Faculty Senate addresses the Nature Preserve

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The Faculty Senate was in session Tuesday, March 8 to discuss a proposed resolution for the development of two intramural fields that are planned to be built over the northern part of the Nature Preserve, a resolution which included a 2.9 acre expansion to the south.

The deliberation resulted with a 15 in favor, 10 opposed, and two abstention vote. The Preserve’s compromise deal will be presented to President Mark B. Rosenberg and possibly at the Board of Trustees meeting on Friday, March 11.

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NATION & WORLD BRIEFS

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Belly-rubbing advice to pregnant student costs Wayne State University $850,000 payout

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Student Conduct Committee seeking new board members

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FIU has a Student Conduct Committee which is comprised of both students and FIU staff. The committee has multiple roles and missions. They seek to encourage safe demonstrations and exercises of First Amendment rights, they look to promote correct campus conduct, they maintain university etiquette and they hold actual hearings where the board assesses possible infractions and delivers judgment.

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UCLA pocketed $520 million of the proceeds for its 43.9 percent ownership stake in the drug. The funds will be placed in a portfolio that is expected to generate $60 million a year to fund campus research, scholarships for undergraduates and fellowships for graduate students. The annual haul will continue until 2027, when major patents on the drug expire.

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Looking for ways to connect to the Student Conduct Council? If a student has a case and would like to appeal before SCC, said student can visit GC 311 in MMC, where the SCC office is located. Students who have an incident they would like to report then they may do so by visiting studentaffairs.fiu.edu.

The Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution webpage also features the FIU Student Code of Conduct, and a link to apply for a position on the Council. Students can follow @conductFIU on Twitter for updates and weekly conduct tips from the SCC mascot, Cody the Kangaroo. Additional reporting by Michelle Rodriguez.

It's spring break - not 'spring bum'

M i d t e r m week couldn't come over fast enough. The weather is on point and the beach vibes are strong. The wait for Spring Break is almost over. What better way to procrastinate than planning what to do during next week?

With Miami Music Week, March 15-20, Ultra, coming up March 18-20 and the Miami Winter Conference March 21-24, there is plenty to do and plenty of events for all tastes in music. With an estimated 2 million travelers from around the globe specifically coming for these events, FIU students have the opportunity to mingle with a melting pot of people. Miami is about to become the biggest party city in the world for seven days straight. There is no excuse for being a couch potato and missing out.

From getting a tan after indulging in South Beach's sun, to attending pool parties by your favorite DJ’s, there are events going on almost every single day during Spring Break. Even if Ultra Music Festival has already booked for the weekend, you still have five other days to fill with moments that you will not forget.

Every hotel in Miami Beach will be hosting events that will require either a ticket or an entrance fee, so get your bikini and your wallet ready, drinks will be $15 minimum and some of these events require a minimum charge of $100 per group to get in. Don’t worry, if money is your excuse (because we all know the college student struggle), promoters are always offering good deals and there are a couple events offered for free. All it takes is going out and looking for those deals.

Traffic is also not a problem. If you plan to drive to South Beach, it is recommended to drive early in the morning and leave your car parked until late at night. Or to be worry free, you can always take an Uber or a Lyft. Hotel prices are off all the charts this week and tourists are mostly staying outside South Beach, so traffic will be something you’ll definitely want to plan around. You were warned, don’t complain later.

With all this madness coming up I recommend to leave everything meaningful or expensive at home. While everyone is having fun, there are always people trying to take advantage of the situation, so avoid getting robbed beforehand by bringing only the essentials to your excursions.

Now you have no excuses to stay home and binge watch Netflix. Starting this Friday, music will be on and school stress will be off. Leave all your valuables at home, bring out your fancy pack and put on some sunblock before leaving the house because we all know you won’t be thinking about that once you get to the beach! Go out and enjoy the craziness of Miami in one of the best weeks of the year!

Elephant in the room is a column about upcoming issues affecting students. Valentina Del Pino is a contributing writer for the Beacon. For further commentary contact Valentina at opinion@fiusm.com.

How popular culture appropriates and mutates gay lingo

A term rooted in gay culture is being appropriated, even though the gayest of us are appropriating it, too.

The legendary Dorian Corey once said, “I don’t tell you you’re ugly, but I don’t have to tell you because you know you’re ugly.” One of Corey’s infamous quotes from Jennie Livingston’s iconic documentary, “Paris Is Burning,” sheds light on the art of shade.

In recent years, “throwing shade” has infiltrated its way into mainstream pop culture. Rapper Nicki Minaj has said it or referenced the word shade a handful of times. It has or references the Rapper Nicki Minaj has mainstream pop culture. “Throwing shade” has infiltrated its way into mainstream pop culture. “Throwing shade” has become a blanket term for anything not containing to the truth. Even hyper masculine male rappers have been heard referencing the word shade and so has Alex Trebek. I hear it from girls and more recently, guys who don’t openly identify as gay but are beginning to claim the phrase as their own. As usual, with in speeches or rap verse, Andy Cohen’s cohort of Real Housewives and reality show pawns have made it a part of every promotion advertisement. Even hyper masculine male rappers have been heard referencing the word shade and so has Alex Trebek, too. I hear it from girls and more recently, guys who don’t openly identify as gay but are beginning to claim the phrase as their own. As usual, with regularity checking my behavior against masculine ideals. As just an observer of the film, I get a glimpse as a win for gays: the mainstreaming of these terms is a sign of acceptance of an “extremely gay” culture, by hetero standards. Of course, that doesn’t demand that gays be masculine. But there must come a point when “shade” is used correctly! To all my straight brothers and sisters, make sure to shade responsibly and remember, shade comes from reading, reading came first.

Cocobttrdiaries is a commentaries on the black community and gay pop culture. For suggestions, please email Darius Dupins at darius.dupins@fiusm.com

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Sound of Ceres, formerly Candy Claws, a boy-girl psych/dream/shoegaze/honestly magic duo from Fort Collins, Colorado have done it again on their new album “Nostalgia for Infinity.” Three years after the release of their second full length debut Ceres and Calypso in The Deep Time, Sound of Ceres encompasses a mature, enthusiastic and dramatic fascination for nature and the universe and its never ending wonders.

The opening track “Pursuer” sets us up for the many “orbits” the album takes as placing a listener firmly in the world of a plagiarism firmly in the world of a paradise. “World where I’ve been…Standing without standing still /No light.” are the lyrics that cement the group’s fascination with space. On their lead single and second track “Bryn Marina,” the group brings back their favorite sounds; 60s space age lounge, 70s nature documentaries and a pop oriented guitar chord progression, to a song that thematically throws us back to their first full length debut, “In The Dream of The Sea Life.”

Ryan Hover’s background vocals, singing “Something real can’t feel this real,” along with Emi Martinez’s singing of “I am not inside of the universe, universe,” sings the plight of the mastered couples effortlessly supplemented vocals. Pushing two wispy vocalists like this together against themes of unity and magic really expresses both the love they have for each other and on this album.

On “Ember Age,” spacey reverbs with slight analog synthesizers and a spooky piano rhythm, attempt to imagine a monster living beyond our moral, human lives. “Creatures face, hiding eyes! Slow, huge size,” impress us on this monster towards nature, but the real monster, that of a “Human-sized exotic species? Make your way down to Jungle Island!”

“Turns inside of me, universe” and “side A on both sides;” with a synth pop influence and a saucy salsa guitar that really lends itself to an optimistic turn for the rest of the album. On “You’re Me,” we’re taken back to a more traditional pop dream sound, reminding me of a lot earlier Slowdive and Rachel Goswell in general. The lyrics “Your eyes search for me, and I am always there,” are poignant and accompanied with the cutest bleep bloop sounds of a MIDI keyboard along with a gentle percussion. A choir of both Karen and Ryan are just extremely adorable, but never saccharine. If anything, the love songs here sound pure and excitable.

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On “Kingfisher,” we get the most obvious lounge inspiration, with lyrics about jet setting across the solar system like, “East in the morning/ South in the afternoon! See Solar surfing! Hiding behind the Earth on my right in my mind.”

The Instrumental track “Antiprism” is an intense bridge that blends gospel and synth into our final track “Dagger Only Run,” inspired by all things, a concept in the video game “Dark Souls 2,” recognizing Sound of Ceres playful nature. Ending the album with the lyrics “All time was there in one place” is powerful and attests to the maturation of this band in terms of production and exploration of sound.

My favorite track, “Hand of Winter,” goes into a more shoegaze territory, with lyrics about the winter and the scarcity of warmth in a cold climate, yet small details like “The back of her hair/ The gleam at her throat,” striking a nerve on romance in the face of a crumbling infrastructure. The fascination with outer space on “Side A” is just as adorable, referring to a “Dark eyed star child,” as “Side A on both sides;” with a synth pop influence and a saucy salsa guitar that really lends itself to an optimistic turn for the rest of the album.

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With many activities to choose from, here are ten suggestions for the perfect South Florida Spring Break Getaway!

Jungle Island: Want to set sights on some of the world’s most unique and exotic species? Make your way down to Jungle Island! You may just set sights on a Liger, some Spider Monkeys, Parrots, oh and a Lemur or two! Grab a Bite to Eat. With thousands of restaurants to choose from, Miami has the perfect fit for your culinary wants and needs! From Indian and Japanese to Cuban and Italian, So. Flo. has something for everyone!

Shark Valley, Everglades: Icing to get a good workout in? Grab your friends, mount your bikes and head out to the gorgeous Shark Valley! Don’t have a bike? No Problem! Shark Valley offers hourly and daily bike rentals. Exercising just get a whole lot better with a killer view of all sorts of South Florida’s wildlife!

The Bonnet House Museum and Gardens: Located in Ft. Lauderdal, FL, this hidden gem is sure to not disappoint! From luscious and vibrant gardens to touring the quaint grounds of the beloved estate, The Bonnet House is sure to be a worthwhile experience.

Knaus Berry Farm: From glorious sticky cinnamon buns to strawberry picking, Knaus Berry Farm, located in Homestead, FL, serves as the ultimate sweet treat.

Camping at Big Cypress: This Everglades attraction makes the perfect campingground. With good food, music, friends or someone you love, this destination provides the perfect opportunity for quality time with nature!

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Flight of the Conchords returns to Florida

Bas’ ‘Too High to Riot’ an ‘emotional display’

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NOTES ABOUT NOTES
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Flight of the Conchords have announced their “Flight of the Conchords Sing Flight of the Conchords” summer tour and are setting their sights on Boca Raton and St. Augustine for their only Florida appearances since their Miami show in 2009.

Flight of the Conchords are a comedy-folk musical act from New Zealand with two albums and an EP to their career, as well as a cult following to their HBO series of an impression. They are made up of guitarists/vocalists Jermaine Clement and Brent McKenzie. They formed in 1998 after having met as roommates at their apartment while attending the Victoria University of Wellington.

According to FotC fan site, What the Folk, the band refer to themselves as “the almost award-winning fourth-most-popular folk duo in New Zealand.” Signed to Sub Pop records, the group released their only albums, “Flight of the Conchords” and “I Told You I Was Freaky,” in 2008 and 2009 respectively.

They broke up shortly after the cancellation of their HBO TV series, but in 2012, reunited and have since gone on multiple tours with a handful of ramors of a third album in full swing after the most recent announcement.

It goes without saying that it’s been a long time since they’ve come down to Florida. That’s usually the case with most artists that go on tour. Miami and the rest of Florida, is often ignored in favor of not having to spend more money on making the trek down south, yet Atlanta, Georgia is a popular stop for artists.

It’s difficult for students on a budget to make the trip to Atlanta to see their favorite artists, but when a well-respected artist goes out of their way to perform at a local venue, it’s appreciated with overwhelming response.

With any hope, the forthcoming Flight of the Conchords concerts in Boca Raton and St. Augustine will sell out and have overwhelming demand for them to return once again.

Notes About Notes is a column focusing on music news and live events. For commentary or suggestions, email life@fiusm.com.

Spring Break is only hours away and it’s evident the student body is finding it a well-deserved break. Spring break is all about forgetting the worries of that failed midterm or the beginning of the end for seniors.

Here are a few of our Panthers that are excited for their plans for the next week!

Mirei Watanabe (left) and Kana Nakao (right) are planning a girls’ trip to Guadalajara, Mexico for spring break. The two are seen here sitting outside of the Graham Center putting the final touches on their trip.
HIT IT WITH YOUR BEST SHOT

Kugelmann gets second no-hitter in two weeks

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Softball dropped their first three games last weekend before turning it around with yet another no-hitter by Megan Kugelmann.

The Panthers took their 11-5 record on the road with a short trip to Gainesville to compete in the UF invitational, hosted by the University of Florida.

The first game of the tournament for FIU was against Illinois State University, Friday, March 4.

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the tournament against the FAMU Rattlers to 5-10.

The loss also marked the biggest losing streak for the Panthers at three, dropping them to 11-8 and 0-3 on the season (5-2), and she gave up two runs of her own in the opening inning. FIU would find themselves in an early hole, down 6-0.

The Jaguars were in the “Receiving Votes” category for the USA Today/National Fastpitch Coaches Association Coaches Poll in the past week.

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**Pete’s Mock Draft: Picks one through five**

PETER HOLLAND JR

As much as the NFL season is exciting and people can’t wait until September, nothing is more exciting and intense than the NFL off-season. My favorite part of the off-season is the NFL Draft. The Draft feels like a three day Christmas, full of waiting for the NFL teams to announce who they’re drafting out of college and NFL fans will reacting uncontrollably to who the team got as if it was a Christmas present.

The NFL Draft is less than two months away and draft analysts like Mel Kiper Jr, Todd McShay, and Mike Mayock would have their mock drafts, projecting who should this team pick just according to their position needs.

To countdown to my favorite time of the year, which starts April 28, I will be producing a series of mock drafts every Tuesday.

Here is my first mock draft from one through five.

1. Tennessee Titans (2-14)

    **Carson Wentz**

    University of North Dakota State University

    6-foot-5, 254-pound, quarterback

    The Titans hold the No. 1 overall pick and they need as much help they can get. They have their quarterback in Marcus Mariota, who they drafted last year with the No. 2 overall pick.

    Unfortunately, the Titans failed to protect Mariota last season as he’s been sacked 38 times, which is ranked 10th in the NFL.

    Here comes Tunsil, a massive 6-foot-5, 315-pound, offensive tackle from the University of Mississippi. The Titans need a tackle who can block every day. Tunsil would be a great pick and enhance the Titans’ offensive line.

2. Cleveland Browns (3-13)

    **Laremy Tunsil**

    University of Mississippi

    6-foot-5, 315-pound, offensive tackle

    The Browns can’t let this opportunity go to the waste, what do they have to lose?

3. San Diego Chargers

    **Jalen Ramsey**

    Florida State University

    6-foot-1, 209-pound defensive back

    Ramsey could arguably be the best all-around football player in this year’s draft class. The only question evaluators have been asking ever since he declared was where to put him in the secondary. Is he a corner back or a free safety? To me he has the skills of a corner back but the size of a safety.

    The Chargers need a playmaker on defense, especially in the secondary since long time starting free safety Eric Weddle decided to walk away and test the free agent market.

    If Ramsey is available at number three, look for the Chargers to get on top of that.

4. Dallas Cowboys (4-12)

    **Joey Bosa**

    Ohio State University

    6-foot-6, 276-pound defensive end

    There are some questions regarding to Bosa with his immaturity and what defensive scheme fits him as an edge rusher.

    The Cowboys have already decided they won’t be looking for a quarterback to develop as a backup for whatever happens to Tony Romo, and not to resign troubled defensive end Greg Hardy. Not to mention pass rusher Randy Gregory, who they drafted last year, will be suspended for the first four games due to breaking substance abuse policy.

    Having Bosa will be a huge boost for the Cowboys defense because he’s a dominant force at defensive end.

    His upper body strength to penetrate and wear down offensive linemen to get to the quarterback is sensational and could impact the Cowboys’ front four.

5. Jacksonville Jaguars (5-11)

    **Vernon Hargreaves III**

    University of Florida

    5-foot-11, 192-pound cornerback

    The Jags, just like the Chargers, need more playmakers on the defensive side. Hargreaves could be the answer. His size and his ability to read the QB’s eyes is what the Jaguars need for their defense.

    As all SEC corners, he has experience going one on one against big time receivers, such as Amari Cooper, former All-American wide receiver from the University of Alabama, now rookie sensation for the Oakland Raiders. Vernon is a day one starter, who is not intimidated with the completion of the NFL.

**Heat thriving without Bosh, looks for strong finish**

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After the February 27 acquisition of Joe Johnson, the Miami Heat has given fans another reason to be excited about their season.

Since losing Chris Bosh with his health prognosis still looming, Miami Heat fans were in scare of a repeat Suns.

Injury Report: Bosh and Tyler Johnson (Heat).

Under Head Coach Erik Spoelstra the Head is one of the deepest teams in the league. The team sits first in the division and fourth in the Eastern Conference, only 1.5 games behind the Boston Celtics, the third seed. The Miami Heat are looking at 21 games left (12 away, nine home) in the season and they hope to carry this momentum into the playoffs.

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Campus Life’s Tunnel of Oppression to highlight diverse forms of oppression

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After a tentative date and one postponement, Campus Life’s Tunnel of Oppression event will take place April 7 in the WUC Ballrooms from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The event is meant to highlight different forms of oppression throughout history as well as in the present. The participants will move through a tunnel consisting of different interactive scenes.

“Students are taken into a scene, various scenes, and each room covers a different topic of oppression,” she said. “It’s very interesting and we try to connect all of the rooms in some sort of way to complete a story.”

Participants will also be given the opportunity to discuss their experience in the tunnel, once they’ve traveled through the whole Tunnel of Oppression.

“At the end of the tunnel, there is the ‘Tunnel of Hope’ said Francisco. “Everyone will be welcome to sit in a circle and have a discussion about what they thought about and their emotions going through it.”

Though the date for the Tunnel of Oppression is set, coordinators for the event are still looking for volunteers.

“I don’t know if the dike is better,” says Francisco. “The Tunnel will run from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. in at least six shifts that day. A volunteer would either direct a tour guide, because there’s always a tour guide following you through the tunnel, or an actor.

“The lines will most likely be improvised and the actors will be directed by the coordinators in order to create a live, interactive experience,” according to Francisco.

She credits Tiffany Brown, graduate assistant for the Office of Campus Life, with bringing the event to BBC.

According to Francisco, Brown is the driving force behind the event.

She said, “(Brown) brought this idea to BBC and she’s the main coordinator of all of this.”

“She’s worked really hard. She’s leaving us because she graduates in the spring but hopefully this can be a tradition that we can carry through long after she graduates,” said Francisco.

Brown could not be reached in time for media deadline.

Franco says the event presents diverse forms of oppression to match the diverse University community.

“The tunnel addresses oppression from almost any accessible background you can think of. Last year we covered different oppressions, this year we’re tackling some of the most crucial ones,” said Franco.

According to Franco, one of the most crucial topics this year is race.

“That’s an oppression that we’re tackling again this year,” she said.

“Students that don’t want to volunteer but want to come to the Tunnel of Oppression can RSVP,” it’s important for students to RSVP to be careful of what you say and to think before you speak. Never judge a book by it’s cover because you never know the impact you can have on someone.”

I think the reaction was more like ‘Man, this is how African American’s used to be treated,’” she said. “I don’t think they realize that impact. Everybody was kind of shocked.”

Franco believes that shock is an important factor when hosting the event. She said, “It’s meant to be impactful. It’s meant to make students understand ‘This is the real deal. Oppression is very concerning and something that is still going on.”

Students can get involved by visiting Campus Life at BBC and reaching out to Brown via email.

“Students don’t want to volunteer but want to come to the Tunnel of Oppression can RSVP.”

It’s important for students to RSVP because the participants will walk through the shuttle in shifts, according to Franco.

Franco hopes the experience will open student’s eyes to different forms of oppression that occur every day.

She said, “This is to remind students to be careful of what you say and to think before you speak. Never judge a book by it’s cover because you never know the impact you can have on someone.”

Florida shores yellow, brown and black all over

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What’s yellow, brown and black all over? After a brutal winter, water is flowing fast in the Everglades – and not in good ways.

In July, a stinky, sticky scientist’s call yellow fog spread across Florida Bay after a regional drought killed miles of seagrass. Last month, water managers began flushing Lake Okeechobee into the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico after record rain. A familiar wave of black water thick with sediment soon flowed east, spreading to corals on the northern remnants of the state’s reef tract.

On the west coast, water turned a muddy brown.

“We can’t see 3 inches in the water,” said fishing Capt. Mike Connor, whose Stuart-based business is down 70 percent this year as he struggles to recover from the inlet.

Every time we have this it’s just really challenging to the system,” he said. “In Florida, everything is connected by water.”

Thurlow-Lippisch, echoing environmentalists around the state, says the solution to the problem is simple: more storage south of the lake.

“But that solution, first posed by former Gov. Charlie Crist, has been repeatedly rejected by legislators and Scott, even after voters overwhelmingly passed a constitutional amendment to spend taxes from real estate deals on land to save the Everglades.

A bill this year sets aside up to $200 million for the next 20 years on Everglades restoration. But money for land, $27.7 million, went to restoration projects already under way, not a reservoir.

“Every year what really has people angry is the Amendment I money,” Connor said. “We thought that was a blessing for us. But the Legislature has stolen the money two years in a row. We’ve had 25 years of promises here and nothing is in the ground.”

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