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**Mary Ann Wolfe remembered**

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The University community lost one of its own, according to Mark B. Rosenberg in a mass email sent to inform students, faculty and staff of Mary Ann Wolfe’s death.

“It is with a heavy heart and a deep sense of appreciation that I regret to inform you that our FIU family has lost one of our own,” said the president. “FIU’s former first lady Mary Ann Wolfe passed away on Monday.”

Wolfe was the wife of FIU’s third president, Gregory B. Wolfe who also passed away this year.

According to Rosenberg’s email, Wolfe graduated from UCLA in 1944 and began working for the federal government in the newsroom of the Office of Inter-American Affairs. She also served as a selection officer for the Peace Corps before joining the Women’s Bureau. She coordinated the Youth Program of the United States Department of Labor before moving to Miami.

“Mary Ann brought elegance, style, charm and class to this university,” said Rosenberg. “One of our founders Paul Gallagher often said that when we vote, more millennials will have a voice in leadership and decision making in this country. Initially, SGC-MMC wanted to put together a series of events leading up to a main event when students from the FIU community would all vote together and were looking to secure an area to host it. However, since this year FIU is not an early polling station, they are focusing on three events with the main objective to get students registered.

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**FIUPD responds to Pokemon GO**

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Valor, Mystic or Instinct team? This is a question that many FIU students have been asking each other in the past few days.

Pokéstops, the fountain at FIU for example, have been filled with students who gather together to play the game each night ever since the game’s release.

With a game motivating people to leave their houses and go outside, this has yielded all sorts of situations, both positive and negative.

Police officials are very much aware of this Pokémon trend and are staying vigilant on the streets to avoid any troubles that can come with catching these pocket monsters.

FIU’s chief of police, Alexander D. Casas made a video for FIU’s Facebook page advising students to be aware of their surroundings. He promotes how fun the game can be while also explaining the dangers present, namely playing while driving or getting lured to remote areas by strangers.

“We have had several individuals where they’ve been hurt while playing the application,” said Casas. “Walking around, not paying attention to where they are going, driving their cars, stopping in the middle of the street trying to catch wild Pokémon.”

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Students listen to a live DJ set during the 2016 SummerFest, Thursday, July 14. G.T.A., Dzeko&Torres and DJ Mummy performed at the annual electronic dance music festival.

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Since it’s release, players have been lumbering up hills, wandering the city streets at night and congregating in various parks. The uninitiated may think this is a bit strange but players are becoming more physically active, walking miles and miles each day to play the game is boosting their overall physical health.

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According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, roughly 43.8 million adults in the United States experience mental illnesses every year. That’s one in five adults. The video game community is a magnet for people living with mental illness. The “Pokémon Go” community is a magnet for people living with depression, anxiety and other mental health issues.

“Pokémon Go” offers mental health benefits as well. The exercise users get from playing the game can help decrease feelings of depression.

Dr. John Grohol, an expert in technology’s impact on human behavior and mental health as well as the founder of mental health network Psych Central, told to Engadget: “It’s almost working as an anti-depressant and it has really, pretty strong effect. It’s probably one of the most beneficial things a person with depression can do, especially if they’re not trying other types of treatments, such as psychotherapy or medication.”

“Pokémon Go” may be a wonderful motivator for players to leave their houses, get some light exercise and meet new people, but with all of its achievements, the game does have its downsides.

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Compliance and cooperation is the only advice Miami Dade County police officers had for a group of sixth through 10th graders in the Haitian Memoir Program.

“The best advice we can give is just to listen and comply, because if you listen and comply, 99.9 percent of the time that’s what’s going to happen, no accidental shootings, nothing,” said officer Sophia Pollas. “There is an occasion where the officer may be wrong, but that’s when you go to court and you can file a lawsuit against the department, etcetera.”

There is a problematic response to the questions and thoughts of children worried for their own safety. As an editorial board, we would like to make it known that just “comply” is to also say that all who have lost their lives to police brutality, excessive force and a system that targets minorities are to blame.

The police brutality is not so simple that they can be remedied by compliance. It is an insulting solution that says ‘just accept it, we’re above you.’ What those who offer this advice fail to understand is that an officer being ‘wrong’ for many people potentially means death. You can’t go to court and file a lawsuit if you’re dead because an officer was ‘wrong.’

To tell children that their only option is to comply and hope for the best speaks to the state of our nation. Radically different options and solutions for change, it’s justifying the deaths by shrinking off longstanding systemic and policy issues that enable unjust killings. We need to redress our laws, our children, and offer real solutions.

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The release of Pokémon GO has created a storm of excitement and fear. Whether it’s on the streets of Tropical Park, or Downtown Miami, thousands of people are constantly checking their phones since the mesmerizing app was released. Although the video game’s intention is to catch all the Pokémon around your phone’s GPS and camera, it has served as a social unification for millions around the world.

The Nintendo phenomenon has brought more people together than a new iPhone release. On campus, it is no different. Thousands of Pokémon GO players swarmed FIU’s campus on July 10 to catch Pokémon. According to an article by DailyMail.com, FIU is a hotspot for Pokéstops, or stations to recharge on Pokéballs. The DailyMail article even included a video of FIU’s campus, where Poké players are seen chanting ‘Sparkle!’ as the Pokémon appeared for one player.

It’s fascinating to see people who do not normally play video games, especially Pokémon games, become quiteinvested in catching these virtual creatures. In a time where many tragedies and problems in the world are trying to tear humanity apart, a game has united the world in an extraordinarily simple way. It has brought people of all ages together through a common ground.

Miami has even created Pokémon meet-ups for large groups to come together and catch Pokémon in good company. The Miami New Times published an article listing the dates, times and places of these massive meet-ups around Miami, including Wynwood, Brickell, and South Beach.

“It’s getting people out of their chairs to get outside and get moving throughout the day without even trying. It’s how imaginative the app is. The creators incorporated something our generation grew up playing together, with modern technology, I’ve talked to strangers I would have never regularly talked to and made more new friends in a week than I ever have.” Tyler Enters, a freshman FIU student, said to FIU Student Media.

The benefits Pokémon GO has are not only social, but it has also broken barriers historically and financially.

The Pokémon franchise, which has been around since the 90’s, has taken over as the number one app in the United States. TechCrunch published an article that said it has surpassed Twitter’s daily active users as well as Tinder’s daily active users, and Nintendo’s market value by boosting it up $17 billion in only one week. It’s even surpassed porn as the most searched item, according to Google.

With so many people using phone data, cell-phone company T-Mobile, has stepped up by creating a Pokémon inspired ‘Thank-you’ package for their customers on their T-Mobile Tuesdays.

According to T-Mobile, they will thank their Pokémon players with free unlimited data on Pokémon GO so that it won’t touch players’ high-speed packages. This means an entire Lyft ride for up to $15 dollars to get to a new Poké stop or Gym and free Wendy’s Frosties to refuel on Pokémon hunting trips on July 19. It’s getting people out of their chairs to get outside and move around.

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Walking into Munich, it feels like a normal city, with more cars honking at each other than in Miami; the difference lies in the modern buildings competing against older ones and old technology of the 21st century. Two-thirds of the city was destroyed during World War II, and though it was rebuilt well, it isn’t the same. Nonetheless, there is still more than enough beauty to go around. The Munich Residenz houses an inexpensive and incredible peak into the palace of the Bavarian royalty; there are museums and sights that portray 19th century Greek Revival architecture, trees fill the area in the parks and on the sidewalks with the most rich green grass surrounding the palace. Above all the monuments and museums, The English Garden is the most beautiful sight in the city. It is one of the world’s most renowned city parks, and it alone is worth a trip to Munich. Walking in provokes an understanding of where the Germans got the inspiration for their famous fairy tales. Through the garden, there is a man-made river where you’ll see people jumping into the freezing water and taken downstream by the current. If shopping piques your interest, the centre city has an H&M store on every corner and more high-end places surrounding those. Deichmann is a cheaper alternative for bags and shoes, an equivalent to Payless. Germany is known for its beer, but even if drinking isn’t your cup of tea, visiting a “beigarten” for lunch or dinner is a must. A “beigarten” serves traditional Bavarian food, namely some kind of meat and potatoes meal, although you can find at least one vegetarian dish. The beer is cheapest at Löwenbräukeller, a restaurant which is also a “beigarten” but the food is more pricey there than at Augustiner-Keller. Middle Eastern food, such as kebabs and falafel, are more easily recognised than the German architecture itself. Expect to spend around five dollars for a meal – even 10 cents for freshly made Persian bread at one shop on Dachauer Street. The general style in clothing here is very similar to that in the United States: jeans, sneakers and a weatherproof jacket, and the three pieces don’t always match. There are more people with tattoos and body piercings here than I’ve seen in other areas of Europe, and the hairstyles are more alternative. Bike lanes are as common and necessary as sidewalks, though it is harder to tell each of these lanes apart, since they aren’t color-coded as in Vienna, and the cyclists are relentlessly fast. Almost identical to Vienna, Munich’s city tram and subway are easy to understand, working on an honor system that doesn’t check tickets every time, but fines around $68 for anyone caught riding without one.

The people in Munich are much like the people I’ve met in Boston, when it comes to friendly strangers: people don’t smile in the street at each other and no one asks how you’re doing, but when asked for help, they are always willing to point you in the right direction. You’ll also find they are very warm and inquisitive if you start a conversation. Though some people interpret the lack of smiling or inquiry of a stranger’s well-being as rude, I find, it means more when people aren’t just asking out of custom or smiling out of routine, but because they are truly interested in another person, because they have legitimate reasons to smile. Of course, being in Munich in the summer is a good enough reason to smile.

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Pokémon craze hits Biscayne Bay Campus

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The Biscayne Bay Campus at FIU has not escaped the Pokémon Go hype that has spread through the nation. At BBF, people can find an array of Pokémon, Pokéstops, and Pokémon gyms to help them level up and train in the game.

There are an estimated number of 17 Pokéstops at the BBF. The two gyms located on campus include the Golden Panther gym in one of the FIU nature trail, located by the tennis field.

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Pokémon craze hits Biscayne Bay Campus, as announced on their Instagram page, will be having a Pokémon Go event on July 20 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. “registration will be in Panther Square but the battle will be in Panther Plaza.”

Rally 100 overrides rain

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Despite the threat of rain, the Homecoming Council at the FIU Modesto Maidique Campus hosted their kick-off event for homecoming, Rally 100, on July 13 at 6 p.m. The event, hosted in the housing quad, attracted the attention of many students who stopped by the event, from freshmen to seniors.

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increasingly more popular, details of crime and illegal activity has arrived from playing the game and has put some individuals in threatening situations.

On July 16, a man who lived in the Palm Coast neighborhood was startled by a loud noise during the early morning. He spotted a white car parked in the road outside of his house, grabbed a handgun, and went outside to investigate.

Two teens looking for Pokémon were mistaken for thieves looking for a house to rob and ended up getting shot.

Even though Chief Casas, and other police departments, warns individuals of the dangers when playing the game, some students believe that there are enough benefits to balance them out.

“I want it to live on and I can see it living well past the original hype especially since Niantic announced that they’re going to be doing bi-weekly updates to the game,” Guzman says.

This is one of the first games of the future—Pokémon Go simultaneously fuse a virtual world with reality. Players continue to explore new places as they wait for what’s to come next. As for now, we are encouraged to keep trying to “catch them all”—but FIUPD reminds us to always remember to be aware of your surroundings.

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Hosted every year by FIU Campus Life, SummerFest is a one of a kind electronic dance music festival free for all FIU students. With foam blasting from both sides of the DJ booth, attendees can enjoy getting soaked with soapy foam while dancing to the music.

Aimed to promote Panther Pride for the incoming freshman class, SummerFest also allows all FIU students to enjoy a free night of good music on Panther grounds with friends and family.

“By far the best part of SummerFest was enjoying the music alongside my friends. It was one of the best nights of my life,” says Lucas Cerzosimo, a sophomore studying criminal justice.

While walking in, attendees were given free bandanas as well as plastic phone protectors and explored the many tents offering giveaways including ICE sparkling beverages, people stay hydrated and the Student Programming Council giving off free shirts, accessories, and more. The Sigma Kappa Sorority was also doing free face painting as well as selling sweet treats at their Revolution Dance Studio handed out free fans.

These organizations arrive three hours before the event to set up. Immediately, music blasts through the speakers beginning to show off the DJ talent and get the students excited to come in. At 7 p.m. on the dot, the gates opened and people poured in. By 9 p.m., the foam blasters, which are over three feet in length, came to life and spew out foam. Any person within 10 feet of the DJ booth was soaked from head to toe with this soapy substance.

With over three DJs entertaining the crowd, the party kept going until midnight. Chantelle Muyarayi, a sophomore studying business, said she “was most excited to see the different faces attending. FIU is full of new and diverse people and it was cool to see a lot of excited freshmen. I liked the energy that all the people at SummerFest had and the enthusiasm toward the upcoming school year. It was a good example of Panther Pride at FIU.”

But if anyone’s wondering whether or not to check SummerFest out next summer, Lucas Cerzosimo puts it best: SummerFest “is a great experience that I would recommend to everyone as a way to get to know your peers.”

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Panther profile: Alex McGough learns to balance life as a student and quarterback

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For most students, college is a tough balance between school and a social life. Most don’t have the added pressure of early morning and late night practices, traveling for out-of-state games and carrying an important position on the football field.

For starting quarterback Alex McGough, this is normal everyday life.

McGough was born in Omaha, Nebraska, and moved to Tampa when he was 5 years old. He began playing football in the fourth grade and has made that a part of it,” McGough said.

“I really thought they were doing something great here, and I wanted to be a part of it;” McGough said.

He also says that one of his biggest achievements since being at FIU was being a starting quarterback since his freshman year.

Now in his third year, he feels that he plays an important role to his fellow teammates on and off the field.

The junior says that the coaches drew him to play for the University.

“I know every single player and coach, and I feel comfortable talking to everyone,” McGough said. “My teammates look up to me, and will ask for advice, and it is important that I help keep everyone on track during practices and games.”

When it comes to school and classes, Alex says that time management was a problem at first, and he realized that it was on him to make both school and football a priority. In the 2015-2016 school year, the student athletes had one of their best cumulative GPAs yet.

“He is very mature,” Calabrese said.

For the upcoming season, McGough is focusing on improving his accuracy on his throws, and as a team, the Panthers just want to improve from last season and hopefully get a chance to play in the bowl game, which McGough says is “very achievable.”

“When we have a goal, and as a team we are working very hard to get it,” he said.

When the team isn’t busy with training, practices and games, they are helping out in the community. McGough says he has always done a lot of community service and that it was always important to him. As a team, the FIU football team volunteers at hospitals and nursing homes as well as participates in neighborhood clean ups.

Even though the season hasn’t started, McGough says there’s a lot of work to be done even in the off-season.

“The coaches and training staff can only do so much, so we have to stay active and make sure we’re eating right;” McGough said.

McGough has learned from playing football and says his biggest takeaway is “mental toughness, and being able to move on to the next play without lingering on the last one.”

The starting quarterback never imagined he would be playing college football, but he says he is here to win and expressed how happy he is to be a part of the team. After college, McGough says he would love to play professionally and continue his love for the sport.

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The men’s soccer team often plays a game of cat and mouse when on the field.

Head Coach Scott Calabrese’s defensive tactics and plays are rival to those of a cat stalking its prey.

Similar to zone defense in basketball and football, Calabrese wants his team to trap the ball in a certain part of the field to make defense easier for his players.

“During a game, we want our opponents on the front and pressure the ball,” Calabrese said.

“Sometimes, we want to send one or two players to stop clear, sometimes we don’t.”

In 2015, the Panthers allowed just 26 goals all year.

“Our defensive scheme depends on who we are playing that day,” Calabrese said.

Goalie Arthur Clapot had 31 of his team’s 50 saves in the year. Goalie Robin Spiegel had the remaining 18 saves on the team. This means that teams had to save the ball 35 more times than the Panthers on the year. Thus, the Panthers kept the ball away from their net and controlled possession of the ball, essentially opposing side of the field.

Calabrese said: “When I first arrived at FIU, there was a lack of commitment on defense. Getting my players to commit fully on defense was a major challenge in 2014. We have steadily improved since then, and I’m very happy with my players.”

The Panthers’ commitment on defense led them to a 12-7-1 record last season. The team also held its opponents to an average of 1.30 goals per game and limited opponents to a 40 percent shot-on-goal percentage. By comparison, the Panthers had an average of 2.05 goals per game and a 43 percent shot-on-goal percentage.

However, opponents only had 76 shots on goal throughout the season while the Panthers had 126 shots on goal during the 2015 season.

The Panthers will play against Fuman University in the Nike/Aaron Olinsky Memorial Soccer Classic on Friday, Aug. 26 at 5 p.m. The team will play its first home game versus the University of Wisconsin on Friday, Sept. 2 at 7 p.m. at the FIU Soccer Stadium.

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Ruele in Rio: swimmer prepares to take on Olympics

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The months of July and August are typically considered to be “boring” months if you’re a fan of sports. Football season hasn’t begun; basketball season has ended, and there’s not much going on in baseball.

But every four years, the landlocked country of Botswana, home to around two million people. They will be able to watch their first Olympic swimmer compete in August. The country has already begun to take notice of its young star, as Twitter mentions and retweets are pouring in to the Rio 2016 Olympics.

Redshirt sophomore Naomi Ruele of the FIU swimming team will be in Rio this August, representing not only FIU, but also her home nation of Botswana when she swims in the 50-meter freestyle event.

“Actually didn’t expect this given the fact that I just came back from a shoulder injury,” Ruelle said. “I was told I needed to get the surgery but the doctors weren’t completely sure if I would be as successful as I wanted to be.”

Ruelle may have had her doubts post-injury, but they didn’t seem to show after her return to the pool. She won seven gold medals in all seven races she competed in at the Conference USA tournament, earning her the title of “Swimmer of the Tournament.”

However, it was her success at the Georgia Tech Aquatic Center on March 20, that will always stand out to Ruelle. Recording a new school record, she competed in the Conference USA tournament, earning her the title of “Swimmer of the Tournament.”

After overcoming her injury and bouncing back, the Botswana “Junior Female Sportswoman of the Year” will have a chance to become the second medalist ever for the nation of Botswana.

Ruelle told Student Media April 2016: “That would be a huge feat. My entire goal was to attend and actually make it to the Olympics, so now I can shift my goals to different aspects these next few months. I’m excited to be able to compete.”

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Ruelle says she doesn’t feel any pressure to medal in Rio, but she would love to be able to accomplish that for her country.

Ruelle will be a part of a Botswana Olympic roster that will include more than one woman for the first time in the nation’s history. Joining Ruelle in Rio will be teammates Lydia Lele and Christine Botlogetse, both competing in track.

The 2016 Rio Olympic games begin Aug. 5. The 50-meter freestyle event which Ruelle will be competing in is scheduled to take place on Aug. 11, from the Barra da Tijuca Aquatics Stadium.

“Just coming out of my redshirt freshman season, there’s definitely no pressure on me,” Ruelle said. “It is really more about just going out with my heart and race as fast as I can.”