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 earn top ranks 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. Furtom, along with a committee, is working on choosing a permanent dean for the upcoming fall term.

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

As of now, Aldrich wants to find strategies to keep the College growing nationally 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 his background in accounting and his international experience, said Aldrich.

Aldrich has two children who are alumni of the College of Business.

“When I saw the experience my children have had and the commitment FIU has for success, I felt this is the place I wanted to be,” Aldrich said.

Lianne Gregori, a junior accounting major, was particularly interested to see the new changes and plans for the upcoming semester, now that a new dean is set to take over.

“The College of Business has been a great program. I haven’t had any problems and I believe the dean has done a great job,” Gregori said. “I have no doubt that [he] will do great and I’m sure the business program will keep growing, both culturally and internationally.”

Klock agrees with her and thinks highly of Aldrich.

“Jose Aldrich is a great man,” Klock said. “He has tremendous world experience. He’s spent a lifetime working for a major accounting firm, he’s spent decades working in South America, he’s Hispanic and he loves it… we love him and I feel really proud of him.”

New Whisker party seeks to push students’ agendas

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The newest political party for the Student Government at large, Carbajal and Karaki-Suarez is a play on words for, “Who is keeping regard?”

According to Ulloa, despite the fact that two political parties already existed on campus, he and his team members wanted to create one whose principles and ideals is not so much pushing something that appears during election time, but throughout the year as an accountability tool.

Carbajal admitted that he felt that running for his specific Senate position will allow him to effectively advocate for students, something that he feels his current position as one of the deputies chair-staff in the SGA Cabinet doesn’t allow him to do.

In order to create the party, the three members had to draft a constitution, along with the bylaws housing senators, respectively.

Ulloa admitted that he felt that running for what that’s actually holding SGA accountable,” Ulloa said.

The three candidates want to make sure that 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 those few people that sit in a room all day and get sweaty and annoyed at each other over dress code.”

Carbajal added that while the candidates in SGA can make a difference, the 54,000 students attending the University can make an even greater impact, an idea that he wishes not only the Whisker party to uphold but all of SGA.

Ulloa said that drafting a realistic platform is critical for success.

He added that all of the party’s platform items 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 items that 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’ll 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 voted 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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It’s not just Iran’s nuclear program that worries Israel

Israeli 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.

The Nusra Front, the official al-Qaeda affiliate in Syria, now controls 80 percent of Syria’s side of the Golan Heights, the sensitive high ground that Israel and Syria have split since Israel captured much of it in the 1967 Six-Day War. And that means that with the army of Syrian President Bashar Assad weakened by four years of civil war, Iranian and Hezbollah forces have arrived in southern Lebanon to confront Nusra, which not only opposes Assad but whose violent brand of Sunni Islam also sees Iran and Hezbollah’s Shiite Muslim faith as apostasy.

Doomed German airliner began its fatal fall 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 en 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.

LOWER SOCIOECONOMIC CLASSES OR LIVING IN AREAS WITH HIGH LEVELS OF POVERTY TEND TO HAVE THE LEAST ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

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

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

“All of the chapters work with a non-governmental organization partner in a country,” said Eric Feldman, coordinator for 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 in Miami 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 GlobeMed’s facilities coordinator, traveled 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.

According to “Healthy 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 access, poverty, access to water, violence, gender equality... a lot of different things that we feel contribute to global health."

Global Health U, a 30-minute discussion 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.

Franco and the GlobeMed team hope they can raise awareness and make people realizing it’s a club meeting, then also be able to about how they can get involved with the club and make a difference.

“The purpose of [the poverty discussion] is to explain that topics need to be brought forward 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 to talk about the topic, then they also might get interested in stepping 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 Mondello A. Kadunce Campus Graham Center, Room 274.

Within this discussion, Franco and the GlobeMed team hope they can raise awareness and make people realizing it’s a club meeting, then also be able to about how they can get involved with the club and make a difference.

“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

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Speaking in regards to the setbacks of starting a new political party within the University, Ulloa and Conal admit that the party’s small size is the only setback, as they don’t have many other organizations supporting them.

“We’re not here for our Greek communities, 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 FYOs party, 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 within 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 a coming season, to ensure that it’s an issue that students have called out to the party’s members.

Ulloa has one other concern.

According to him, the SGA-MMC statutes declare that Senate meetings must be recorded, and the recording are to be published for students.

At the moment, no recordings are available, and Ulloa wants to work with the Graham Center in order to ensure that meetings are recorded to ensure the accountability his party advocates.
The amazing Superman: an American icon

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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 merely by the large “S” on his suit or that famous phrase, “It’s a bird! It’s a plane!

The problem isn’t where Superman will switch personas, but how the 3 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.

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 switching 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 being used 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 impromptu 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 photo booth.

Technically, he could even create 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 huge Superman fan Alejandro Lopez stated, “weird.”

During my interview with Alejandro, 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, SuperFans, next time you think about the big cape, have some fun and speculate. After all, sometimes, the best conversations begin with the words “what if.”
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 Santi (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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Sasha Santi (sister of Alpha Chi Omega sorority) and David Chaparro (pledge brother of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity) winners of the Mr. and Miss Dance Marathon Pageant, pose for celebratory pictures at the end of the event.

Kevin Lopez, brother of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, speaks to the audience during the “Introduction” portion of the pageant.

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

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

It was obviously a passport because it said “PASSPORT,” which meant that he was probably an English speaker.

For some reason he looked up at me and asked me if I knew the date, I wasn’t exactly sure at the moment so I looked at my phone to verify.

It was November 15, a sunny Sunday afternoon, and I was in the police station where they sat me in a table with other tacky tourists who had been pickpocketed in pickpocket central - Barcelona.

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 quite handsome and knew a member of The Jungle Giants, one of my favorite bands.

He asked me 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.

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 would’ve never guessed I would’ve been talking to a friend of The Jungle Giants’ front man at a police station in Barcelona.

After an hour of conversation that was practically non-stop, I was saying goodbye to the kid that learned all about me and I about him.

There’s something invigorating about talking to a stranger, about opening up to someone “a la tabula rasa.” Or maybe I’m the only weirdo that enjoys sharing intimate details of my life with someone who doesn’t even know my name.

I never got my wallet back, but oddly enough, I left the police station happy.

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

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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 delivered a 2-run home run in the second inning. Rios then got his second RBI of the game. Junior 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.

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.

Freshman outfielder Jack Schaaf led the team with 3 hits and one run scored. In the eighth inning, B-CU was able to tie the game at 2-2. Neither team was able to score in the ninth inning so the game was headed 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 tie the game at 3-3. Then the ball was bunted back to the pitcher and the next batter grounded out to short to end the inning.

If FIU capitalizes on playing Marshall then they can move up in the standings as they are currently in the middle of the pack.

If the Panthers can repeat the same performance they displayed last week when they played Charlotte, then they are in good shape as they head into the part of the season where the bulk of the conference games will be played.

Currently, Marshall is sitting at almost the bottom of the pack in the C-USA standings as they only have a better record than the University of Charlotte.

Spring football is right around the corner

As we get closer and closer until spring football, the FIU football team is looking to have their first winning season under 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 out 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 Defense

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: Gardner 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 one two punch, and it could be the Panthers’ biggest strength on offense.

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.

Juwuan 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.

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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.

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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 D1G 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 Arja 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 Monforte and Summer Nahl 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’s senior three-spot duo of Darja Satatic and Anna Budimlka 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, Webber 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 D1G Magazine’s Collegiate Sand Poll rankings.

BASEBALL

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

CAPTAIN’S CORNER

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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 in the team on batting .300 and hits 66.

His 18 extra base hits tied for second on the team, as he hit .290 and had a .381 on base percent and a .504 slugging percent. His 18 extra base hits tied for second on the team, as he hit .290 and had a .381 on base percent and a .504 slugging percent.

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 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 Moorelle can provide that.

Moorelle, 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).

The right-hander tossed a pair of complete-game shutouts and was the starter in a third blanking of an opponent. Moorelle allowed just 11 walks in 78.1 innings pitched, while striking out 37 batters.

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.

Moorelle 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 a shade under 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 the minor league rankings and hopefully one day step up to a big league field.

Moorelle 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 risen steadily to the top at No. 4.
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. “Here 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-passer. “Everybody loved them. You didn’t even have to know what kompa music was,” she said.

Stanley Maisononneuve, 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 Maisononneuve in reference to SPC-BBC. He also said he’s really hyped to see Carimi, since he has a Haitian background.

Cut reassure 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 WMIB 103.5 The BEAT - Miami’s Bangin’ 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. “It’s a very quiet campus. We’re trying to stray away from that one side, you should also experience the campus life here at this campus,” Sans said.

Students at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus also participate in the event.

“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 would be 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 reboot 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.”

The Panther Power Organization helps put together a number of annual events. Among them, Roary’s birthday celebration in the fall.

The organization teams up with the Student Alumni Association, Student Government and the Student Programming Council and throws a birthday party for our beloved panther with cake, music and games.

“That’s probably one of our most fun events. We have a big bash for Roary’s birthday. This past fall we had over 100 people attend and it was a lot of fun,” said Smith.

Panther Power also provides a free shuttle to sports events held at MMC. Not only does it drive more students to the home games, but it also increases school spirit as people feed off of each others excitement.

“I took the bus to MMC for the homecoming game, it was full of people. Everyone was talking about the game and in FIU shirts and it got me excited,” said junior Reina Encio about her first game.

Panther Power wants to make sure that BBC students are getting the chance to socialize and experience everything BBC has to offer by getting them involved with school activities, games and events, so that people know that coming to school can be fun when you’re an FIU Panther.