Student presents Cuban dialect lecture

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Kellie Fullilove, 19, died over the weekend after attending a social event at the Bahia Mar hotel in Fort Lauderdale hosted by Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity.

Kevin Dupree, the police department’s public information officer, said to Student Media that Fullilove, a junior who earned her associate of arts and science degree from Florida Gulf Coast University, likely died because of a drug overdose.

He said the medical examiner has not finished an investigation.

“Nothing suspicious,” Dupree said Tuesday. “There’s no indication of foul play.”

Student Media knocked on the door of the Phi Gamma Delta house at the Moderno Maidaque Campus seeking comment, but there was no response. Curtains were drawn over the front door.

University spokeswoman Maydel Santana-Bravo sent the following statement to Student Media Monday, which was also posted on the University’s Facebook page.

“We are saddened by the death of a student this past weekend. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends. The student had attended an off campus social event organized by Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity right before she passed away. FIU is offering support to students who are affected by this tragedy. The incident is being investigated by Fort Lauderdale Police.”

Henry Brimo, the president of FIU’s Phi Gamma Delta chapter, was unavailable for comment.

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Maria Hernandez has a hard time communicating with her peers.

“As a Cuban-born person, I have a big accent when I talk English,” she said. “I always have to say things a couple of times. But, more than that, people tend to not understand me when I speak Spanish either because the Cuban dialect is so different than other types of Spanish.”

The sophomore business major believes that most people don’t understand the Cuban Spanish origin and are quick to dismiss it as something “ugly” or “unattractive.”

“It’s a beautiful and fun Spanish,” she said.

The Cuban Research Institute, under the Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs, will be hosting an event to discuss the origins of the Cuban dialect, the speech patterns within Cuba and the use of “Cubanisms” in different parts of the island.

“I think there’s a need to discuss popular attitudes toward the Spanish language spoken by various Latino groups in the U.S. and particularly in Miami,” said Jorge Duany, CRI director and University professor.

“There is evidence that many Spanish speakers have a strong bias against the Spanish dialect that prevails in Cuba and other Caribbean countries.”

Juan Lopez, senior political science major, agrees with Duany and thinks that some people may even be discriminatory against Cubans.

“I feel like I’m a joke to some people,” he said.

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Elizabeth Santana Cepero, professor and researcher of linguistics at the Autonomous Metropolitan University in Mexico, will be lecturing at the event.

“These lectures offer an opportunity for students and faculty, as well as members of the greater Miami community, to engage with prominent Cubanists,” said Duany.

“Even though the Spanish spoken in Cuba is important in academic circles because it represents an ideal situation in which to study the differences and similarities among various dialects of the language.”

The CRI is “helping to turn our student population into skilled speakers of the Cuban language.”

According the event’s organizers, the event will help them bring that idea to life.

“I want to turn our student IDs into a digital form,” he said. “Sometimes people lose their IDs, and it is expensive to replace them. But if our IDs were digital, we could store them in our devices and never lose them.”

Brydson thinks that the event will come from networking with industry experts who are willing to mentor newcomers.

“You will be meeting people who you might end up working with in the future,” said Brydson.

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Like the tortoise and the hare, on-demand transportation company Lyft is slowly but steadily gaining ground on its biggest competitor, Uber. The San Francisco company, known for its glowing pink mustache, is on track to bring in $1 billion in gross revenue by year’s end, according to Lyft co-founder and President John Zimmer. It’s also claiming an impressive amount of market share in some of the country’s tech-savviest cities.

Speed rules didn’t apply to train in ethanol spill

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France calls for US, Russia to unite to fight Islamic State

Three days after declaring that France was at war with the Islamic State, French President Francois Hollande called Monday on the rest of the civilized world to join in turning up the heat on “these desppicable cowards.” Whether other nations would join his call was uncertain. In a speech delivered at the same time in Antalya, Turkey, President Barack Obama told reporters at the conclusion of the G-20 conference that the current U.S. strategy against the Islamic State had been successful.

G-20 leaders skirt issue of Russian bombing in Syria

At the first summit with President Vladimir Putin since he ordered Russian forces into Syria, Group of 20 world leaders Sunday said little about Russia’s controversial war tactics, which include bombing hospitals, turning their backs to rebel generals and once a week during Summer B. One copy per faculty member.

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Mergers could increase BBC enrollment

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“Through faculty governance input from us to address concerns and see if challenges can be overcome,” Furton said. If Furton were to move forward with the merger—a decision he said he would likely make by the end of 2015—he would create a committee tasked with determining the process be specific degrees only offered at BBC. Adding courses taught at BBC wouldn’t affect the College of Education, but if there are opportunities to do so administrators would explore them, Furton said.

Furton said to Student Media that the larger committee will also determine which of the deans of the four academic units will become department chairs. Kathleen Wilson, chairwoman of the Faculty Senate, said to Student Media that she thinks the provost has a very good reason for why he thinks the merger is a good idea. “He’s not talking about downsizing those areas,” said Wilson, who represents the University’s faculty as the leader of their governing body. “He’s talking about leveraging resources and possibly applying for more grants together.” However, she did acknowledge that there is anxiety from professors in the affected colleges and school. “It’s always hard on the faculty. But change is hard, even good change is hard. People don’t like change, it’s uncomfortable. I’m not saying it’s bad, but it’s uncomfortable.”

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Professors in the College of Education are trained in teaching and learning, and adding them to Arts & Sciences’ faculty, “would change the culture in terms of student learning outcomes,” Furton said. Though there are no issues concerning the current culture, Furton said the University’s strategic plan, “Fund Beyond Possible 2020,” calls for continuous improvement of the performance metrics the Florida Legislature uses to determine the amount of money to give universities in Florida’s university system. As per the plan, University administrators want to increase the second-year retention rate from 75 to 90 percent and the six-year graduation rate from 54 to 70 percent by 2020. First and foremost we want to make sure the new colleges that we create in the are the best interests of students, that we’re offering 21st century state-of-the-art courses that offer students the most opportunity for success and we’re not negatively impacting students,” Furton said.

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Lack of options leaves students hungry for more

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University hosts Study Abroad Fair

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Seventy-four percent of students study abroad during their academic college careers, according to a study by the Association of International Educators. The number makes up about 10 percent of the country’s college graduates and is expected to increase significantly in the next years, according to the association.

Post graduation employment competition is increasingly competitive, and it has become highly encouraged to consider a study abroad program by the Association of International Educators. The University has nearly 25 study abroad programs and international student exchange programs.

The Office of Study Abroad will host a study abroad fair Thursday, Nov. 19 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Graham Center ballrooms. Students are welcomed to ask questions regarding study abroad programs at the fair.

A representative for each program will participate at the fair, according to Laura Boudon, Office of Study Abroad program administration director.

The fair is hosted by the Office of Study Abroad every semester, especially during the months of November, in honor of International Education Week. International Education Week is a joint initiative of the Department of State and the Department of Education to promote programs that prepare

Wolfsonian to honor designer Mark Hampton

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Mark Hampton, the interior designer responsible for much of Miami’s design aesthetic today, will be honored Saturday, Nov. 21 by FIU’s Wolfsonian Museum at Washington Ave in Miami Beach.

Between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. the Wolfsonian will host a brunch reception with its director, Tim Rodgers, along with a brief talk by architect Rene Gonzalez.

The talk will be followed by a dialogue among Gonzalez, architecture critic Beth Dunlop and Micky Wolfson, founder of the Wolfsonian Museum regarding Hampton’s work and his life.

Nominated for the Pulitzer Prize for Criticism, Dunlop is the editor of Modern Magazine, writes for multiple publications and was previously the Miami Herald’s architecture critic.

Gonzalez has been featured by multiple publications, including the New York Times and in critiques by Dunlop herself.

Hampton, who died in 1998, wrote two books, Mark Hampton on Decorating and Legendary Designers of the 20th Century. Aproochile designer, Hampton’s work can be found in a number of U.S. government interiors, including the commissions by the White House during the presidencies of Bush Sr. and Clinton.

A limited number of tickets are available for students to attend the event free of charge.

Committed to success of students at University

From the Dean of Students

The Dean of Students Office, in the Division of Student Affairs, creates a culture of care for students, their families, faculty and staff by providing proactive education consultation, resources, and response to distressed students or students in crisis. The Dean of Students will provide a monthly column in the Beacon, to acquaint students with some of the important campus resources in place to support their success.

Supporting Your Success

The University is committed to student success…your success. We want you to have an amazing FIU experience that is enriching, educational, enjoyable and transformative.

While much of that experience happens in the classroom, and through your engagement within your academic program, a major component of your educational experience is accessed outside of the classroom.

Many studies have shown that student engagement out of the classroom has significant impact on student learning and success.

In fact, many of the skills employers are looking for are acquired through co-curricular experiences.

It is your responsibility to access these experiences to ensure you have the most comprehensive FIU education.

The Division of Student Affairs has created a wide array of programs and services that provide opportunities for students to be engaged and to gain knowledge and skills that will aid them in their success.

Students learn through their involvement in leadership roles, by performing service in our local community, when working part-time on campus, or when accessing services such as through Career Services, Counseling, Multicultural Program and Services, or the Disability Resource Center.

Students learn when they attend lectures or organizational meetings, or write for the Beacon.

They learn when they make decisions as part of Student Government, or engaging in conversation with others at residence hall programs.

Students learn when they attend leadership development sessions, or receive information about their health and wellness. The fact is, we all learn through social interaction with others. At FIU, we have the benefit of a large, diverse community, where we are able to experience this out-of-class learning alongside others who all bring different backgrounds, perspectives and experiences.

So, what are you doing to maximize your FIU experience? Attend a program. Join an organization. Sign up for a service project or AB Trip. Go to the Wellness and Recreation Center. Apply for a leadership position. Participate in a student philanthropy project. Join a Greek organization. The possibilities are endless.

The important part is that you are strategic about finding those opportunities that will enhance your educational experience and prepare you for your future.

The good thing is you are also likely to have some fun.

If you need help getting connected on campus, stop by one of our Student Affairs offices.

We’re committed to your success.
Hunger Games’ goes out on a feel-bad high note

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Grum, relentless and immensely satisfying. “The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 2” sends out the dystopian sci-fi franchise on a feel-bad high. Readers of Suzanne Collins’ source novel, who already know what’s coming, will be pleased by the movie’s merciless fidelity to the source material (or perhaps, considering the book is the least popular in the trilogy, will just be annoyed all over again).

For the rest of us, who only know “The Hunger Games” through its wildly uneven movies, “Mockingjay – Part 2” is proof that there really was more going on here all along than derivative allegories, shallow cultural commentary and trite young-adult angst. Filmmaker Francis Lawrence, who has gradually deepened the series over the last three installments (and made you forget the chintzy first picture directed by Gary Ross), doesn’t forget the somber aura that has seeped into the films, hinting at grave things to come. Civil war and fascism aren’t subjects you can wrap up with a shiny bow and glitter. Even a presumably happy ending would bear melancholy footnotes, which is the case here.

By now, the story has grown so complicated that Lawrence doesn’t try to help newcomers catch up. “Mockingjay – Part 2” picks up where the previous movie left off: Peeta (Josh Hutcherson) has been rescued from the clutches of the tyrannical President Snow (Donald Sutherland) but is brainwashed to fight against Katniss (Jennifer Lawrence), Gale (Liam Hemsworth) and the rest of the underground rebels.

Finnick (Sam Claflin) is preparing to wed. Johanna (Jena Malone) is still fronting. President Coin (Julianne Moore), the leader of the rebellion, and her assistant Plutarch (the late Alan Arkin) – who died during production) gets to become a professional ballet dancer. The event will take place in the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center.

Old School Saturdays Saturday night is filled with music from the past, but the movie never generates the rush of a straightforward action picture. A sense of dread permeates the movie, a feeling that this story may not be as predictable as it appears. Despite the series’ monumental success, “The Hunger Games” hasn’t permeated popular culture in the way superhero or even “Twilight” did.
Postseason hopes depend on WKU showdown

JAKE'S TAKES

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All season long, I've been writing about whether or not FIU would be able to win six games and become eligible for a bowl game for the first time in four years. At first I thought they were a shoo-in, but after inexorable losses to the University of Massachusetts and Florida Atlantic University, my optimism began to disappear.

Now, there's no more debate or question as to what the Panthers need to do: they either reach a bowl game by winning their final game against Western Kentucky University, or lose to the heavily-favored Hilltoppers and once again go home for the holidays without an invitation to a bowl game.

This crucial game between the Panthers (5-6, 3-4) and Hilltoppers (8-2, 6-0) will take place this Saturday, Nov. 17 at 2:30 p.m. Led by their high-powered offense, WKU is the only undefeated team in Conference USA.

This means that FIU will need to bring every thing-they've got if they want any chance of knocking off the Hilltoppers.

Arguably the biggest advantage that FIU has going for them is certainly that this game is being played at Ocean Bank Field at FIU Stadium. Despite extremely low and often embarrassing attendance, the Panthers are 4-0 at home this season. The two games WKU have lost this season have been played on the road.

Saturday’s game is also significantly more important for the Panthers than it is for WKU. Regardless of the result, the Hilltoppers must defeat Marshall University, which defeated FIU 52-0 last week, to win the C-USA East division.

For the Panthers, on the other hand, this is their final chance at making a bowl game. If the Panthers can use that extra motivation to fuel their play against WKU, an upset is very possible.

However, it will take a lot more than being motivated to take down a team as talented as WKU. Even though they lost their star running back Leon Allen early very in the season to a season-ending knee injury, the Hilltoppers offense hasn’t missed a beat. WKU ranks tied for 10th in the country in scoring; averaging a ridiculous 41.8 points per game.

FIU’s struggling defense will need to find a way to slow down the dangerous combination of quarterback Brandon Doughty and receiver Taywan Taylor, who was recently named a semi-finalist for the Biletnikoff Award.

I could see each of those stars being playmakers at the next level, which means that the Panthers need their NFL-caliber defensive backs Richard Leonhard and Jeremiah McKinnon to step up in their final game at FIU Stadium. It will be very interesting to see whether Leonard or McKinnon will spend more time guarding Taylor and how effective each will be at containing Doughty’s top target.

On offense, the Panthers will need to move past a horrible performance against Marshall and get on the scoreboard early and often when the Hilltoppers come to Miami.

This is a true test for sophomore quarterback Alex McGough. McGough has been playing like a superstar all season long. Now we’ll see if he has what it takes to rise up against the tough competition and bring his Panthers to a bowl game.

Prediction: WKU defeats FIU 45-34. Unless WKU head coach Jeff Brohm elects to sit his star players in preparation for their C-USA East “championship game” with Marshall, I don’t think FIU is equipped to keep up with the Hilltoppers. I expect McGough and sophomore running back Alex Gardner to bounce back and lead the Panthers to a great offensive performance, but the FIU defense under coordinator Matt House hasn’t shown me any reason to believe they can slow down WKU’s offensive enough to win this game.

“Jake’s Takes” offers commentary on the University football team with predictions or recaps of gameplay. For commentary, email Jacob at jacob.spiwak@fiu.edu.
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The men’s basketball team defeated Florida Memorial College on Monday, Nov. 16 in a 67-51 victory. The Panthers improved to 2-0 on Lime Court as they prepare for their first road trip of the season.

At tip-off, Florida Memorial was able to keep the contest close. In the first 10 minutes, the Lions kept the game within reach.

However, the Panthers stepped up and outscored the Florida Memorial 15-6 in the last 10 minutes of the half. At halftime, FIU commanded a 35-18 lead.

The second half provided opportunity for the Panthers to play their reserves. Although the Lions would outscore the Panthers 33-32 in the second half, most of those points were added once the game was already out of reach. At the final buzzer, the Panthers took the contest 67-51.

FIU’s veterans got the job done during the game. Senior forward Davion Draper led in scoring with 19 points. Senior center Adrian Diaz was dominant on the boards against a smaller Lions team with 14 rebounds.

Head Coach Anthony Evans used this initial soft stretch of scheduling to play his newcomers. Junior Donte McGill played 27 minutes on Monday, recording nine points and six rebounds. Freshman seven-foot-one center Nate Brown Bull saw action for the first time.

Next up for the Panthers is the James Madison University Men Against Breast Cancer Classic in Harrisonburg, Va. Their first opponent will be JMU on Friday, Nov. 20 at 3:30 p.m.

Guard Jason Baswell runs across the floor of the FIU Arena at the game against Florida Memorial.

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The FIU Basketball Team played against Florida Memorial University on the Lime Court on Monday, Nov. 16.

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WOMEN’S SOCCER

Women ‘consistently inconsistent’ in play

AFTER high hopes to start the season, an 8-11 record and a poor 4-6 conference record leave a lot to be desired.

Behind the leadership of stellar seniors, it would have been natural for them to have a stronger urge to end their FIU career on a higher note.

But where did the issues come from? Why could the win streak not expand past two? What I used to describe as “consistent” in play?

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Malden Weinhardt also got off to a hot start, and FIU went 7-2 in games that she scored or assisted in. But the impressive start didn’t carry on into the second half of the season, as she failed to score or assist in the final eight games of the season.

It wasn’t just the seniors who couldn’t keep up the pace. Junior Alyssa Robinson, who shares the first place finish for total goals in the year, had a span in which she netted three goals in three games, but then failed to score in the final nine games. Junior Ellen Crist’s goals also came very scattered throughout the year.

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Academic mergers will have little effect on students

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University Provost Ken Furton said plans to merge two colleges and add a department to a school will have “no impact on students,” and he would like to make a decision by the end of the year.

While the majority of journalism and mass communication courses will remain at Biscayne Bay Campus, Furton said the University will offer more communication arts courses at BBC if the merger goes through as planned.

If it does, the College of Arts & Sciences and the College of Education could merge and the College of Architecture + the Arts’ communication arts department would be added to SIMC.

Under the latest plan, integrating SIMC into CARSA would result in a new college, Furton said. A similar plan is in the works for Arts & Sciences and Education.

Furton also said full tracks within communication arts could also be offered at BBC. The department currently has three: organizational communication studies, art + performance and design studies.

“There are opportunities to share courses,” Furton said. “There could be efficiencies in that regard.”

Furton, who is also the executive vice president of academic affairs, said he expects degrees to remain, and administrators could add interdisciplinary degrees for two or more fields of study.

Furton said merged academic units would allow the University to offer its students accelerated master’s degrees, which gives students the option to start taking graduate courses early.

He said SIMC and Education have accrediting organizations whose requirements do not separate forms of accreditation, a certification which says all formal official requirements of academic excellence, curriculum, facilities, have been met.

If merged, the College of Education will become a school within the College of Arts & Sciences, and the academic unit will have a new name.

At the Oct. 27 Faculty Senate meeting Furton said the “College of Education declined” a merger with Arts & Sciences when the idea was brought up previously, but he said to Student Media it was the decision of the University president and provost.

Eight women join 2016 roster

FERGUSON – Swimming and Diving has already added eight new swimmers to next year’s roster and “there isn’t even a roster yet.”

As Head Coach Randy Hanner and his swimming and diving team prepare to bounce back from their first loss of the season, coming against the University of Illinois at the Biscayne Bay Aquatic Center, there isn’t a single moment of down-time.

The team will be taking part in the Purdue Invitational on Nov. 20, 21 and 22. Every day leading up to it there will be recruiting and signing going on, amidst training, in order to bolster next season’s team.

Keep in mind, that the 2015-2016 Season doesn’t even technically end until April 29-30, so the eight signees, five are from countries other than the United States.

Interpretive Ranger Intern makes recap on National Park Uniforms

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But that wasn’t always the case.

At the beginning of the 20th century, we had natural areas, but after the creation of parks, there was still no National Park Service and our natural areas were very susceptible to poaching, logging and stagecoach robbery. With the US having a surplus of veterans following the Civil and Spanish-American War, the idea arose to have patrolmen protect these landscapes, and most importantly, the mountains and water for ecosystems and providing a sequoia tree for resource protection, a bison for wildlife protection, a bison for wildlife protection, an eagle for freedom, a bear for wilderness, a cheetah for speed, the ranger hat to the arrowhead, symbolism which says all.

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Another European swimmer who will be making the trip across the pond for the next step in her career is Megan Bowen from England. The remaining two internationals hail from neighboring Canada, are Brooke Bouchard and Alexa Bryant.

The transition for most of the incoming freshman should be seamless, as more than half of their teammates are either going through, or have already had to go through the same things that they will be experiencing, so a sense of comfort is inevitable for the athletes.

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Catherine Rodriguez, Diplomat in Residence, U.S. Department of State, talking about work opportunities outside of the U.S. during the International Students Panel Monday, Nov. 16 in WUC 155

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