New acting dean steps up for the College of Business

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As a result of the notice of resignation of Dean David Klock, the acting-dean position at the University’s College of Business will be assumed by Jose Aldrich. Aldrich joined the University in 2013 as vice dean of the College of Business. With his new appointment, Aldrich will now have greater responsibilities.

“You have to move the College forward to keep it going,” Aldrich told Student Media. “It involves more interaction with the faculty.”

In 2012, Klock came to the University from his position as dean of the School of Business for the University of Alabama to comply with a purpose he set for himself.

“I wanted to go someplace that had a very special mission,” Klock told Student Media. “[FIU] has a mission for opportunity.”

According to him, he decided to step down as dean because he had already completed the mission he had set for himself.

“I was asked to come here and accomplish some things, and I told them it would probably take three or four years,” Klock said.

By the time he hit the three-year mark, Klock had seen vast changes.

“I noticed that the undergraduate student body of business had grown from 6,000 to 7,000,” Klock said.

Klock also helped the College earmark top rankings for the category of best business schools in the country.

As reported on the College’s website, the College is ranked as number 15 in top business schools for International MBA programs, according to U.S. News & World Report’s 2016 edition.

The College also ranked among the top five percent of elite business schools by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business and number seven for undergraduate marketing programs for 2013, according to Bloomberg Businessweek.

University Provost Kenneth G. Furton, along with a committee, is working on choosing a permanent dean by the upcoming fall term.

“We have a great faculty, a great administration, excellent programs and [and] our rankings are very high,” Aldrich said.

As of now, Aldrich wants to find strategies to keep the College growing internationally and culturally.

“I want to focus on international student success [and] creating a cultural experience for students,” said Aldrich.

According to Aldrich, he has maintained good communication with his students and faculty and he wants to continue doing so as acting dean.

“I’ve always had students come in and I’ve been able to help or refer them to the right person,” Aldrich said. “I love interacting with students, I wouldn’t want to cut that out.”

Aside from being the acting dean, he also teaches a tax course, a result of a purpose he set for himself.

“I wouldn’t want to cut that out,” Aldrich said. “I love it… we love him and I feel really proud of him.”

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Adrian Ulloa
Junior
Public Administration

The newest political party for the Student Government Association was founded by Adrian Ulloa, Carbajal and Karaki-Suarez and the three candidates want to make sure that the students actually care for whatever initiatives SGA is advocating for are ones that students actually care for.

“Weisker itself isn’t just a party, it’s an idea,” Carbajal said. “It’s the principle that the students should be in charge and not just these few people that are things that may be accomplished this year, considering the idea that some candidates promise unrealistic ideas that take a lot of time and effort to execute. Both Carbajal and Ulloa also commented that although they have a specific platform, the ideas they plan to advocate for are not limited to the items already listed in their agenda.

Any ideas that students bring forth to them are ideas for which they will advocate, Ulloa said.

He admitted that several students don’t know much about what SGA does or the power that it possesses within the University.

One of the items in the Whisker party’s platform is to hold office hours for students.

Last semester a bill requiring senators to hold mandatory office hours was struck down.

Ulloa said that even if there isn’t any current legislation that dictates that office hours must be held he and his two other team members will nonetheless hold them for students who wish to speak with them if they are elected.

Carbajal hopes to be able to hold town hall meetings for the University community, all in order to provide students the opportunity to directly speak to their representatives in an effort to tell them what change they wish to see in the University. The goal for these meetings is to give students and their representatives a chance to come to a consensus about what should be done about the issues affecting them.

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MISS DANCE MARATHON

Sasha Santti, sister of Alpha Chi Omega sorority, expresses joy after being named Miss Dance Marathon 2015 on Monday, March 23. FOR MORE, SEE PAGE 4.
It’s not just Iran’s nuclear program that worries Israel

Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has portrayed the specter of Iran acquiring nuclear weapons as a far more conventional threat: Iranian forces and those of its close ally, the Lebanese Hezbollah militia, arrayed along Israel’s border with Syria.

Doomed German airliner began its fatal full moments after reaching cruising altitude

A German passenger jet that crashed Tuesday morning in the Alps in southern France, killing an estimated 150 passengers and crew, climbed for 44 minutes to reach its cruising altitude but remained there for only a minute before it began to lose altitude, officials say.

The descent into the ground lasted just eight minutes.

The plane, an Airbus 320 flown by Germanwings, was on route from Barcelona, Spain, to Dusseldorf, Germany, with 144 passengers, some of whom likely had paid as little as $32 for their seats. The French Interior Ministry placed the time of the crash at about 11 a.m. local time.

The ministry said it appeared that all the passengers, the two pilots and four crew members died. Wreckage was found scattered in bits in the mountains at about 6,000 feet.

Lecture to examine social dimensions of healthcare

The students and faculty at the University’s chapter of GlobeMed have begun raising awareness on poverty as a hindrance to health access.

GlobeMed, a student-run organization that partners with Escuela de la Calle to provide health care and social services to Guatemala, and education on health equity and social justice to University students, is now firmly raising awareness on poverty, according to its website.

There are over 50 chapters of GlobeMed throughout the United States, with each chapter partnering with a different community to provide access.

The University’s chapter is the only one partnered with Quezaltenango, the largest city in Guatemala.

“All of the chapters work with a non-governmental organization partner in a country,” said Erin Feldman, coordinator of the Office of Global Learning Initiatives and GlobeMed advisor. “The core purpose of the club is for them to work on health equity programs focusing both here and in the town that their partner in Guatemala is in.”

According to Feldman, the discussion on poverty will focus on people’s restricted access to healthcare throughout the world.

Niki Franco, a junior majoring in health administration and Global Health U, decided to facilitate a trip to Guatemala to work with Escuela de la Calle. She has seen the lack of basic medical access that many people living in poverty-stricken communities have to contend with.

“With Health Bodies and Thick Walls: The Dual Roles Between Economic Status” by James P. Smith, those who are in lower socioeconomic classes or living in areas with high levels of poverty tend to have the least access to healthcare.

Franco said that GlobeMed takes a look at these statistics and encourages students throughout the nation to talk about the issue.

“We have a very social approach to [global health issues],” she said. “We talk about things like poverty access, poverty to access, water, violence, gender equality... a lot of different things that we feel contribute to global health.”

Global Health U, a 30-minute event during the first half hour of every meeting, is aimed at encouraging students to talk about ideas and perspectives on some of the biggest problems that people around the world face when it comes to access to healthcare.

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These discussions are open to everyone, not just members of the club.

Last month, in honor of black history month, GlobeMed held a discussion on the events that transpired in Ferguson. The discussion looked at race and how it played a factor in health access and social problems.

The debate brought with it one of the biggest turnouts the group has ever seen, along with different voices expressing different points of view.

Franco was happy to see the turnout, as well as the discussion of different ideas and opinions between students.

“It was a very heated topic... but it was interesting hearing all the different takes on it.” she said. “A lot of people had different things to say, similar things to say, and it was great. We felt really happy to have people so engaged in the conversation.”

This semester the University’s chapter of GlobeMed will tackle the topic of poverty and will discuss the gap between different poverty levels and how this prevents many from having access to even the most basic medical services.

Feldman feels that, through these discussions, students will not only discuss important issues but also become aware of different perspectives and opinions that people have.

“The purpose of the [poverty discussion] is to expose that topic and possibly to provide context for the work that the group is doing internationally,” he said. “It’s kind of neat because, if someone shows up not realizing it’s a club meeting and just wanting to be there [talk about the topic], then they also might get interested in sticking around and helping out the club or joining the club.”

The event will be held on Monday, March 30, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Modesto A. Madique Campus Graham Center, Room 274.

Within this discussion, Franco and the GlobeMed team hope they can raise awareness and make people aware that poverty is a hindrance to direct health access to healthcare.

“Our goal is definitely to educate the student body, and our friends and everybody,” Franco said. “My hope is to get people talking.”

New University political party, the Whisker Party

Speaking in regards to the setbacks of starting a new political party within the University, Ulloa and Conen admired the idea of starting a new political party, saying that the issue of student culture stood out to them.

“We’re not here for our Greek organizations, we’re not here for personal resume building,” Ulloa said. “We’re here for you as the students because we really care.”

Ulloa added that, like the FYI的政治, the Whisker party wishes to forward efforts to provide more study space for students on campus.

The Whisker Party also hopes to address the issue of involvement with the Engineering Center, as some students have approached its members saying that SGA doesn’t do much within the Center. It also wants to install lamp posts in poorly lit areas on campus, considering some students have approached its members about poor lighting conditions.

At the moment, no recordings are available, and Ulloa wants to work with the GGC Center in order to ensure that meetings are recorded to ensure the accountability his party advocates.
THE MAN OF STEEL

The future of the Kryptonian son

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Sitting here at my desk in Metropolis I often think about what could be next for the man with the “S” on his chest. The guy who can run faster than a locomotive, be shot and not hurt and my personal favorite, be mistaken for both a bird and a plane. Crazy, right?

I mean, apparently the “S” isn’t an “S” at all. It is a symbol according to Lois Lane, a coworker of mine here at “The Daily Planet.” A symbol for something that I think we all need a bit of nowadays. A symbol for hope.

He has helped to save the human race a few times by now and I feel as if something, or someone, will come along in the near future that will need stopping by Superman. Maybe it would be so big as to involve the entirety of the Justice League.

However, the entire world is changing. It is becoming more and more advanced and there have been rumors that he only changes in phone booths, which seem to be disappearing with the modernization of the cell phones we all carry with us today.

A cell phone is something I didn’t have growing up, a side of Smallville, Kan. The development of technology and the growth of social media is what may make it the hardest for Superman to hide himself and his everyday persona from the world.

With phone applications like Instagram, Facebook and Twitter, it has to be harder to find somewhere to change that isn’t within camera shot of some teen with a Samsung.

Even though I believe that the phone booth would be an okay place for a super-fast hero to change his look, they may not be as safe of a changing room anymore. If he needed somewhere to change and not show off his secret identity, I think that there are plenty of places that still exist that he could do so, but also don’t believe that phone booths will completely disappear in Metropolis, nor do I find it possible that Superman would simply develop new powers to keep himself hidden when he does not have the cape on.

He could, if the need arose, use such places as a utility/maintenance closet, the top of the tallest building - which here just so happens to be the offices of “The Daily Planet” or, if time permits, somewhere that he can be alone and not seen, a fortress of solitude for Superman - if you will go so far.

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Who doesn’t love Superman? I mean, come on, he’s strong, has a cape and flies. Add the fact that he’s a superhero and, well, he’s pretty much on top of our wish-we-were-you list. An American cultural icon recognized morally by the large “S” on his suit or that famous phrase, “It’s a bird! It’s a plane!"

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It wasn’t hard to miss either on the news or television, through the newspaper or even if you know someone in Metropolis what happened here a couple years back with those other Kryptonian and Superman.

That General Zod guy called him Kal-El. I’m not sure what his name on Krypton, the planet of his birth. He did, quite unwillingly from what I have heard, break the neck of Zod to help save the Earth. However, he was not the only one to lose his life on that day.

Many normal citizens and members of the military gave their lives defending not only their country, but their planet when he does not have the cape on.

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For the future, I believe that destruction to a scale might come, but in the end of it all, Superman will do what is best to save the world. He will find the best way to protect this planet for not only all of us, but for himself as well.

Remember, even though we are not alone here on Earth, the “Man of Steel,” as some know him, will not be hanging up his cape anytime soon from what I can tell. We just need to believe in him and let him do his thing.

He is, as you might remember, a citizen of the world as well, not just an American citizen.

We just need to let him lead and follow him into doing what is right, we need to “join him in the Sun.”

Everyone knows the story: With the glasses he’s Clark Kent, without him, he’s Superman. He normally runs into a phone booth to make the change. If you think about it, it’s not convenient, nor plausible anymore, for him to change in a phone booth. Phone booths are a rare find now - in fact, I don’t think I’ve ever seen one in Metropolis - and that’s when it hit me.

Sure, our generation knows about them, even if we don’t really see them all that much, but what about future generations? If I’m not mistaken, comic book superheroes tend to go with the times and certain aspects get changed to modernize them.

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I don’t mean the big stuff, like how Captain America’s backstory was that he was a soldier fighting in World War II, I’m talking about little things, like modern cellphones, tablets and car models showing up - little things that help the reader relate to the story more.

My guess is that future readers will be wondering why Superman keeps changing in something so completely antiquated. As the years progress and our cities change, so should Superman. Eventually readers will begin to question what antique phone booths are still doing appearing all around the city. Superman has sworn to protect.

The writers may have to eventually re-imagine Superman’s iconic changing room, and while it’s not something that will actually affect the overall story, it’s one of those moments readers can’t help but enjoy. The thought that maybe someone would see him become Superman in the booth, essentially discovering his secret, was a thrill in and of itself.

Whether they make him change somewhere else or just take it out of the story and never mention it again, it’s possible that Superman’s original telephone booth secret costume changing room could become a forgotten memory.

In the end, it’ll really be up to the writers to decide what to do with this iconic scene, but one can’t help but speculate. There are hundreds of possibilities.

He could change in the midst of a crowd so fast that no one could catch it. He could “upgrade” to a phone booth.

Technically, he could even could gain a new power that would allow him to enter a cellphone as electricity to switch to his alter ego, though it would be, as freshman and Superman fan Alejandra Lopez stated, “weird.”

During my interview with Alejandra, she brought a new idea to the table, and it’s one I could definitely roll with. The problem isn’t where Superman will switch personas, but how he’ll keep his double-life a secret in the 21st century with everyone having access to social media sites, cameras and video recorders every second of the day.

Keeping his true identity on the down-low is definitely going to get harder through the years, but that’s one of the reasons his story has held our interest so long.

So, Superman, next time you think about the big man with the cape, have some fun and remember after all, sometimes, the best conversations begin with the words “what if.”

THE AMAZING SUPERMAN: An American icon

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Stephanie Delgado, a sister of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, won the Viewer's Choice award. Audience members were able to vote for their favorite contestant before the pageant via social media and donations.

Contestants await the winner announcements following the “Scenario Question” portion of the pageant. Left to right: Sasha Santti (Alpha Chi Omega), Samantha Hernandez (Phi Mu), Stephanie Delgado (Alpha Xi Delta), Arlyne Perez (Delta Phi Epsilon), Nicole Beckelheimer (Sigma Kappa), Kevin Lopez (Beta Theta Pi), Daniel Chaparro (Phi Gamma Delta), and Jamil Pierre (Theta Chi).

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Morale Captains Jen Ponce, sister of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, and Fernando Tiffa, brother of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, present last year’s line dance to the audience.

Sasha Santti, sister of Alpha Chi Omega sorority, presents to the audience and judges wooden displays decorated with notes dedicated to children in the hospital.

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Kevin Lopez, brother of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, speaks to the audience during the “Introduction” portion of the pageant.
I have always considered myself a magnet for relative, petty misfortune – occasionally tripping in public, misplacing and losing everything, my favorite bands come to town the year I leave to go study in Barcelona. Basically, I’ve never known real loss.

In the latter part of 2014, however, I had a couple first world problems stacked against me, here in Barcelona. I totaled my car, my phone was stolen and about two months after that, so was my wallet, which had a metro pass worth around $200.

While trying to report my stolen wallet, I had an interesting encounter, proving that even in a different country you can find friendship, even it’s short lived.

In hopes of getting some of my documentation back, I was in the police station where they sat me in a table with other foreigners who had also been struck with the same luck – a translator helped the non-Spanish speakers fill out a form. I caught a glimpse of the passport of the guy sitting in front of me.

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I got up from the table once I finished filling out the form and sat in the waiting area. The English-speaker who asked me for the date was non-stop, I was saying goodbye to the kid that learned all about me and I about him.

I would’ve never guessed I would’ve been talking to a non-Spanish speaker at a police station in Barcelona.

We left it at: “It was great meeting you. Good luck in life. Maybe we’ll meet again someday.”

I never learned his name, and he didn’t learn mine. I never got my wallet back, but oddly enough, I left the police station happy.

It was probably the first and last time I’ll see this person, who I deemed a friend after the hour we shared in a foreign police station, but I think there was something special about that conversation.

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Not only was he Australian, which automatically makes him cooler than most people, but he was also in a punk rock band, quite handsome and knew a member of The Jungle Giants, one of my favorite bands.

I asked him about the Everglades and I told him about how it was Florida’s lesser known treasure, how Wal-mart epitomizes America’s consumerist culture and how much I loved John Pennekamp.

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Finally after winning their first Conference USA series last weekend, the Panthers headed to Daytona Beach, Fla. on Tuesday, March 24 to play Bethune-Cookman for one game. This game went down to the wire as the pitching on both sides kept their teams close in the game. Unfortunately for FIU, the Wildcats scored the winning run on a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the 10th inning to take the game 3-2.

This game was FIU’s to take as they were able to get a 2-0 lead early in the game. Junior infielder Edwin Rios continued his offensive hot streak as he brought in both runs on his own. His first RBI came in the top of the first inning.

Freshman outfielder Jack Schaaf led off the game with a walk and was able to score on Rios’s double down the right field line. Rios then got his second RBI hit when Brian Portelli was able to get on base with a single then came around to score when Rios blasted a triple in the right center gap in the third inning.

Things got to get a little shaky for the Panthers late in the ballgame. In the eighth inning, B-CU was able to tie the game at 2-2. Neither team was able to score in the inning, bringing the game to extra innings. Everything went downhill for the Panthers in the tenth inning. The Wildcats started their rally when right fielder Jordan Robinson singled to center off left-handed pitcher Brandon Diaz to lead off the bottom of the 10th.

The next batter was hit by pitch which put two runners on base. This for the Wildcats to play some small ball as the next hitter made a sacrifice bunt. The bunt was effective and it put two runners in scoring position with less than two outs. Robinson easily scored on the sac fly off the bat of Clay Middleton to bring in both runs on his own. His first RBI came in the top of the first inning.

Senior infielder Julius Gaines runs to first base during the game against the Charlotte 49ers on Friday, March 20. The Panthers play a series against Marshall University this weekend.

Panthers look to bounce back versus Marshall after late inning loss to B-CU

FOOTBALL

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FIU football is looking to have their first winning season under Head Coach Ron Turner after finishing 4-8 last season. There was plenty of reasons for that losing record, whether its lack of consistency, can’t close games, or simply just a very young football team with not much experience. You may be right, however this coming season could be very intriguing if you follow the football team.

Most of their starters are back, especially on defense, that’s ranked at number 35 in total defense, and Coach Turner kept himself busy replacing new coaches and recruited heavily in the State of Florida. I would like tell you my guys to look out for not only during spring practice, but this coming season in the fall.

Top 3 players on Offense

Jonna Smith TE: Jonnu Smith finished last season with 710 receiving yards and 8 touchdowns as sophomore year. Expect this 6’3 230 pound Junior to have another productive season and be in John Mackey Awards watch list for most Outstanding Tight End.

Alex Gardner/Anthon Smith RBs: Garder had a sensational freshman season before going down with an injury. He still managed to start all eight games and rushed for 637 yards.

Anthon Smith was a good compliment for Gardner as he led the team in rushing touchdowns. Both make a tremendous two punch, and it could be the Panthers biggest strength on offense.

Dennis Turner WR: Turner is one of my sleepers in bunch because he showed some flashes both as a receiver and return specialist.

The Wide Receiver position is now wide open for anyone who can take, and I expect this speedster out of Dillard High to get his touches.

Top 3 players on Defense

Richard Leonard CB: We had some elite playmakers that came from FIU and are currently in the NFL such as T.Y. Hilton and Jonathan Cyprien. Richard Leonard could be the next big thing. It wasn’t that long that he led the nation in turnovers and turn over yardages.

Last season he caught five interceptions. Two resulted into touchdowns. This was huge for Leonard to return for his senior season and I expect him to up rise his NFL stocks.

Michael Wakefield/Denzel Perine DE/ Both Defensive ends off our team and better than ever. Michael Wakefield led the team in both sacks (8) and tackles for loss (14.5).

Denzel Perine, not far behind and plays the opposite of Wakefield recorded 6.5 sacks and 9.5 tackles for lost. Quarterbacks, you’ve been warned.

Treyvon Williams: One of leaders in the Linebacking corp that help led the team in tackle with the total of fifty.

I’m very excited for this coming season because the team is younger, faster, and are waiting to fly around.

Expect this junior to be all over the field and make sure everyone is lined up.

Top New Comers

Christian Alexander: I’m not sold on current starter Alex McGough quite yet. But I expect this three star QB to compete with McGough and push each other for the starting role. Alexander has great foot work and can throw deep passes when you need him too.

Juwan Caesar WR: We finally get to see this Michigan State Transfer in action after sitting out all of last season because of NCAA rules.

At 6’5 219 pounds, whoever is the starting QB can’t wait to throw some bombs over the secondary. Anthony Jones WR: It’s not every day you give an offensive weapon like this true freshman out of Miami Central High, a special position called Rocket.

Which hypothetically is the mascot for Miami Central High School. Look out for this speedster to be all over the field and lined up in the different positions. I’m very excited for this coming season because the team is younger, faster, and are waiting to fly around.

The spring game is on Friday April 17, at 7:00. Mark your calendars, because I don’t know about you, but I can’t for FIU football season.
**BASEBALL**

In every step of an athlete’s career, the competition gets tougher and tougher and the players start getting weeded out little by little. At the collegiate level only a select few can play for their respective schools. That is a tremendous honor and an experience to remember for the rest of that athlete’s life. Unfortunately after four years their time with the team comes to an end. The competition becomes an even smaller bubble that not every college athlete can get into. To make it to the pros you need to stand out and prove you deserve a shot to compete amongst the best. Here at FIU there are a few baseball players that I believe can one day make it to the big leagues and represent FIU on a grand scale.

Senior Josh Anderson is having a great last season with FIU and overall he has had a great run in his time here. Anderson started 56 games at third base for FIU last season, finishing second on the team in batting .300 and hits 66. From last year’s team catcher Aramis Garcia and ace pitcher Mike Gomez are right now working their way up to the minor league rankings and hopefully one day step on to a big league field.

Anderson is one of the better defensive third basemen FIU has had in a while. The three-year starter is a career .290 hitter and has been consistent with 7 HR and 42 RBI in 2013 and 5 HR and 43 RBI last season. Anderson hit .300, had 66 hits and 18 of those hits were for extra bases last season – second on the team in all three categories.

Mourelle and Anderson look to follow their footsteps and hopefully one day all of them can make an impact at the pro level. The last one many fans can think of is hometown hero and three time World Series champ Mike Lowell. You might have heard of him.

The FIU women’s tennis team finally reached over 500 wins as they defeated the New Mexico State Aggies during a home game on Thursday, March 24. With this victory the Panthers have now won five of their last six matches making them 7-1 at home. The Panthers were led by the dynamic duo: senior Yana Koroleva and sophomore Nina Nagode who defeated The Aggies’s duo Ashvarya Shrivastava and Denise Van Der Ben. The last one many fans can think of is hometown hero and three time World Series champ Mike Lowell. You might have heard of him.

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**SAND VOLLEYBALL**

Panther’s sand volleyball team rises steadily to the top at No. 4

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According to the DG Magazine Collegiate Sand Poll, the Panther’s sand volleyball team has moved up to No. 4 in the nation just behind University of Southern California, Pepperdine University and University of Hawaii.

The Panthers have gotten here by starting the season off with the program’s best record at 11-1 and a 10-match win streak.

The team has been winning by large margins. Of the twelve matches it has competed in, the team has gone 5-0 in eight of them.

Also, the Panthers have swept their last two tournaments: the Tiger Sand Tournament in Baton Rouge, LA and the UNF Sand Invitational in St. Augustine Beach, FL.

On March 7, the Panthers faced off against Florida State University, which at the time was ranked No. 2 in the nation. The hard-fought match was won by 3-2. They have not lost since.

The Panthers have been led all season by their one-spot pair: Maryna Samoday and Anja Licka. Samoday, a senior and Ukraine native; and Licka, a freshman and Switzerland native are 11-1 in dual matches and continue to show their dominance game after game.

However, they are not alone. Kristine Montfite and Summer Nash have formed a stout two-spot pair. They are also 11-1 in dual matches and are currently on a 10-match winning streak.

The team is second in the nation in serving. The server duo of Danica Satovic and Anna Budimiska has been providing steady performances to help the Panthers win as well.

Up next for the Panthers is the Palmetto Invitational in Columbia, SC. There they will face off against the No. 2 team in the nation, Pepperdine, on Saturday, March 28, and the No. 16 team in the nation, University of South Carolina, on Sunday March 29.

Pepperdine is 6-1 for the season and are winners of five straight matches. The Waves also defeated FSU towards the beginning of the season with a score of 5-0.

They’ll have their eyes set on the Panthers. The Gamecocks are at 11-3 for the season with a home record of 6-1. South Carolina faced off against FSU earlier in the season but lost 1-4.

The Panthers will need their duo’s to perform at a high level against these top-tier opponents coming up. After the Palmetto Invitational, the team will finally have the home field advantage as they host the Doctors Hospital FIU Surf and Turf Invitational on Friday, Apr. 3.

They will compete against Florida Atlantic University, Webster International University, Stanford University and Carson-Newman University.

The Panthers will look to power through these stretch of games in order to continue their win streak and to climb up DG Magazine’s Collegiate Sand Poll rankings.

**TECHNICALS**

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Representing the blue and gold after it’s all said and done

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In every step of an athlete’s career, the competition gets tougher and tougher and the players start getting weeded out little by little. At the collegiate level only a select few can play for their respective schools. That is a tremendous honor and an experience to remember for the rest of that athlete’s life. Unfortunately after four years their time with the team comes to an end. The competition becomes an even smaller bubble that not every college athlete can get into. To make it to the pros you need to stand out and prove you deserve a shot to compete amongst the best. Here at FIU there are a few baseball players that I believe can one day make it to the big leagues and represent FIU on a grand scale.

Senior Josh Anderson is having a great last season with FIU and overall he has had a great run in his time here. Anderson started 56 games at third base for FIU last season, finishing second on the team in batting .300 and hits 66. From the pitching side of the game sophomore Chris Mourelle had a tremendous freshman campaign and is continuing that production in his second year with the team.

If he continues this high level of play, expect to see the number of scouts grow in the stands. If there is one thing big league teams like to have a lot of depth is in pitching and Mourelle can provide that.

Mourelle, a Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American, led all Conference USA freshmen and tied for third among all league pitchers in victories with nine, posting a 9.3 record with a 1.95 ERA (eighth-best in C-USA).

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Mourelle isn’t having the typical sophomore slump as many scouts expect to see. So far this season he has four wins and only two losses. His four wins lead the team and he eats up a lot of innings making him the work horse of the team. With the amount of innings he has pitched it is surprising to see his earned run average decrease once again to 4.00 at 3.93.

Each year, it seems like more talent is coming out of FIU from their baseball program. Time can only tell now when their moment of glory will come when the next FIU player will put that professional uniform on.

From last year’s team catcher Aramis Garcia and ace pitcher Mike Gomez are right now working their way up to the minor league rankings and hopefully one day step on to a big league field. Mourelle and Anderson look to follow their footsteps and hopefully one day all of them can make an impact at the pro level. It seems like it has been a while that a fellow panther athlete has been a popular MLB name.

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**PANthers continue to dominating at home**

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Senior Yana Koroleva returns a serve during the singles match against New Mexico State on Tuesday, March 24, where the panthers won 4-2. The tennis team plays the University of Texas at San Antonio on Friday, March 27 at 12pm and Marshall on Saturday, March 28 at 12pm.
Sara Castaneda, a junior studying hospitality and tourism management, gets a slice of pizza at the Panther Power event on Tuesday, March 24.

SPC-BBC hosts first-ever BayFest Music Festival

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Ultra Music Festival isn’t the only music festival happening this weekend. To celebrate student-campus diversity, the Biscayne Bay Campus Student Programming Council will host its first-ever, BayFest.

Inspired by last year’s success at BBC’s FIU Live, BayFest will include a wide variety of performers such as longtime rapper, Trick Daddy, Carimi, August Alsina and Kes. According to Jennifer Sans, Vice President of Programming for SPC-BBC, each singer represents different cultural music styles.

While Trick Daddy brings in American rap music from Greater Miami, Carimi is a popular Haitian kompa band, August Alsina is a hip-hop and R&B artist from New Orleans and Kes is a soca band from Trinidad and Tobago.

“At FIU, since we’re having so many different types of music, you’re going to attract a lot of the students because it’s a very diverse crowd of students here,” said Sans, a junior hospitality major.

Last fall, the SPC-BBC talked to student clubs, the Caribbean Students Association and the Student Government Association for ideas on who should perform at the festival. Sans said that Carimi performed for over 500 students at FIU Live and was a huge crowd-pleaser.

“Everybody loved them. You didn’t even have to know what kompa music was,” she said.

Stanley Maisonneuve, a sophomore health administration major, said bringing in original artists like Carimi and August Alsina is “real culture.”

“Different ethnicities is getting together. There’s going to be a lot of people just because of the people you guys chose,” said Maisonneuve in reference to SPC-BBC. He also said he’s really hyped to see Carimi, since he has a Haitian background.

Cutrase Ancion, Secretary for SPC-BBC, said Trick Daddy is also a great artist since he is widely known in Greater Miami.

“A lot of people remember him and he’s always like overhyped about Miami, representing Miami — putting Miami out there,” said Ancion, a senior psychology major.

We thought that by bringing him in, that could not only bring in a good crowd, but the students really enjoy that as well,” Ancion said.

Sans said they’ve been getting many compliments from University administration who have listened about BayFest on radio stations like WMBI 103.5 The BEAT - Miami’s Banging Hip Hop and R&B.

She also said that with large events like this, the council hopes to bring more student campus life to the BBC.

“Even though these are two campuses and they’re different campuses, it’s the same [University]. It’s not for you to just experience one side, you should also experience the other side.”

Last year, students at MMC were offered free bus shuttle trips to the BBC for FIU Live; however, this has yet to be scheduled for BayFest. The council has created an online poll to see how many students interested in using the shuttle.

Besides bringing in different performers, the BBC Recreation Center will offer kayaking trips for students as part of BayFest since the concert festival is by the bay. There will also be food trucks and vendors.

Students can purchase tickets online at fiubayfest.eventbrite.com for $16.82 and $22.09 for the general public. Tickets will also be sold the day of the festival at $25 for students and $30 for the general public.

The event will be held at the lawns by the bay from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Panther Power Hour brings school pride to BBC

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FIU Campus Life has no shortage of events to boost school spirit. At the Modesto Maidique Campus, there are a number of opportunities such as basketball games, homecoming week and Friday night movies where Panthers are rewarded for their school pride.

Panther Power, an organization that focuses on student involvement in athletic school pride, is making sure that the Biscayne Bay Campus is full of school spirit, too.

With events such as the “Spring Spirit Fest” earlier this month, a week of themed days and events, the organization is working to get students excited about attending BBC and staying for the fun.

“We like to do these events to rebooth school spirit. Since BBC is more of a commuter campus, we want to get people more involved here,” said graduate assistant Justin Smith.

Panther Power Hour is an event that takes place once a month and gives back to students at BBC. The hour-long event is held at Panther Square and involves food, giveaways and lots of Panther pride.

“Our main goal is basically to get students excited and to increase school spirit. We figure that if we can drive people to Panther Power Hour, they will feel like part of the school and not just coming to school,” said sophomore member Emmanuel Hernandez.

At the most recent Panther Power Hour Tuesday, March 24, many students lined up for free pizza and socialized in Panther Square.

Others were speaking to members of the organization and getting more information on how they can run for executive board member positions.

“I signed up for the vice president position,” said Melanie Damares, a sophomore hospitality major. “I don’t know if I am going to get it, but even if I don’t, I am trying to get more involved. And this seems like a cool club.”