The fight to save the Everglades from oil drilling

YOEVELYN RODRIGUEZ
Contributing Writer
newsfiusm.com

The United States and Cuba have made progress on December 17, 2014 that after several months of negotiations the two countries will renew their diplomatic relations.

The announcement gave hope to the idea of rebuilding a bond between two countries, which had been severed by the Cold War.

The Canadian government and Pope Francis supported the negotiations, with the pope personally meeting with Castro on May 10 to talk about facilitating the talks between both countries.

On the topic of the renewal of diplomatic relations, Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez said the two countries have quite a test ahead of them.

“The challenge is huge because there have never been normal relations between the United States and Cuba, in spite of the one and a half century of intensive and enriching links that have existed between both peoples,” he said.

Both the Cuban embassy in Washington and the American embassy in Havana raised their flag on Aug. 14.

George Gonzalez, a senior international relations major, said there will be pros for the people of Cuba, but the cons could lie in possible pushback from their government.

“Among the benefits of this renewal in diplomatic ties will be economic growth from new tourism and the new access and exposure to information,” Gonzalez said. “Otherwise, among the negative effects lie the possible confrontation of the Cuban people and their restrictive government due to new pressure for political change.”

Gonzalez shared sympathy for the social issues Cuban citizens are confronting, especially issues tied to the authoritative government under Castro.

On January 3, 1961, the United States officially broke off diplomatic relations with Cuba and economic and diplomatic isolation became the main approach to U.S. policy toward Cuba – both countries having refrained from negotiations.

The diplomatic ties remained frozen even after the collapse of the Soviet Union and they remained like this because of the 1992 Cuban Democracy Act and the 1996 Helms-Burton Act, which prohibited the embargo from being lifted until Cuba held fair elections and reinstated a democratic government that excluded the Castros.

Former presidents George H. W. Bush and Bill Clinton signed the two acts into law.

But President Barack Obama had different plans for diplomatic engagement with Cuba.

Since he came into office, he sought further engagement between both countries and alleviated some of the tensions by reversing some of the restrictions put forth by the embargo. Some of these include renewed permission to U.S. telecommunication companies to provide more satellite services, like cellular coverage, permission to send non-family members money and permission to travel for either educational or religious purposes under license.

Since the 1980 presidential elections, Cuban-Americans have brought strong support to the Republican party, though this changed when Obama won their vote in the 2012 elections.

After the announcement of the U.S. and Cuba rapprochement, there was an exchange in prisoners consisting of three members of the Cuban Five and an American spy named Rolando Sarraf Trujillo, who had been incarcerated for nearly 20 years in Havana.

The Cuban government later released Alan Gross, a subcontractor for the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Now, there are new travel regulations that allow U.S. travelers the opportunity to visit Cuba without first acquiring a government license, the use of U.S. credit and debit cards in Cuba, health coverage provided by U.S. insurance companies for travelers living or visiting Cuba, the facilitation of approved bank transactions, investments in small businesses by American companies and the shipment of construction materials.

However, control over the economic sanctions placed on Cuba remains in the hands of the United States.

U.S. and Cuba renew their diplomatic relations

BARBARA VALENCA
Contributing Writer
newsfiusm.com

The United States and Cuba have made progress on December 17, 2014 that after several months of negotiations the two countries will renew their diplomatic relations.

The announcement gave hope to the idea of rebuilding a bond between two countries, which had been severed by the Cold War.

The Canadian government and Pope Francis supported the negotiations, with the pope personally meeting with Castro on May 10 to talk about facilitating the talks between both countries.

On the topic of the renewal of diplomatic relations, Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez said the two countries have quite a test ahead of them.

“The challenge is huge because there have never been normal relations between the United States and Cuba, in spite of the one and a half century of intensive and enriching links that have existed between both peoples,” he said.

Both the Cuban embassy in Washington and the American embassy in Havana raised their flag on Aug. 14.

George Gonzalez, a senior international relations major, said there will be pros for the people of Cuba, but the cons could lie in possible pushback from their government.

“Among the benefits of this renewal in diplomatic ties will be economic growth from new tourism and the new access and exposure to information,” Gonzalez said. “Otherwise, among the negative effects lie the possible confrontation of the Cuban people and their restrictive government due to new pressure for political change.”

Gonzalez shared sympathy for the social issues Cuban citizens are confronting, especially issues tied to the authoritative government under Castro.

On January 3, 1961, the United States officially broke off diplomatic relations with Cuba and economic and diplomatic isolation became the main approach to U.S. policy toward Cuba – both countries having refrained from negotiations.

The diplomatic ties remained frozen even after the collapse of the Soviet Union and they remained like this because of the 1992 Cuban Democracy Act and the 1996 Helms-Burton Act, which prohibited the embargo from being lifted until Cuba held fair elections and reinstated a democratic government that excluded the Castros.

Former presidents George H. W. Bush and Bill Clinton signed the two acts into law.

But President Barack Obama had different plans for diplomatic engagement with Cuba.

Since he came into office, he sought further engagement between both countries and alleviated some of the tensions by reversing some of the restrictions put forth by the embargo. Some of these include renewed permission to U.S. telecommunication companies to provide more satellite services, like cellular coverage, permission to send non-family members money and permission to travel for either educational or religious purposes under license.

Since the 1980 presidential elections, Cuban-Americans have brought strong support to the Republican party, though this changed when Obama won their vote in the 2012 elections.

After the announcement of the U.S. and Cuba rapprochement, there was an exchange in prisoners consisting of three members of the Cuban Five and an American spy named Rolando Sarraf Trujillo, who had been incarcerated for nearly 20 years in Havana.

The Cuban government later released Alan Gross, a subcontractor for the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Now, there are new travel regulations that allow U.S. travelers the opportunity to visit Cuba without first acquiring a government license, the use of U.S. credit and debit cards in Cuba, health coverage provided by U.S. insurance companies for travelers living or visiting Cuba, the facilitation of approved bank transactions, investments in small businesses by American companies and the shipment of construction materials.

However, control over the economic sanctions placed on Cuba remains in the hands of the United States.
This guy has it all figured out

Does the bike and ride thing to campus. Stays connected with free Wi-Fi. No tolls, traffic or parking struggles. Going the full distance without paying full fare.

Contact your college, university, technical or vocational school to find out if it participates in the College EASY Ticket program.

Download the free Miami-Dade Transit Tracker app, use our trip planner or call 3-1-1.

#SMARTMOVE | WWW.MIAMIDADE.GOV/TRANSIT
Glue failure endangers fish in GC

JOVANY BETANCOURT
Contributing Writer
news@fiusm.com

Fish also suffer from post-traumatic stress and may end up in the toilet if they go through a harrowing enough event, like suddenly hitting the floor of the Graham Center pit.

After an apparent glue failure, one of the pans became detached causing water, fish, and corals of the aquarium to gush out July 16, according to Carlos Carrasco, GC’s director of operations.

He said no students, faculty or staff member were hurt from the accident.

Immediately after the fish hit the floor of GC, customers at Bustelo heard the commotion and arrived at the store with empty cups to save as many fish as they could as they splattered all over the floor, according to Carrasco in a follow-up interview.

The tentative plan is to have a tank rebuild by the start of the fall semester. But to recreate an aquarium setting that is as close to nature as possible, which includes the coral and bacteria, could take a couple weeks or more, Carrasco said.

The tank was built in 2010 and cost $15,000 and the contractor who built it has been called to give the University a cost estimate and how long it will take to rebuild.

He said years went into cultivating the fish tank which held five fish, a blue hermit crab, a snail, two types of coral, and button polyps.

“It’s a terrible loss,” said Carrasco.

Interim Dean Ranu Jung’s work focuses on spinal cord treatments as well as neuro-prostheses designs.

Interim Dean gives hope to amputee patients

JOVANY BETANCOURT
Contributing Writer
news@fiusm.com

The arm that reaches for a pen, the legs that help a runner during a morning jog and even the digestive tract, are all controlled by the nervous system.

Dr. Ranu Jung, appointed interim dean of the College of Engineering, continues to find ways to improve the lives of thousands of people who use prosthetics or have damaged nervous systems.

Jung, professor and chairwoman of the University’s Department of Biomedical Engineering, has worked on treatments for spinal cord injuries and designs for modern neuro-prostheses, prosthetic systems that connect or interact with the host’s nervous system.

Jung and her team have tested a method for promoting recovery after a partial spinal cord injury through electrical stimulation of the paralyzed muscle that exploits its plasticity and speeds up recovery time.

She said her team’s data suggests that employing this stimulation therapy allows for the neurons to remain active and may preserve signaling pathways between the spared spinal cord circuit parts of the motor neurons.

“We are sending back sensory information that would be lost otherwise,” Jung said.

Glue failure endangers fish in GC

Glue failure endangers fish in GC

FIU Health and SHS integrated

PHILIPPE BUTEAU
Staff Writer
philippe.buteau@fiusm.com

FIU Health, which manages clinical practice, integrated with Student Health Services on July 1st. Clinical services provided by SHS will be managed by FIU Health; however, students can still visit SHS to receive basic services, vaccinations, screenings or physical examinations - and for treatment of minor conditions, injuries and illnesses.

For conditions that require ongoing care of more than 30 days, healthcare navigators will refer students to providers in the community and FIU Health will be an option. Health navigators are located at both the Modesto A. Maidique Campus and the Biscayne Bay Campus as part of the integration.

According to Amy Metula, the former director of quality management for FIU Health, FIU Health and SHS working together is due to the new “healthcare landscape” the Affordable Care Act has created. The law, which was enacted in 2010, states that young adults can stay on their parents’ health insurance until they reach the age of 26.

An aspect of the integration plan is to divide money generated from the student health fee. A portion remains with FIU Student Affairs to pay for areas that concern student health, and another for FIU Health.

If successful, the new model could produce healthier students, while simultaneously reducing the uninsured rate among them.

The Cuban embargo controversy continues

CUBA, PAGE 1

of Congress, who still remain hesitant to repeal them anytime in the near future.

Laura Vianello, national delegate of Vigil Mambisa, a hard-line, right wing, Anti-Castro, Anti-Community group, supports congress on their notion to keep the embargo active.

“The normalization in relations between the U.S. and Cuba, we hope it’s a likely to hasten change, not hold back. The future for Cuba is not foreordained, but there is hope to believe that once it gets going, this dynamic will be especially powerful on an island just 90 miles from the wealthiest economy in the world. Just 90 miles away from one-and-a-half million Cuban Americans whose success provides a compelling advertisement for the benefits of democracy and an open society.”

In her speech, Clinton urged Congress to put an end to the economic embargo. She praised the work that Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry have accomplished by renewing diplomatic efforts and alerted Congress that, if the embargo is not dropped, the progress made could falter.

However, Laura Vianello does not agree with this notion, as she speaks for Cuban exiles, members of Vigil Mambisa and herself.

“We don’t want the embargo to be lifted because that would give more to the lifeline of the Castro,” she said. “That would make the Castro regime stronger.”

Read the complete story at fiusm.com
Minority voices should be heard in young adult fiction

NICOLE STONE Contributing Writer opinion@fiusm.com

The human experience: we all have one, an individual story we are all telling without words. For something so governed by specific circumstances, it is obvious to think that no two people are the same. None of our stories has the same hero because we are the only one of ourselves.

Physical books are manifestations of these experiences - little parcels of life. So why is it so rare to find black protagonists, to find a physically disabled protagonist or one without a romanticized self-esteem problem? This is frustrating in all genres of literature, but especially so in the young adult section of the library, where the target audience is one grappling with identity and searching for confirmation of their own validity. In a world becoming more and more diverse for youth, it is high time YA writers got serious about who they’re talking to. Teens and pre-teens are in a formative part of their lives, one when they begin to find out what or who they feel comfortable being.

Where is the Asian Harry Potter, Hispanic Katniss Everdeen or African-American Tris Prior? How about the gay Edward Cullen? Unfortunately, they are hiding behind an outdated marketing bias that straight, white characters sell, and that anyone else does not.

While there many authors are working to diversify their work, main characters that are considered outside the social norms are slow to enter the pool of what is widely available to readers.

Publishers already only publish 0.03 percent of manuscripts that they receive. That means that out of 10,000 submissions, only three ever make it to the shelves, and just being shelved isn't enough to be considered a success by publishing companies. In traditional publishing, there are production costs that need to be covered. Editors need to be paid, materials need to be purchased and the potential for sales need to be high in order for a publisher to consider a manuscript. The book must also have enough selling power to repay the cost of its delivery which could range anywhere from $20,000 to $150,000.

Straight, blonde, attractive protagonists aren't working too well traditionally because they have worked for publishers and pulled in the most revenue, so publishing houses are reluctant to push anything out that doesn’t reflect previous successes. However, the audience reading young adult books today are not the same audience from the past. This audience has newer ideas, more grounds to explore, more diverse realities.

We desperately need that book with a black teen dealing with gender and sexual identity, a chubby protagonist who loves his body and a young adult woman who simply isn’t perfect, because all of these people exist.

Diverse books are not meant exclusively to relate to the character, they are for the world. It is all of our responsibilities to understand each other. For the longest time, people have been using stories to teach children about the world, we should use books to teach as well with these books that don’t fit?

There have been a few authors and novels stirring the YA world with their characters, Rainbow Rowell - primarily a contemporary author - writes about real people falling in love and features characters that are realistic, whole and human. Her newest book, “Carry On,” will be released Tuesday, October 6. “Carry On” presents a magical world where the protagonist is a gay “chosen one” faced with an evil doppleganger.

“I Will Give You the Sun” by Jandy Nelson is another great YA novel with diversity. It features LGBT themes and deeply flawed characters that move the hearts of its readers.

Representation in all media is important because all media has influence. When we don’t hear the voices of the communities in fictional worlds, we are perpetuating the erasure of our experiences of the world. It is time to make a change and broaden the candidates for who gets to be a protagonist, who gets to be a hero, who gets to be heard.

We all have a voice, so let us speak.

Brain over brawn, a case for art in the Olympics

JOHN SUTJIA Staff Writer john.sutjia@fiusm.com

The 2020 Summer Olympics scheduled to take place in Tokyo, Japan are years off, and we still have the Rio Summer Games two years, 26 disciplines are candidates, but only one can be approved – a decision to be made before the June 2. The entries are: Gridiron (American) Football, Baseball and Softball – both formerly Olympic disciplines, Karball and Netball – relatives of Basketball – Raquetball, an Olympic discipline from 1984 to 2002 – Rock Walling, Sumo Wrestling, Polo – Roller Derby, Surfing, Water Skiing, Wake Boarding, Free Diving, Spear Fishing, Indoor Hockey, Airports – which could mean Ballonooning, Hang Gliding or Parachuting – Ultimate Frisbee, Bowling and Lawn Bowling, Billiards, Tug of War – which was reintroduced to the Olympics in 1906.

While cancelled, some of the spirit lived on in the Olympic Cultural Program, but the OCP doesn’t allow for the same experience as the PoM did. Where the PoM was a place for all participants to send artists, the OCP is for the host nation to flaunt its own cultures. Perhaps it is time for the committee to reverse the decision and allow the arts to flourish.

The idea of the Olympics as an amateurs-only competition, while noble, seems a bit silly when the arts are for the world. It is all of our responsibilities to understand each other. For the longest time, people have been using stories to teach children about the world, we should use books to teach as well with these books that don’t fit?

There have been a few authors and novels stirring the YA world with their characters, Rainbow Rowell - primarily a contemporary author - writes about real people falling in love and features characters that are realistic, whole and human. Her newest book, “Carry On,” will be released Tuesday, October 6. “Carry On” presents a magical world where the protagonist is a gay “chosen one” faced with an evil doppleganger.

“I Will Give You the Sun” by Jandy Nelson is another great YA novel with diversity. It features LGBT themes and deeply flawed characters that move the hearts of its readers.

Representation in all media is important because all media has influence. When we don’t hear the voices of the communities in fictional worlds, we are perpetuating the erasure of our experiences of the world. It is time to make a change and broaden the candidates for who gets to be a protagonist, who gets to be a hero, who gets to be heard.

We all have a voice, so let us speak.
Women’s MD, LLC

Specializing in Obstetrics & Gynecology

1303 SW 107 Avenue (Across from FIU Campus)

Women’s MD cordially invites you to the Grand Opening of our newest location. We invite you to tour our new facility and familiarize yourself with our services, our Physicians and Medical Staff. Grand Opening VIP Special Offers will be available during the Open House. Hors d’oeuvres and drinks will be served. Join us for this special occasion to celebrate the Grand Opening of our new office!

Saturday, June 28, 2014 from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

SERVICES OFFERED

- Obstetrical Care, High Risk Pregnancies, Labor and Delivery Care, Postpartum Care, Midwifery Care
- Family Planning, Contraceptive Counseling
- Routine and yearly Gynecological Exams, Pap Smears, Breast and Ovarian Cancer Screenings
- Uterine Disorders, Menopausal, Hormone Testing and Therapy
- Urinary Incontinence
Welcome You

Don’t miss out

WELCOME
BBQ
AUG 24 MON
PANTHER SQUARE
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

BLUE & GOLD
BREAKFAST
AUG 25 TUE
PANTHER SQUARE
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

RESTAURANT & BUSINESS
.shows a gold coin

PANTHER POWER
AUG 28 FRI
PANTHER SQUARE
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

TRY A
TRIATHLON
AUG 29 SAT
MEET US AT THE BBC
WORKOUT STARTS AT 8:00

SGA OPEN POSITIONS

JUDICIAL
- Chief Justice
- Justice (2)
- Court Clerk

SENATE
- Arts & Sciences
- Business
- Education
- Honors College
- Hospitality Management
- School of Journalism & Mass Communications (2)
- Nursing & Health Services
- Broward/I-75
- At Large (3)

CABINET
- Chief of Staff
- Executive Assistant
- Press Secretary
- Intern Coordinator
- Director of Lectures
- International Students Services
- Marketing & Social Media Coordinator
- Director of Governmental Relations
- Director of Internal Relations
- Director of Environmental Affairs
- Elections Commissioner

WUC 301  (305) 919-5680  sgabbc.fiu.edu  sgabbc@fiu.edu  fiusgabbc
FRESHMAN LUAU
AUG 27 THUR
WUC BALLROOMS
11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

NEW ON CAMPUS
Check out these cool SGA-funded projects

Mary Ann Wolfe Auditorium
WUC 100
✓ Seats with USB and Power Outlets
✓ ‘Pantherized’ interiors
✓ Enhanced Audio-Visual capabilities

Game Room WUC 222
✓ New billiards, pingpong, and foosball tables
✓ New GAMING CONSOLES & Games
✓ New carpet & furniture
Week of Welcome kicks off semester

Haiti, the bands Irra’s One and Eunoia are charming, enthusiastic individuals.

Local bands revive South Florida’s metal scene

The University’s Student Programming Council is bringing Wayne Hoffman to campus, a famous missed Millennial and illusionist.

“As I don’t normally care for campus events,” said Sandy Herreza, Sophomore art history major. “But this year’s events look pretty interesting – plus there’s going to be a ton of free stuff and who doesn’t like that?”

On Tuesday, SPC is hosting an event in the GC pit from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., specifically designed for students. At the same time, there will be an FIU off-campus housing fair, also at GC, from 12 to 2 p.m. and a Multicultural Greek Council “Mid-Day Madness” GC pit event from 2 to 4 p.m.

Wednesday’s events will end with a sorority and fraternity welcome BBQ in the GC Lawns from 7 to 9 p.m.

“Our main struggle as a local band was finding a venue,” said Gregory Waldron, the guitarist of Irra’s One. “All the alternative music scene has been labeled the Talent Farm closing up, Florida’s local venues that were around when I was growing up. We’ve gotten 100 no’s, but we’ve gotten at least 10 yes’s.”

“We’re all from the bottom,” said Gregory. “We don’t have the benefits, the costs, travel costs. We aren’t rich, it’s tough. But this year’s events look pretty interesting – plus there’s going to be a ton of free stuff and who doesn’t like that?”

On Thursday, SPC will be hosting an open mic night at 8 p.m. in the GC Ballrooms. “I think that the week of welcome can help freshmen tremendously in that it can smooth their transition into college,” said Campaña. “But I’ve learned that it’s not just about the freshmen.

It’s a celebration of the start of a new year – of new possibilities and opportunities that FIU has to offer.”

WOW events are hosted by the Department of Campus Life and student leaders. They are free and open to the public.

COLUMNS

From venues such as the Talent Farm closing down to well-known bands breaking up, Florida’s local alternative music scene has faced numerous struggles over the last few years. Yet, it seems that the scene is in the process of being resurrected by charming, enthusiastic individuals.

At Black Sheep House, located in Little Haiti, the bands Irra’s One and Eunoia are determined to bring back rock ‘n’ roll to South Florida’s stage. Irra’s One doesn’t have an album out yet, but already the four-man metal band has faced their fair share of struggles.

“Our main struggle as a local band was making friends. On her first day of her college career, she was handed a flyer about the University’s annual Week of Welcome – a full-week of events and activities that go on throughout the first week of the fall term.

“I remember not being able to sleep the night before school started,” said Campaña, now a junior nursing major. “I was scared of not being able to put myself out there, but the events at the week of welcome helped break the ice for me and helped me meet a lot of people.”

The Modesto A. Maidique Campus’ WOW kicks off today and goes through to Friday, Aug. 28.

Today’s events consist of a CSO Welcome Bash: ‘90s Block Party from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the GC Ballroom Lawns. Then, at 6 p.m. in the GC Ballrooms, the Student Programming Council is bringing Wayne Hoffman to campus, a famous Millennial and illusionist.

“If I don’t normally care for campus events,” said Sandy Herreza, Sophomore art history major. “But this year’s events look pretty interesting – plus there’s going to be a ton of free stuff and who doesn’t like that?”

On Tuesday, SPC is hosting an event in the GC pit from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., specifically designed for students. At the same time, there will be an FIU off-campus housing fair, also at GC, from 12 to 2 p.m. and a Multicultural Greek Council “Mid-Day Madness” GC pit event from 2 to 4 p.m.

Wednesday’s events will end with a sorority and fraternity welcome BBQ in the GC Lawns from 7 to 9 p.m.

“Our main struggle as a local band was finding a venue,” said Gregory Waldron, the guitarist of Irra’s One. “All the alternative music scene has been labeled the Talent Farm closing up, Florida’s local venues that were around when I was growing up. We’ve gotten 100 no’s, but we’ve gotten at least 10 yes’s.”

“We’re all from the bottom,” said Gregory. “We don’t have the benefits, the costs, travel costs. We aren’t rich, it’s tough. But this year’s events look pretty interesting – plus there’s going to be a ton of free stuff and who doesn’t like that?”

On Thursday, SPC will be hosting an open mic night at 8 p.m. in the GC Ballrooms. “I think that the week of welcome can help freshmen tremendously in that it can smooth their transition into college,” said Campaña. “But I’ve learned that it’s not just about the freshmen.

It’s a celebration of the start of a new year – of new possibilities and opportunities that FIU has to offer.”

WOW events are hosted by the Department of Campus Life and student leaders. They are free and open to the public.

COLUMNS

From venues such as the Talent Farm closing down to well-known bands breaking up, Florida’s local alternative music scene has faced numerous struggles over the last few years. Yet, it seems that the scene is in the process of being resurrected by charming, enthusiastic individuals.

At Black Sheep House, located in Little Haiti, the bands Irra’s One and Eunoia are determined to bring back rock ‘n’ roll to South Florida’s stage. Irra’s One doesn’t have an album out yet, but already the four-man metal band has faced their fair share of struggles.

“Our main struggle as a local band was making friends. On her first day of her college career, she was handed a flyer about the University’s annual Week of Welcome – a full-week of events and activities that go on throughout the first week of the fall term.

“I remember not being able to sleep the night before school started,” said Campaña, now a junior nursing major. “I was scared of not being able to put myself out there, but the events at the week of welcome helped break the ice for me and helped me meet a lot of people.”

The Modesto A. Maidique Campus’ WOW kicks off today and goes through to Friday, Aug. 28.

Today’s events consist of a CSO Welcome Bash: ‘90s Block Party from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the GC Ballroom Lawns. Then, at 6 p.m. in the GC Ballrooms, the Student Programming Council is bringing Wayne Hoffman to campus, a famous Millennial and illusionist.

“If I don’t normally care for campus events,” said Sandy Herreza, Sophomore art history major. “But this year’s events look pretty interesting – plus there’s going to be a ton of free stuff and who doesn’t like that?”

On Tuesday, SPC is hosting an event in the GC pit from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., specifically designed for students. At the same time, there will be an FIU off-campus housing fair, also at GC, from 12 to 2 p.m. and a Multicultural Greek Council “Mid-Day Madness” GC pit event from 2 to 4 p.m.

Wednesday’s events will end with a sorority and fraternity welcome BBQ in the GC Lawns from 7 to 9 p.m.

“Our main struggle as a local band was finding a venue,” said Gregory Waldron, the guitarist of Irra’s One. “All the alternative music scene has been labeled the Talent Farm closing up, Florida’s local venues that were around when I was growing up. We’ve gotten 100 no’s, but we’ve gotten at least 10 yes’s.”

“We’re all from the bottom,” said Gregory. “We don’t have the benefits, the costs, travel costs. We aren’t rich, it’s tough. But this year’s events look pretty interesting – plus there’s going to be a ton of free stuff and who doesn’t like that?”

On Thursday, SPC will be hosting an open mic night at 8 p.m. in the GC Ballrooms. “I think that the week of welcome can help freshmen tremendously in that it can smooth their transition into college,” said Campaña. “But I’ve learned that it’s not just about the freshmen.

It’s a celebration of the start of a new year – of new possibilities and opportunities that FIU has to offer.”

WOW events are hosted by the Department of Campus Life and student leaders. They are free and open to the public.
Summer blockbuster recap

‘Ant Man’ a ‘wickedly stunning’ film

JOSEPH CARDENAS Staff Writer
joseph.cardenas@fiusm.com

Paul Rudd took the role of Scott Lang, our underdog who work on a super suit and can then shrink to the size of an ant. Much more than this, Ant-Man also has superhuman strength when at his small stature and can use his size to be virtually undetectable. On paper this sounds like an incredibly lame power but on the big screen, you are running in watch a battle in a sequence. In the long catalog of Marvel’s Cinematic Universe, “Ant-Man” definitely leaves a good mark, especially considering that in the comic universe Ant-Man is one of the original Avengers.

You can tell through its production, that the writers and filmmakers wanted to respect a very old property but still give it a fresh design. It’s a very well-balanced movie, probably one of the more well executed Marvel movies. It also brought a lot of great acting talent to the table. “Ant-Man” is a great addition to Marvel’s cinematic catalog, and an addition to its list of super heroes. It’s exciting, seeing what its potential to the Marvel franchise could be and where it’ll fit as it continues to grow as its own franchise.

Disney Pixar’s summer release, Inside Out, is possibly the most important children’s films of recent years. Dealing with the internal struggle of a girl named Riley (Kaitlyn Dias), the film explores the nature of individual emotions (voiced by stars like Amy Poehler, Mindy Kaling and Richard Kind) and their roles in childhood development, especially those usually considered negative.

Eve...
Veteran golfers tee up for last season

JASMINE ROMERO / THE BEACON

Junior goalkeeper Sophia Trujillo returns to Miami after playing two years at San Diego State.

LUIS DIAZ
Contribution Writer

A Miami native and experienced college goalkeeper, Sophia Trujillo is happy to be back home playing for the Panthers.

Trujillo enters this season as a junior after spending her first two years of NCAA eligibility playing across the country for San Diego State. But taking a play out of “The Wizard of Oz,” Trujillo discovered there’s no place like home and decided to come back to the heat and humidity of South Florida to don the Blue and Gold this season.

This is Trujillo’s first season with FIU yet she finds herself the most experienced goalkeeper on this team’s roster. That experience has not gone unnoticed, and with that comes the hype of finally solidifying what is arguably the most important position on the pitch.

But rather than playing to live up to her hype, her plan is simple. “I’m going to give my 100 percent so I don’t let this team down,” Trujillo said.

That team first attitude has been prevalent throughout the offseason. This team has been put in. However, being the new kid on the block, Trujillo is still working to earn the starting goalkeeper position. To her, the experience she has means nothing when deciding the depth chart.

“A lot of people think San Diego is the same as Miami but it’s really not. It is a lot hotter and more humid in Miami than it is (in California).”

Having played in what can only be described as “Miami weather” since first grade however, the heat is the least of her worries.

“I know nothing is going to be given to me,” says Trujillo about earning her spot. “I’m not going to work hard for it.” To break this starting lineup won’t be impossible, but Sophia Trujillo plans on contributing to this team immediately

Still getting a grasp of this team’s philosophy, her lineup won’t be impossible, but Sophia Trujillo says Trujillo about earning her spot, “I’m still not 100 percent sure I can do that kind of job.”

Former football standout becomes major money maker

PETER HOLLAND JR.
Contribution Writer

It was four years ago when T.Y. Hilton was selected 92nd overall by the Indianapolis Colts. Four years later, after starting every game and being selected to the pro bowl, the Miami native has signed a five year $65 million contract with an $11 million guarantee from the Colts.

T.Y. Hilton was a two star receiver coming out of Miami Springs High School. He committed to FIU and played under former head coach Mario Cristobal on Feb 6, 2008. He had set school records for most catches (229), receiving yards (3,513) and career receiving touchdowns (24). He made first team All-Sun Belt and was voted Sun Belt Player of the Year in 2008.

After finishing FIU, Hilton impressed NFL scouts when he was listed at 5’10 183 pounds with a 4.3 dashed 40 yard dash in the third round by the Indianapolis Colts. So far in his NFL career as a Colt, he has 214 receptions, 3,289 receiving yards and 19 touchdowns. Last season he was selected to the pro bowl for the first time in his career. He was ranked number 35 in the NFL Top 100, which was voted by his peers.

Now that T.Y. Hilton is claimed, he and the Colts are preparing for the 2015 NFL season. After just missing the Super Bowl last year, the Colts are projected to make another playoff run. Their first game is on Thursday, Sept. 3 against the Cincinnati Bengals.

These statistics are outliers compared to what Godley has been able to accomplish at her time at FIU. During the 2012-2013 season, Godley was named to the Sun Belt Conference’s Women’s Golf All-Conference First Team and All-Tournament Team.

In order to combat the aging roster, coach Vogel must step up his recruiting efforts in order to keep the program running.

While those three are left in the other members of the tight knit team, veteran goalkeeper MacLaren has been impressive enough for the seniors depart.

Luckily for FIU, there are left in the capable hands of Conliana Arias, Camila Serrano, and breakout golfer Katerina Krasova.

Krasova, who began last season as the number two starter behind MacLaren, compiled an impressive stat sheet in her first full season of college play.

A native of the Czech Republic, Krasova posted a scoring average of 75.61 over her first 28 rounds, which still has three rounds of even par or under.

Her lowest round of the season occurred at the Johnie Imes Invitational where she shot one under par in the second round of the tournament.

Sophia Godley, meanwhile, is aiming to rebound after a rough 2014 season. She only played in nine rounds last season and her scoring average soared to 82.84, ten more strokes than MacLaren.

In her first full season with FIU, Arias has been a staple in the starting lineup for FIU. The junior from Ecuador has been impressive even par score for the weekend.

Perhaps the successor to MacLaren, Serrano broke out in her freshman season, securing the title of C-USA Freshman of the Year in 2013.

She followed her initial out with a consistent season, scoring top one 20 while tallying six top 25’s. In her 28 rounds, she posted a scoring average of 75.61, good enough for third in the team in scoring average.

However, a problem arises in the near future. FIU opens up its fall season with only one new player, Ana Maria Rengifo, a freshman from Colombia. Besides Rengifo, the rest of the golf roster are upperclassmen, with the exception of Krasova, who is a sophomore.

In order to combat the aging roster, coach Vogel must step up his recruiting efforts in order to keep the program running. I would expect that Vogel will sign a player or two for the winter portion of the season. Until then, the team will head into the 2015-2016 with only one freshman on their roster.

FIU begins play in late September at the Golfweek Conference Challenge in Wolcott, Colorado. The schedule also includes a third day head to head matchup versus the University of Miami Hurricanes during the leap year weekend in February.

The two teams have not announced what course will play host to this matchup. The rival season will finish in early April with the SMU Invite in Dallas, Texas. The program begins two weeks later with the 2016 Conference USA Championships.
Just days away until the Miami Dolphins first pre-season game against the Chicago Bears, there was a lot of positives than there were negatives during the scrimmage at FIU.

With opening day a month away, the dolphins showed progress on both phases of the ball. Now what did we learn?

Ryan Tannehill came a long way.

Tannehill looked very confident at the pocket. He was poised. Him and his receivers were on the same page and he took command of the offense. He finished the scrimmage 11-17, 102 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions.

The two TDs came from tight end Jordan Cameron, who they signed this past off season. It’s clear to me that Cameron can be an extra receiver to make plays up the middle.

Tannehill can make deep throws if you give him the right weapons like Jordan Cameron, Greg Jennings and Jarvis “Juice” Landry.

At the end, Tannehill got a little careless and threw two interceptions.

“I definitely feel offensively, we weren’t as crisp as I’d liked to be,” Tannehill said. “We had too many mental mistakes. Obviously I threw a couple interceptions, which I don’t want to happen. We learn from it and move on.”

Offensive line has a long way to go

Tannehill can make deep throws if you give him the right weapons like Jordan Cameron, Greg Jennings and Jarvis “Juice” Landry. At the end, Tannehill got a little careless and threw two interceptions.

“I definitely feel offensively, we weren’t as crisp as I’d liked to be,” Tannehill said. “We had too many mental mistakes. Obviously I threw a couple interceptions, which I don’t want to happen. We learn from it and move on.”

Rookie left guard Jamil Douglas showed flashes and looked very comfortable working with the first team left guard. He created a big hole for LaMichael James to rush 20 yard run.

Ndamukong Suh is unblockable

Still believe $114 million was not worth it? It has only been a couple weeks and Ndamukong Suh is the most dominating force in the Dolphins’ defense. Every time he penetrates and disrupts offense, 16,000 people yell out the word “Suh.” He might just have to get used to that.

LaMichael James is in the running back rotation

LaMichael James set the tone at kickoff return when he had a 80 yard run. He carried the load that night and finished the game with 11 carries for 41 yards.

The offense now have options on who will be in the rotation. It will come down to James or rookie RB Jay Ajayi.

The Dolphins have been active trying to find who can start at cornerback opposite of Brett Grieves. So far incumbent return starter Jamar Taylor and free agent signee Brice McCain took first team reps during the series and both showed what they can do.

However, it just got interesting when two late round rookie corners made a name for themselves that night.

Bobby McCain, fifth round pick out of Memphis showed his playmaking ability, making pass break ups after pass break ups. His big finished was when he caught an interception threw by Ryan Tannehill during goal line plays.

“It was a big step,” McCain Said. “It was the real evaluation, game-challenging type thing.”

It just keeps going from here. He finished the game with three tackles, three pass breakups and one interception. Watch out for this rookie to sneak in the starting rotation in a nickel or dime package.

That solves our cornerback problem.

Overall the dolphins now have options and whoever makes the final 53 man roster, clearly is the best player on the field.

Even the kickers competing for the starting job looked great.

The first pre-season game is this Thursday, Aug. 27 against the Chicago Bears. We’ll find out the latest depth chart after the game.
ALEXANDRA MOSQUERA NETZKARSCH
BBC Managing Editor alex.mosquera@fiusm.com

The first week of the fall semester will start off with the Week of Welcome and this includes a variety of events offering free food and giveaways. Campus Life planned an event for each day of the week. These events will serve as group building exercises and will give new students a sense of the FIU community they will now be a part of.

To kickoff this eventful week, on Monday, a barbeque will take place in Panther Square and will serve all new and returning students. There will be burgers and vegetarian options upon request. There will be t-shirts and other giveaways during this event.

JULIE WALSH
Contributing Writer bwlc@fiusm.com

As part of this week’s Week of Welcome, the Wolfe University Center at the Biscayne Bay Campus will be revamping the game room.

The renovations were started in the summer and will be completed within the first week of the fall semester, according to Scott Jones, director of WUC.

“The game room revamp is a breath of fresh air,” said Kenley Jean Louis, vice president for the Student Government Association at BBC. “Over the years, the game room has gone through many changes, but this will be the biggest of them all.”

Jones said that SGA conducted a survey— which read that students were interested in the addition of bean bags. “This is being achieved, essentially, to transform the room into a fun and dynamic spot,” he said.

The students, via survey, also requested a Billiards and ping pong table, which will be present in the room. “With the the installation of the billiards table comes variety,” said Louis. “The student body now has more options on what they can do.”

Though the renovations are currently taking place, Jones believes that they will be finished by Aug 24.

“There is a goal set for the revamp so that it does not have an impact on students,” said Jones. “Everything has been really successful, and no impact has been made on students who regularly spend their time there.”

The room will feature a new paint job, more modern carpets and furniture, a TV and an electrical gaming system.

“I’ve been to the game room a couple of times with my buddies and I can say it’s a great place to hang out,” said Yenifer Infante, sophomore psychology major. “Even if we don’t play any video games, the environment is just very chill and easy to have fun in.”

Jones believes that the students will love the renovations and both him and SGA have made plans to incorporate tournaments and different interactions for the students who frequent the room.

“We are excited to see how students will use the room,” said Jones. “Part of the revamp goes back to three years of design with student affairs and there was a lot of collaboration with the student government.”

ALEXANDRA MOSQUERA NETZKARSCH
BBC Managing Editor alex.mosquera@fiusm.com

THE

conducted a survey -- which them all.”

through many changes, but the game room has gone at BBC. “Over the years, Government Association president for the Student

will be completed within this week's WUC revamped for Week of Welcome

WUC revamped for Week of Welcome

JULIE WALSH
Contributing Writer bwlc@fiusm.com

As part of this week’s Week of Welcome, the Wolfe University Center at the Biscayne Bay Campus will be revamping the game room.

The renovations were started in the summer and will be completed within the first week of the fall semester, according to Scott Jones, director of WUC.

“The game room revamp is a breath of fresh air,” said Kenley Jean Louis, vice president for the Student Government Association at BBC. “Over the years, the game room has gone through many changes, but this will be the biggest of them all.”

Jones said that SGA conducted a survey– which read that students were interested in the addition of bean bags. “This is being achieved, essentially, to transform the room into a fun and dynamic spot,” he said.

The students, via survey, also requested a Billiards and ping pong table, which will be present in the room. “With the the installation of the billiards table comes variety,” said Louis. “The student body now has more options on what they can do.”

Though the renovations are currently taking place, Jones believes that they will be finished by Aug 24.

“There is a goal set for the revamp so that it does not have an impact on students,” said Jones. “Everything has been really successful, and no impact has been made on students who regularly spend their time there.”

The room will feature a new paint job, more modern carpets and furniture, a TV and an electrical gaming system.

“I’ve been to the game room a couple of times with my buddies and I can say it’s a great place to hang out,” said Yenifer Infante, sophomore psychology major. “Even if we don’t play any video games, the environment is just very chill and easy to have fun in.”

Jones believes that the students will love the renovations and both him and SGA have made plans to incorporate tournaments and different interactions for the students who frequent the room.

“We are excited to see how students will use the room,” said Jones. “Part of the revamp goes back to three years of design with student affairs and there was a lot of collaboration with the student government.”

If your legs feel tired just by reading the words “cross country running,” don’t worry, you’re not alone. But for the athletes that make up FIU’s Cross Country Team, it has got to be about running a little bit harder.

Between the men and women’s cross country team, there were only two first place team finishes last year, both of which came from the men’s side at the UCF Invitational and FLRunners Invitational.

But winning a couple of invitational meets means nothing when the men and women finish 11th and 12th in the Conference USA Championships respectively.

This year’s Cross Country schedule consists of five meets, concluding with the C-USA Championships on Sunday, Nov. 1 in Bowling Green, Kentucky. And though the schedules match for the men and women’s squads, the storylines couldn’t be any different.

For the men, it’s all about building on last year’s success. Last year’s two most dominant runners on the cross country crew were freshmen Ronny Greenup and Leonel Pozo.

These young men proved to everyone that college freshmen really aren’t as bad as they’re made out to be. Individually speaking, Greenup left three of the five races he competed in with a first place medal. If he can go into this season with his head on his shoulders and commanding this team the way he did last year, he alone will be able to improve this team’s final rankings.

The women, however, don’t share the same optimism in their locker room. The FIU Women’s Cross Country Team was led by senior Catherine Ventura, who had three of her team’s top five 5K times last season.

But after a season where the best individual performance couldn’t even crack the top 10 of the meet, someone has to emerge as the true captain of this squad and lead this team into a successful season mostly by leading through example.

Keep an eye out for sophomore Isolada Montiel to emerge as the woman to lead this squad out of the mediocrity they found themselves at the end of last season.

Some say you can’t coach speed. That is exactly what Head Coach Ryan Heberling and his staff must do coming into this season. Hopefully that is exactly what he did throughout this offseason. He, his team, and the entire program found out with their season starting on Friday, Sept. 4 when the team travels to Boca Raton for the Florida Atlantic University Cross Country Invitational.

bbc@fiusm.com

The Wellness and Recreation Center has also organized the Try a Triathlon, an event to finalize the first week back in school with a free workout open to every student, which will take place at the BBC pool deck.

Timm Pressley, a senior psychology major thinks that the Restaurant and Business Fair is “the best part of WOW because it gives students the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the restaurants and places of business around BBC. “It can be intimidating to try out new restaurants without knowing anything about them,” he said. “This fair gives students the chance to know more about them and even get a taste of their food.”

Students are in for a first week of school full of different kinds of entertainment.

Have a great week Panthers!