant in the country is increasing their prices with a dinner entree plate range of $25-$50.

This average more or less depends on where you go on vacation, the location of the restaurant, and what you order. However, if you manage to get a hotel room with a kitchen, you can make money by falsifying details and getting away with it.

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It’s “About Time” we had a genuine romance film

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As students find themselves in the thick of the fall semester, one thing rests on all of their minds: sleep. The FIU Theatre Department plays off of this theme with their second main production of the year, “Sleeping Beauty.”

The While the story of “Sleeping Beauty” is a well-known one, the production put on by guest director Margaret Ledford is not quite the same as the Disney film the audience may remember. One significant difference is the sense of remorse in senior Rachel Rodríguez’s portrayal of the present version of Fairy Goddy.

“You see the humanity in everybody,” said Rodriguez. “And how mistakes affect others, even if you want to take them back.”

Junior Catti Wiggins, who plays the true beauty, enjoyed the depth presented by this interpretation.

“That’s what I was most excited for,” she said. “To dig through and find what those layers were for everyone and then to see how they come together.”

Another oddity of this play is Ledford’s presence as a guest director. Originally hailing from Tennessee and touring several directorial awards as well as the title of South Florida Theatre League President, her presence was greatly appreciated by the cast.

“It’s really cool to have a guest director come in here, because we work with the faculty everyday and we know how they work and that’s great,” said Wiggins. “But it’s cool to get that educational thing that’s going on and also get a bit of that real world experience. In the sense that you’re going to meet your director on the first day and then you’re with them for that process and they’re gone.”

As opening night approaches, the cast is most excited for the chance to perform in front of a fresh audience.

“I’m really excited for them because being up there at what happens,” explained Rodriguez. “All the little jokes and bits that we’re working on, and then to be able to morn with these characters as well.”

Wiggins is most excited about the play’s appeal to various age groups.

“This show is so cool because it has jokes that kids are going to laugh at, but it also has different dynamics that the parents are going to get too,” she said.

Zack Myers, a junior who portrays the Ogre, found that expressing this kind of humor was his favorite part of this production.

“It’s been a lot of fun to work on this show,” he began. “We don’t get to do these comedies very often in our department.”

Although her character is a magical fairy, Rodriguez believes the true magic comes from working with her fellow cast members.

“I’m still going with that same excitement [from being cast], to be working with classmates and just being able to create this little bit of magic for the stage,” she said.

“It’s a rollercoaster,” Myers said of the play. “I hope that the audience can just accept the rollercoaster for what it is and take that ride with us because it’s so much fun.”

“Sleeping Beauty” opens Friday, Nov. 8, at 8 p.m. at the Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center.

Student tickets cost $10 and can be found on the Wertheim Performing Arts Center website along with additional information and showtimes.

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Over 200 South Florida boots hit the ground for veterans

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Ruck sacks, boots and marching may sound like hellish experience for some but for a number of veterans, it will be a be part of their Saturday morning.

The University’s Southern Battalion of the Ranger Officer Training Corps will lead several other Southern Florida universities in their first “ruck march” on Saturday November 9th. The approximately 200 cadets will march in hopes to raise funds for an undisclosed veterans organization.

A ruck march is an event where cadets, in full gear, march in formation. Depending on the cadets commanders the students will either be wearing patrol caps or kevlar helmets but all will be in Army Combat Uniforms and more important will be carrying weighted rucksacks.

Junior biology major Karina Paulk is a cadet captain with the University’s ROTC program.

She elaborated on the importance the march has for the battalions. “We have veterans that are homeless and that are wounded and can’t afford medical help. We just want to give back to the community and what better time than veterans day weekend,” said Paulk.

The march will commence at 9am at the ROTC warehouses on the western end of the Modesto Maidugar Campus and continue throughout various portions of the campus.

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Today’s lack of a uniform fashion statement

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Panthers look for second win against familiar opponent

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With the season coming into the final stretch, the Panthers own a record of 1-7 overall and 1-3 in conference play. The team, playing in its inaugural C-USA season, will go on the road for the upcoming two contests.

The first of those will be in Murfreesboro, Tenn. as the Panthers will take on the Blue Raiders of Middle Tennessee State University, former Sun-Belt Conference competitors. The Blue Raiders are in third place in the C-USA East with a 5-4 overall record and 3-2 in conference play. This record is mostly due to play of redshirt senior quarterback Logan Kilgore. Kilgore, who will continue his streak of 22 consecutive starts, the second most on the team, has thrown for 1,523 yards on 150 completions and has only 10 interceptions on the season to this date.

He is also no stranger to a losing streak and playing against FIU. He spoke on where FIU stands and how he remembers last year’s game—the Blue Raiders won 34-30—in the team’s weekly press conference.

“I have been in that situation before, when a bowl game is not a possibility anymore. They have seniors on that team and they are going to come up here and we are going to get a great fight from them,” Kilgore said. “I know that they are very athletic and we have played them three times. Last year going down to that game, being down 20-3, they are a really good football team.”

Kilgore is leading an offense that is averaging just under 26 points per game this season. He and running back Jordan Parker, a sophomore, are leading a high powered offense. Parker has 653 yards and five touchdowns on 136 rushes this season.

The two players’ head coach, Rick Stockstill, spoke at the same press conference about the offense of FIU. At the time he did not know that quarterback E.J. Hilliard would be starting, but Head Coach Ron Turner announced that on Wednesday.

“E.J. Hilliard is a guy who can throw the ball, and can be a runner. He has excellent receivers on the outside, and the running backs are also really good. Their offensive line is big, like they always are. It’s a team that you look at over the last couple weeks, and they continue to get better,” Stockstill said.

He also spoke on the Panthers being a good team despite their record.

“If I tell the players a 1-7 team is really good, and then they turn on the film and it looks like an elementary school team out there, they’re going to see that,” Stockstill said. “They watched the film Sunday and they saw that FIU is a good football team.”

Turner responded to that statement.

“We can be a good team and we will be a good team,” Turner said. “I can’t say that we are exactly there yet but we are getting closer. We are getting very close to being a good team.”

The defensive side of the ball for the Blue Raiders is led by senior linebacker Stephen Roberts, who has a career game against the University of Alabama at Birmingham last week. The game against the Blazers showed his first career interception returned for a touchdown.

Quarterback E.J. Hilliard (left) will look for his first win when the team plays the Blue Raiders. The last game between the two was a loss for the Panthers in Miami last season, 34-30.

Goalkeeper coach Joe Massi helps lifts FIU defense

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One of the most intriguing storylines for the FIU men’s soccer team (6-9-1) (2-5-1 in Conference-USA) has been their goalkeeper carousel.

FIU has started three different goalies this year and have gone back and forth between freshman Lawrence Craggs and redshirt sophomore Daniel Mion; who has seemed to cement himself as the starting goalkeeper for the Panthers.

Mion and Craggs are tied for the team lead in shutouts with two each.

However, Mion leads the team in goals allowed per game at 1.25, saves per game 4.6, and save percentage 71.9.

FIU seems to have solved their goalie situation with the help of Goalkeepers Coach Joe Massi. Massi has over two decades of coaching experience and was actually on the very first FIU men’s soccer team in 1972.

“That’s a long time ago and I actually wasn’t the goaliekeeper on that team,” Massi said. “I’ve been working with whole team and keepers I fell into the keepers because nobody else wanted to do it.”

Throughout his extensive coaching career Massi has operated under every level of the game, from the youth leagues all the way to professional leagues. Not only has Massi coached at all levels, he has experienced great success at each level. As an assistant with the Ft. Lauderdale Strikers (ASL) he helped the organization get to the 1989 league championship; with the 1983 Miami-Dade junior college he won the national championship; and as the head coach of Coral Gables Senior High School he led them to the 1980 state championship.

“I really at this point I would like to be coaching at a pro level,” Massi said. “Time is running out and I’m not getting younger. But, I would say this I do coach young kids and I put in as much effort and passion as I would with any other team.”

Massi’s could be largely credited for FIU’s recent defensive turnaround. After allowing a whopping 16 goals through the first eight games the Panthers have allowed a respectful seven goals through their last eight. FIU has recorded three shutouts in their last eight games, after recording just one in their first eight contests.

“I did a lot of stuff on positioning, improving their air game,” Massi said. “You have to be good in the air in the pros and in college. Positioning and angles are really important if you could improve the goalkeeper that translates to the communication with the rest of the defenders on the field.”

Mion who was started in FIU’s last five contest, allowing just five goals including one shutout and an impressive showing against the nations highest scoring team, the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where he held them to just one goal.

Although Mion has posted a sub-par (2-4-1) record in games he has started, it should be noted that it has come against stiff competition. Five of Mion’s seven starts have been against conference opponents.

“It’s a blessing,” Massi said. “Its been a great run to be dealing with these keepers all of them have been very professional.”

Dunny [Mion] hung in there he didn’t complain when he wasn’t on the field in the being of the season, he just worked harder and now his hard work is paying off.”

Despite their impressive goalie play of late, one of the surprising keys to FIU’s defense has actually been their offense.

In just about every match the Panthers have seem to dominate the ball for large periods of time.

As a matter of fact, FIU has outshot their opponents 230-182. Now unfortunately, those shots have only resulted in 27 goals.

Yet the fact remains that the Panthers offense has lifted some pressure off of the defense by not allowing the opposing team to attempt as many shots.

FIU will finish off their regular season at home against the University of Charlotte 49ers. The 49ers have C-USA players of the week on offense and defense; red-shirt senior goalkeeper Klay Davis and sophomore forward Kyle Parker.

The game is set to kick off at 7:00 p.m.
Hickman, Faciane showing leadership late into final season

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The Panthers are 1-7 overall and 1-3 in their first season in Conference USA. A struggle of a season to say the least, there is a silver lining for the football program. It comes in the form of the defensive line, which is led by seniors Isame Faciane and Greg Hickman, both defensive tackles.

Both of these players, who have been game captains multiple times this season, are working towards getting to the next level and making it to the NFL.

"It's easy to play for who you love," Hickman said. "I love my team-mates, I love this school and I will work my hardest for this team in these final four games." Hickman has 30 total tackles on the season—24 solo and six assisted—along with three sacks and three forced fumbles. Of his 30 tackles, 8.5 are for loss and the sacks have come for a loss of 29 yards. Faciane, a native of Louisiana, and a leader of this young group has 29 total tackles including 21 solo tackles, 1.5 sacks for five yards, two pass breakups and two blocked kicks—a game saving field goal block came against the Golden Eagles of the University of Southern Mississippi.

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BrewFest to bring 100 craft beers to campus

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Lazar de Gonzalez, marketing and branding strategist for the Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, calls the South Florida BrewFest Festival the South Beach Wine and Food Festival for beer.

BrewFest, which is coming to Biscayne Bay Campus on Nov 23 by Biscayne’s Renowned Engineers of Wort FIU, will feature approximately 100 craft beers from local breweries, brewpubs and home brewers to everyone 21 and over.

“The idea is to start something with beer, capitalizing on the exposure and popularity of the craft brewing industry,” Gonzalez said. “With this festival, people can learn about the different types of beer and their brewing processes, while also learning to appreciate beer.”

The South Florida BrewFest Festival developed from a class project and was passed down to B.B.E.W. FIU, which has a mission to brew beers with exotic flavors and educate students and consumers of the possibilities of the beer world.

“Craft beer is a completely different beverage than a Bud Light or a Coors Light,” said Paige Wurtsch, BrewFest director and graduate student from the Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management. “It’s made with fresh ingredients and it really brings a whole new taste pallet to drinking a beer.”

At the festival, consumers will have 5-ounce cups to sample the craft beers.

South Florida breweries including Funky Buddha Brewery, Wynwood Brewing Company, Daddy Brews, Native Brewing Company, Brown Distributing Company, Fourth Age Brewing and Opus Ales will be present at the festival.

According to Wurtsch, the primary focus of this festival is for guests to gain a better understanding about the craft beers they will be sampling.

“Craft beer is an open industry and it’s booming right now,” said Gonzalez. “If you like beer then you need to be at this festival because you’re going to learn about everything that’s out there right now.”

There will also be culinary booths set up by hospitality students.

The funds raised from this event will benefit the Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management and aid in the development of the school’s evolving beer science programs.

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Students can register Saturday, 8:30 a.m., behind the BBC pool. The cleanup will run from 9 a.m. to noon.

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