FIU to host training forum on cybersecurity

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As part of a larger initiative to increase awareness of cybersecurity threats, FIU’s Gordon Institute of Public Policy, the FIU College of Business, Organization of American States and FIU in DC have partnered to coordinate a cybersecurity training forum in Washington D.C.

The forum, held on April 6 and 7, will address cyber threats, how to mitigate them strategically and implement those strategies into organizational structures. “These are short, intense programming that hits on key topics and includes experiential learning, lectures [and] readings that participants can build on when the program ends,” said Brian Fonseca, director of the Gordon Institute of Public Policy.

The curriculum seeks to develop a program that focuses on bridging the seams between leadership and the information security professionals. “The plan is to question how important is data in your security professionals. leadership and the information on bridging the seams between Brian Fonseca, director for Team Ropes and Entertainment.

Jennifer Cooper, assistant director for Team Ropes Adventure Challenge. “A lot of students come into WUC and always ask about who he is and what exactly makes him so special to BBC so this was done in the intent of honoring him and spreading knowledge of him.”

Gregory Wolfe, FIU’s president from 1979 till 1986, changed the University to a four-year institution and added three new schools: journalism and mass communication, nursing and engineering. He also installed a library, student housing, student center and aquatic center at the BBC and taught international relations after his presidency. Eventually, the student center at BBC would be named after him.

The very first Wolfe Day was in 2015 and went along with the ribbon cutting of the renovated Panther Square and Panther Plaza area in the Wolfe University Center. The event is always themed, says Cooper. Last year’s event celebrated the 2016 Summer Olympics and this year, the festivities are named the “Game of Wolfe” after the hit HBO series, “Game of Thrones.”

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Travel made easy for the college student

The end to spring break doesn’t spell the end of traveling. Take my word as an amateur- “professional” student traveler: the best trips are hidden treasures. I am 22 and before November 2016, I had never stepped foot out of North Carolina. But, I’ve recently found my life calling and now go on at least one trip every three months. My Snapchat geotags have ranged from “downtown LA,” “Midtown, “Atlanta” and even “Wall Street District.”

As a frat girl, I’m here to give you the do’s and the don’ts, the go to’s and every single tip in the book when it comes to traveling on a budget.

First things first, you need to know where you want to go. To jumpstart a traveling spree, try searching countries, cities and landmarks ideal to your age range.

One thing that helped push my own journey forward was googling “Where to travel in your 20s.” These lists will usually include Las Vegas, San Francisco, Thailand and even Costa Rica. Once you know where you want to go, it’s time to figure out when.

The second tip is to travel off-season and go through a list of travel times. Use keywords such as “cheap flights,” “best time” and “cheapest time,” on different search engines to find your destination’s off-season.

Traveling can get expensive, but buying a $100 round trip flight versus a $500 round way trip to New York makes a huge difference. Once you’ve scrolled across your ideal time of travel, it’s time to plan.

Planning is key, and as cliché as it sounds, it’s important to break it up into three categories: where to go, it sounds, it’s important to break it up into three categories: where to go, it sounds, it’s important to break it up into three categories: where to go, how much to save, and when to buy.

First and foremost, you need to know where to go. Los Angeles is the destination, not the activity. Planning how you spend your time is essential.

Try searching, “hot spots in LA,” or if you’re a foodie like me, “best restaurants in Los Angeles.”

Setting yourself up with a list of places to eat, drink, party and sightsee will save time and money. If you’re not too Microsoft Word savvy, tools such as Inexpic.com are available to “create a fully customized day-by-day itinerary for you.”

You also need to know how much to save. Traveling on a budget is one of the most fundamental aspects of traveling. The trick to booking a hotel is going through a third-party. My favorite hotel search engines include Booking.com, Hotels.com, and Kayak.com.

You can filter your search by price, hotel stars and even distance. One way to save money is by booking a hotel that is less than eight miles from the airport. This will not only save you time, but money on Uber costs. Some hotels also offer free airport shuttles. Aside from your hotel, calculate how much you would like to spend on tourist attractions, souvenirs and eating out.

As a full-time student and a full-time employee, money is something I like to hold on to. To plan a trip, I ensure at least a month in advance of money is set aside. Try utilizing a budget calendar and/or tracking sheet. After picking your hotel and managing your budget, try searching for perks.

I went to New York for the first time, I stayed in the Courtyard Marriott near The World Trade Center, which was $100 less a night, compared to Manhattan and Soho. Also, ask the front desk if they have any complimentary cards and/or coupons to eateries or tourist attractions. The Courtyard Marriott, for example, provided me complimentary “bar bites” at Morton’s Steakhouse.

Third, you need to know when to buy. Buying flights over the years has changed drastically, from airfare to airline perks, and unfortunately, many of the amenities that were once accompanied with your seat are no longer offered.

So go for budget airlines like Frontier and Spirit and choose a personal item (included with seat) rather than a carry-on or a checked bag (s(<$55>)-I recommend studentuniverse.com, the Hopper app and skyscanner.com.

They are my go-to search engines for any and every flight. Hopper predicts what time is best to buy—price wise and delay wise—and best of all, it notifies your phone when there is a drop in price rising.

So, happy travels!

Laquasia Smith is a staff writer for Panther Press. Her column, What’s Up FIU?, is a commentary on the latest trendy and entertainment news.

Love is a ‘state of existence’

The media portrays relationships to be something from fairytales.

Men, who are willing to do anything and everything to express his unyielding love for her, and women, who are so innocent, so naïve and so beautiful.

What society fails to tell us is that relationships are entities. They move and grow, and die, and change and everything and everything else. To be “in love,” is a state of existence.

It’s when two people come together and create their own world with themselves as the sole occupants. It means they now have to learn how to coexist with one another, and tear down whatever boundaries they each have in order to be able to explore another, in growth and in unity.

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Send us your letters

Have something on your mind? Send an email to opinion@fiu.edu. Be sure to include your name, major and year and a phone number. Letters must be less than 400 words and may be edited for clarity and length.

Panther Press will only run two letters a semester from any individual.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Jose Sirven

FIUnited VP didn’t do Comptroller duty

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SGC-MMC

Comptroller

Gabriela Millan failed to fulfill her duties as comptroller and she quit before the budget hearings. Millan is currently running to be SGA Vice President.

As Comptroller, Millan oversees an almost $19 million budget. Throughout the year she was required to distribute the SGC-MMC funds, attend all Cabinet meetings, provide monthly finance reports to the senate and the SGC president, report to the Finance Committee, and sponsor a semesterly workshop.

According to minutes, Millan did not attend all cabinet meetings nor provide a finance report to the Senate every month. Not once did she provide a finance report to the student Body President. No semesterly workshops were held hosted by the Comptroller occurred. Yet, she still got paid.

Millan wants to represent us students, as Vice President, but she cannot even fulfill her responsibilities as Comptroller. And when she was most needed during budget deliberations, Millan quit out of fear that she would be fired.

If she was rightfully fired for not completing her job, she would not be able to run for Student Body Vice President, according to the Election Code.

Although Millan didn’t do her job, she still collected a paycheck from A&S Fees. A&S Fees are collected from student’s tuition. I feel financially robbed as a student and disturbed at the possibility that Millan becomes Vice President. The purpose of the fees is to benefit the student body in general, not to be used to benefit the pocket of students with connections.

I am hopeful that justice will prevail.

Jose Sirven

Junior

International Relations
Charles Judkins, the director of the Wellness and Recreation Center’s expansion will offer plenty of new amenities. Including an indoor track, active study equipment that will allow students to work out and study at the same time, gender neutral bathrooms and more are being added in the hopes of giving Panthers an expanded experience.

The center will also feature three new indoor basketball/volleyball courts, two raquetball/squash courts which can already be seen on the second floor, an expansion of the free weight and cardio rooms and possibly an addition of the free weight and cardio rooms. A later time.

Some students have raised complaints about the construction project at the WRC. Juan Alarcon, a senior majoring in chemistry, says the noise disturbance from the expansion has made it difficult for him to keep up with his yoga practice. Alarcon notes that because of this expansion, “there is nowhere to go [in the Nature Preserve]. I used to go by the garden but now everything is closed off because there is a bunch of construction.”

FIU student employees are looking forward to the expansion, such as Francesca Pucha, a building supervisor who is a senior majoring in advertising. She said that more space will make it easier for employees and patrons to re-rack weights. The expansion will also feature permanent rooms for spinning classes in the WRC.

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For the expansion,

Space has been one of the biggest complaints for patrons attending the gym in the WRC, which was built to accommodate 35,000 students.

“That was the one thing that people were, from what I’ve heard... complaining about. That it’s almost like a sardine can on the first floor here,” said Judkins.
Panthers go ‘Wild’ for Zelda

"The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild" has hit store shelves and it’s release has injected new life into the gaming community here at FIU.

"Breath of the Wild" is the latest installment in the storied "Legend of Zelda" franchise, and Nintendo has decided to radically change its formula after over 15 main iterations in this family of games.

For many years, Zelda games have fallen into a pattern of on-rails and contained exploration within an overworld, broken up into a series of puzzle-oriented dungeons meant to be taken on in sequential order. "Breath of the Wild" however, throws the player into the open world and leaves the adventure entirely in their hands.

Alejandro Villalobos, junior physics major, has been playing Zelda games for many years, noticed the transformation of the series, which started by giving players complete freedom of choice for progression.

"After the first one, Zelda kind of went in a lot of different directions... it’s progressed to this kind of hybrid... there’s a lot of puzzles, there’s a lot of adventure, there’s a lot of fighting and combat... This new game takes all of that and puts it in the setting of the first one," said Villalobos. "Breath of the Wild" inserts players into the aftermath of a major disaster that destroyed an advanced culture and on the cusp of a catastrophe about to happen.

The protagonist, as always in this series, is Link, a silent and stalwart hero destined to save the world of Hyrule across time and dimensions. This version of Hyrule, as the title suggests, is more wild and dispersed than in previous entries. The game’s antagonist has caused the world to crumble and the creatures of the world have survived in diverse communities. This is what allows the game to have such a large expanse for exploration and many opportunities for difficult and emergent gameplay.

“It’s not [a game] you can easily speedrun, at least if you want to 100% it quickly,” said Kevin Garcia, senior information technology major, referring to the practice of experiencing everything that the game has to offer in one quick go.

"Breath of the Wild" hybridizes mobile and console gaming by way of a two-in-one controller/mobile screen.

“I’ve seen a few friends just take it out and start playing while waiting for class... I’ve been in CP and I’ve seen someone with a ‘Switch’, and I’ve also been in GL when I saw someone,” said Villalobos.

"The Legend of Zelda" series is one that holds a special place in the hearts of many gamers including myself, and its influences on pop culture are apparent even to people who have never played the games. With the latest installment, Nintendo seems to have struck gold once again after over 30 years worth of entries. The combination of freedom within the game to explore the environment and tackle its challenges in whatever clever manner you see fit as well as the freedom for players to play anywhere by way of the “Switch” has allowed gamers to experience Zelda in an entirely new way.

"Oh My Gosh, Josh is a monthly column that discusses various issues that affect students."

Behind the Roar:
Meet Enid a.k.a DJ Peaches

“Behind the Roar: Meet Enid a.k.a DJ Peaches” is a world show, where I play K-Pop, which is music from South Korea.

There was a moment in which a couple of positions opened, and I had been a deejay for six months or so and when you’re a day-to-day deejay that’s fun, but when you get the chance to improve the concept of the radio station, that’s exciting.

I’ve been working at the station for officially a year.

What’s your favorite genre of music?

Honestly, I’ve been into K-Pop for like 2 years and that’s the only thing that I’ve been listening to for 2 years... but other than that Spanish Rock. Because of my brother, I always listen to what he listens to at home, so yeah that’s my second go to.

Have you been to any concerts lately?

Yes, I actually [did] last Thursday. I went with my little brother to go see this band. They’re called ‘The Universals.’ They’re from Venezuela and they’re Spanish rock. And funny story, after the show, I went up to the bassist and was like, “Hey, I work at FIU’s radio station... I could invite you guys to the station to play a show.” It was a good show...I was so excited.

What do you want people to take from your show?

From my specific show, when I make the playlist, I just think of the people that are already K-Pop fans so I’m kind of catering to them.

Do you see yourself doing radio in the future?

I’ve always liked entertaining people, making them feel good and laugh. Throughout high school, I did theatre and when I got to college, I did psychology. Then, I just wanted to do something else and that’s how I got to the radio station, it was something that I could still do with entertainment. But in the future, I definitely have my career set with psychology.
March was quite an eventful month for ‘Day on the Bay’ from a media perspective. Several brilliant lecturers visiting our campus to the highlight BBC on social media, the turn out was tremendous. SGC-BBC would like to thank everyone who reached out and participated on the two days.

On April 15, SGC-BBC will be holding “Day on the Bay.” This event highlights our beautiful Biscayne Bay. John ‘Sal’ Flaherty was the keynote speaker of the “Women Who Lead” Conference which was held on March 22. In her inspiring lecture, Dr. Flaherty spoke about leadership, courage, family and independence.

The event was an overall success and The Women’s Center and SGC-BBC thank everyone who attended.

Advising Week at BBC took place on March 20-21. This event was conveniently planned a week before enrollment begins so that students can take the opportunity to plan out their summer and fall semesters. Students got the chance to have quick one-on-one conversations with their advisors to discuss their current articles in journalism students. Each week’s topic and speaker can be found on the SGC-BBC website. Come join in the conversation about current articles in SGC-BBC.

Look out for more updates on “Day on the Bay” and other upcoming events by following SGA BBC on social media @fiusgabbbc.

Rachael Rumpersad is the SGC-BBC director of public relations. Rachael will be contributing a monthly column to inform students about what is happening inside SGC-BBC. For comments or suggestions pertaining to this column, email life@fiusm.com.

My opinion of this project was more favorable during my first listen as there were not any horrendous lyrics or beats. Repeat listeners didn’t offer much as I tried to get more in depth but got stopped by a wall of shallow mediocrity. If “More Life” was a pool, I would have broken both my legs trying to jump in . This is fine because at face-value there are a lot of rhythmic-bangers on here. This release incorporates parts from Drake’s past works, while borrowing styles from other artists.

The Canadian artist talks about the same thing he has for the last three projects, bragging, about how he’s that guy and, generic relationship problems and Meek Mill sneak diss. Playing this invokes the feeling of someone lost in the woods seeing their.drake’s past works, and spitting bars that might not make sense. Instead of the high-tension Drake typically says, “This is Drake’s first project where the features are notable and outstanding and the rest is filler. Young Thug has the best beat changes mid-song; “Michael Jordan with the tennis shoes,” is confusing, because of his impeccable head-scratching lines it’s easy to overlook some Standouts here include on “You Are the Best” and “Way Back” make me want to take it to the next level. His best songs are they make me put that extra lyric into fire. This is Drake’s first project where the features are notable and outstanding and the rest is filler. Young Thug has the best beat changes mid-song; “Michael Jordan with the tennis shoes,” is confusing, because of his impeccable head-scratching lines it’s easy to overlook some. Standouts here include on “You Are the Best” and “Way Back.” make me want to take it to the next level. His best songs are they make me put that extra.
HEALTH & FITNESS

Wellness manager introduces Paws to Move Challenge

STEVEN MELENDEZ Contributing Writer

There are many factors to being mindful of when maintaining a healthy lifestyle, but getting your daily exercises can be one of the most challenging. This is exactly the kind of behavior modification Nathan Burandt, benefits and wellness manager for Panthers Wellness Active Services and Human Resources, is bringing to the FIU community by introducing the PAWS to Move challenge.

“Many faculty and staff members are looking to become a starter, a great role player, or roles that we can provide for them on their campus,” said Burandt.

Nathan Burandt views this challenge definitely as a way for me to move forward as a assistant program the advantage by filling those stadiums up,” he said. Because FIU Stadium is under renovations, the Panthers are practicing on the other side of the field. Their spring game is scheduled to be on Apr. 7 at 7 p.m.

BASEBALL

Senior catcher becoming cornerstone for Panthers

BRETT SHWEKY Staff Writer

Catcher Zack Soria has been an instrumental part of the Panthers’ success so far this season, contributing offensively and defensively in key moments.

Zack Soria

Zack has been a workhorse, what he’s done behind the plate is amazing. Even in the eighth and the ninth inning, he’s been able to make key blocks at the plate and that’s after five-straight days of grueling play.

Mervyl Melendez Head Coach FIU Baseball Team

Before attending FIU, Soria played at St. Rita of Cascia High School in Chicago, Illinois. During his tenure, Soria was named 3rd Team All-State, All Region and was even a Louisville Slugger All-American in his junior season, all while earning honor roll and being named to the dean’s list throughout high school.

The Panthers will be back in action Friday, March 31, as the team takes on the University of Alabama at Birmingham in a three-game series. The first game is set for 7 p.m.
UNDER THE STARS
University’s CyClub hosts nighttime cycling event for campus body

NICHOLAS POBLETE
Staff Writer

After its debut in fall 2016, Cycling Under the Stars returned this semester, providing participants with a workout, accompanied with upbeat music and synchronized neon lights.

Hosted by the CyClub, and instructed by Sara Holtzman and Vicky Mendez, the workout was held outside FIU Arena and included two classes at 7 p.m. and 8:15 p.m.

Holtzman, a coordinator of fitness programming at MMC’s Wellness and Recreation Center, began the class with a warning.

“It’s a great workout,” she said. “[It’s] something you can do that is easier on your joints and body, compared to running.”

Krystal Conde, a senior studying psychology, participated in her first cycling class.

“It was fun,” she said. “I liked the atmosphere, and neon lights as well to give students the atmosphere they’re looking for.”

Ilyssa Steinlauf, a senior studying public relations, who had participated in another CyClub class, came out for the first time to Cycling Under the Stars.

“It was fun,” she said. “I liked the atmosphere, and proceeds go to a good cause.”

To learn more about CyClub and the classes it offers, visit FIU’s Student Affairs website.

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WITH HAROLD DANIEL

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