

CENTER OF THE UNIVERSE

Trump brings beauty pageant to University

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Come January, the University will host beauty queens from all across the globe for the Miss Universe Pageant.

Business mogul Donald Trump announced on Thursday, Oct. 2 that the University would host the 63rd annual Miss Universe pageant, while the city of Doral will host various other pageant events.

Trump, who owns the beauty pageant and a golf course, resort and spa in Doral, had planned to bring the pageant to Doral, but turned to FIU's arena when in need of a larger venue.

The event is scheduled for Jan. 25 at the FIU U.S. Bank Century Arena, and will be broadcasted to approximately 190 countries and territories. Although the pageant will take place in 2015, the winner will be crowned the 2014 Miss Universe.

Trump is also granting \$150,000 in scholarships to first generation students and internship opportunities to the School of Hospitality & Tourism Management.

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On Thursday, Oct. 2, business mogul Donald Trump held a press conference in the Trump National Doral to announce that the Miss Universe pageant would be held at the University U.S. Bank Century Arena on Jan. 25, 2015.

opportunity to intern with and learn from this world-class event," said President Mark B. Rosenberg in an Oct. 2 a press release. "I'm delighted that having the pageant on campus will also make it possible for our first generation students to

receive scholarships and young people all over the world to be exposed to FIU."

Though the pageant itself will take place on the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, other events associated with the pageant will take place in the City of Doral.

"The real venue will be in FIU, but Doral will host all the beauty pageant [events] that they have here in Doral," said Mayor Luigi Boria.

Boria had pledged to raise \$2.5 million before knowing the exact location for the pageant,

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FIU

though it was understood that the city simply had no venue large enough to hold the event.

"I would also like to thank FIU," said Boria. "Not having the venue in the city, I am proud to [have] another community partner like FIU."

In September, when the city was deciding whether to help fund the pageant, Doral Vice Mayor Christi Fraga said she was against having the city and taxpayers contribute money to the lavish event.

The pageant has many other sponsors, including Baptist Health South Florida and Badia Spices, along with other local and iconic businesses.

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TEDx FIU tickets on sale

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The University will host its annual TEDxFIU event at the Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 13.

Tickets are now on sale at the performing arts center online box office. Tickets are \$35 for the public and \$20 for students. There is a limit of two tickets per person.

For more information, students can contact event organizers Eduardo Merille at emerille@fiu.edu or Deborah O'Neil at oneild@fiu.edu.

Student Health Services encourages students to love their bodies

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When Keiran Ward, a senior majoring in communications, first came to FIU as a student athlete, he quickly noticed that he was among the smallest players on the football team.

Pressured by coaches to gain weight, Ward became motivated to make a change that was more than beneficial to his athletic career; it was beneficial to his life as a whole.

"The pressure didn't push me into a shell – it pushed me to work harder and become the player I always wanted to be," Ward said.

Atarhe Neal-Viegbesie, a junior majoring in biology, told a similar tale when asked about the importance of body image.

After years of feeling out of place and overlooked, she was sick of feeling like a stranger in her own skin. Seeking more than just a physical change, Neal-Viegbesie sought confidence and self-esteem.

"One day I looked in the mirror, didn't like what I saw, and decided to make a change," she said.

Inspired by the loss of very close loved one, Neal-Viegbesie began to develop new health and fitness habits that helped her

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Junior
Biology Major

transform into the person she always wanted to be, physically and mentally.

"I never wanted to be anyone else. It has always been about improving myself," she stressed.

In an effort to emphasize the importance of being comfortable in your own skin, Student Health Services is dedicating an entire week to promoting positive body image and self-acceptance.

Ebonie Parris, the wellness coordinator for Student Health Services, is dedicated to keeping students positive and healthy in

coordination with the National Organization for Women.

"FIU Love Your Body Week is a celebration of NOW's National Love Your Body Day, a day when women of all sizes, colors, ages and abilities come together to celebrate self-acceptance and promote positive body image," she said.

Although NOW's National Love Your Body Day focuses on women, FIU's event adds men to the mix.

"We found that college men could also benefit from this type of event, as they aren't excluded from societal standards and body image concepts," Parris added.

During Love Your Body Week, student services such as the Counseling and Psychological Services and the Victim Empowerment Program will be tabling and providing speakers to make presentations about a number of topics related to loving your body.

All week long, the events will take place in and around the GC Pit. Students can expect to learn about reducing the risk of cancer, self-affirmation, nutritional guidance, self-care and much more.

From Oct. 7 to 9, Student Health Services

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NATION & WORLD BRIEFS

Health officials try to track 100 people who may have been in contact with Ebola patient

Government health officials said Thursday they were tracking down as many as 100 people who may have had contact with a contagious Ebola patient and were forcing four adults to be isolated at home. State and county officials executed a communicable disease control order to force four unidentified people, believed to be adults, to remain inside the Dallas apartment where Thomas Eric Duncan developed Ebola symptoms. The order allows health workers to monitor the apartment's occupants daily. Five children and an unknown number of adults share the apartment at The Ivy in Vickery Meadow in northeast Dallas. The apartment, where Duncan had been staying since Sept. 20, still contained potentially contaminated material Thursday, health officials acknowledged.

Nuclear waste dump in New Mexico is expected to reopen by 2016

The U.S. Energy Department expects to resume operations at its shuttered nuclear waste dump in New Mexico by early 2016, about two years after two serious accidents released radioactive materials and soot throughout the 2,150-foot-deep repository. The cost of the accidents will approach \$1 billion, based on estimates contained in a 32-page plan from the department released this week. Repairs to equipment and the establishment of new procedures will cost about \$242 million, the department said. Restoring full operations will cost \$309 million more.

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Largest student organization holds finance opportunities

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Alejandro Porras, a junior finance major, considered his career goals when he chose to join the Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting during fall 2013.

Porras, president-elect of ALFA Tech Group, said he was seeking an organization that could streamline him to a secure job while meeting other students with shared values.

"ALPFA allowed me to make friends with like-minded individuals and connect with people who push me, compete with me and ultimately strive to become more balanced individuals together," said Porras.

As the biggest student business organization on campus, ALPFA offers opportunities for students to network and gain professional skills that are essential in the business world.

Marcela Ruiz-Paiz, a senior majoring in accounting, also joined the organization in fall 2013, and said it has helped her grow both personally and professionally.

"I have encountered several mentors along the way who have helped me come out of my shell and are constantly encouraging me to reach my fullest

potential," said Ruiz-Paiz.

The group provides a mentorship program, "Toastmasters" to practice public speaking and Tech Group to educate on the use of technology in business.

Every Friday ALPFA invites one

Although the organization started out to specifically help business students, it has opened up to accept students from any major who want to become involved and network in the business world.

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Senior
Accounting

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accounting and one finance firm to present job, internship opportunities. Members dress in business attire to interview with or receive information from company representatives.

"The networking ability to speak to recruiters every Friday during our meeting has been a great way to help me feel comfortable approaching them and talking to them," Ruiz-Paiz said.

accounting and the Student Government Association, 52 of the most active members travelled for free to attend the ALPFA Annual Convention in Orlando this August.

"The greatest thing ALPFA has given me is a family—a group of like-minded individuals who want to succeed and want to help others do the same," said Ruiz-Paiz.

University encourages positive body image through events

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will be tabling outside of Green library to promote the larger Love Your Body Event, which starts Monday, Oct. 13, through one of their many Random Acts of Wellness Days.

Sofia Pablos-Aguirre, a senior majoring in English

and a wellness assistant for Student Health Services, refrained from revealing any exciting surprises that are in store for the Love Your Body RAW Day.

However, she hinted that the RAW Day will be an "Instagram-able opportunity."

Much like Keiran

Ward and Atarhe Neal-Viegbesie, many people feel insecure about themselves and their image at times. This event was created to remind students that they are amazing just the way they are.

When asked about women and weight, Keiran Ward said it best.

"Rock your size and do your thing."

For more information about the FIU Love Your Body Day Week or any of the other RAW Days, you can visit Student Health Services in the University Health Services building, room 180, or e-mail wellness@fiu.edu.

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SEAS loses significant coordinator

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At a young age of 42 years, coordinator of research programs for the School of Environment, Arts and Society, Thor Dunmire, has passed away.

A marine scientist, Dunmire spent his last years as part of the University's College of Arts and Sciences Aquarius program, the only program in the world to have an undersea research laboratory.

In a memorandum to the University, director of Human Resources relations, Trudy Fernandez, said Dunmire worked from Big Pine Key to Antarctica and the Pacific Ocean.

A skilled diver, Dunmire joined the U.S. Navy where he was trained as a Navy SCUBA diver and became a diving officer, said faculty senate chairman Kathleen Wilson at a Sept. 2 Faculty Senate meeting.

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Kathleen Wilson
Chairman
Faculty Senate

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"Thor was never far from the family or ocean he loved. He was a force on or in the water," said Wilson.

He had graduated with a bachelor's in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the University of Florida in 1989. He later entered the University of Miami for graduate school in Biochemistry, Cell Biology and Molecular Biology.

At the Aquarius program, Thomas Potts, director of the Aquarius Reef Base laboratory, said Dunmire was a big asset to the program and an incredibly likeable guy.

"He was one of those guys who could do everything," said Potts. "He had a good grasp on the science that was being conducted, especially with the local waters."

Dunmire served the program as diving supervisor, boat captain and diving medical technician.

He was part of a family atmosphere where the Aquarius team are invested in one another, said Potts.

He was also a talented visual artist who painted fish and diving-themed, often whimsical works, said Wilson.

He will be leaving behind his children, aged three and four.

"The University mourns his passing, and our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time of bereavement," said Fernandez.

Look at yourself before talking about us

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Why do oppressive countries get to comment about the United States “oppressing” its citizens?

This was a question rolling around in my head as I saw article after article regarding the situation in Ferguson, Missouri. I was surprised to learn that there were several Tibetan monks standing in solidarity with the protestors. What surprised me most and caused me disgust was the avalanche of negativity coming from countries that are openly oppressive to their own people; countries like Iran, Russia, North Korea, China and Egypt.

Not surprisingly, North Korea is up first. The hatred the government and military of North Korea has for the U.S. is nothing new; they’ve been threatening war for ages. I wasn’t surprised when its state news agency, the Korean Central News Agency, decided to chime in saying that the U.S. “suffered disgrace” and became “a laughing stock of the world,” because of the developing situation in Ferguson. This coming from the country that, according to United Nations February reports, was committing human rights violations “without any parallel in the contemporary world.”

According to the Washington Post, an entire laundry list of abuses exist in Korea, as presented in a 372-page report by the U.N. These abuses include the deaths of countless people since the 1950s held in secretive Soviet gulags – systems of forced labor camps, denying people travel, discrimination based on ideological differences and radios that blast government propaganda that can’t be turned off.

Surely, a nation that commits so many abuses toward its own citizens as to warrant such a report should have some self-awareness when doing so! Then again, this is the country that still has approximately 25 million people living in abject poverty and chooses to ignore it while Kim Jong-un entertains Dennis Rodman.

Russia, whose foreign minister stated,

“Washington should focus on its own problems rather than intervening in other countries under the false pretext of defending democracy and human rights.” Russia, of course, is no stranger to doing just that. This is a nation involved in the escalating conflict in Ukraine that has the nerve to engage in what The Economist dubs “whataboutism.” That is, Russia believes itself exempt from criticism because other nations are doing the same thing they are! That’s not an excuse to ignore one’s actions.

Russia has been involved in many human rights abuses and violations, including the active persecution of gay people, regressive legislation on citizens’ right to protest and generally contributing to what the international watchdog organization, Human Rights Watch, called “the worst climate in post-Soviet history.” As for racial issues, Russia has been critical of the U.S. since the days of the Soviet Union. However, in 2010, some 7,000 Russian nationalists rallied near the Kremlin, chanting racist slogans and attacking non-Russian nationalists.

According to Reuters, just last year there were racial riots over the killing of an ethnic Russian in Southern Moscow by a migrant laborer from the mostly Muslim state of Azerbaijan. Police clashes ensued, shops were looted and broken into, and many were arrested.

The Supreme Leader of Iran, Ali Khamenei, tweeted that the U.S. was the “biggest violator of #HumanRights” – a very interesting stance considering that, according to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Iranian citizens are barred from using Twitter.

Iran has a history of anti-Semitism, beatings and torture of protesters. Human Rights Watch reported that Iran continues to hold political prisoners, executes people en masse and deprives them of necessary medical treatment.

China took the opportunity to suggest the U.S. to “concentrate on solving its own problems rather than always pointing fingers at others.” Ironic, since China consistently ignores critique when presented with an annual human rights report by the U.S.

According to the Wall Street Journal’s China Real Time blog, China hasn’t been covering Ferguson all that much because they’re afraid it will cause a lot of unrest in the Xinjiang region, wherein the native Chinese Han are a minority and there is a mostly Muslim Uyghur population. The circumstances involved do appear similar, including the deadly force against civilians, and reporters being detained when trying to put together an independent picture of events.

An interesting thing about China is that, like North Korea, the government heavily controls the media and censors the Internet. The Muslim population is heavily racially profiled and discriminated against by the native Han population. Good luck hearing about that from the state media!

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Egypt took the opportunity to urge “restraint and respect for the right of assembly and peaceful expression of opinion” regarding the Ferguson situation. Ironically, Egypt killed over 800 people who dared to protest the military backed removal of then-president Mohamed Morsi last year, in an event known as the Rabaa massacre. According to the Huffington Post, Egyptian authorities have made it illegal to protest without prior permission and have taken to rounding up Egyptian journalists, foreign journalists and revolutionary activists. In other words, anyone who doesn’t toe the line doesn’t get a fair trial.

Other nations that have been critical of the U.S. include Turkey, Germany and the United Kingdom. Overall, the criticism has mostly been the same; along the lines of America being foolish to think racism ended in the 1960s; that the Ferguson situation is out of control and a byproduct of racial violence; and that the U.S.’s response hasn’t been ideal. I have no problems with a majority of the criticisms being leveled. I do, however, wish that the nations profiled above would show some self-awareness and tact when commenting. The critiques from Iran, China, Egypt, Russia and North Korea ring hollow when they have done and continue to do much worse.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR: WHY I IGNORE ‘ONCE IN A LIFETIME’ BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Dear editor,

I understand that the article, “Why I ignore ‘once in a lifetime’ business opportunities” is part of the Opinion section, but I want to point out the fact that this “opinion” is misinformed and ill-educated. If I had read this article two years ago, I would’ve agreed, but I find different after I’ve done my own research about this \$167 billion industry. This article has no validity and no hardcore examples to back up that network marketing companies are “pyramid schemes.” Granted, the network marketing industry has much controversy, but can you define what a “pyramid scheme” is in your own words and what the difference is between a pyramid scheme and the jobs that are out there?

I don’t know if you’re familiar with the statistics of businesses, but 96 percent of businesses fail within ten years. Home-based businesses report an 85 percent success rate, compared to a 5 percent success rate for traditional small businesses like retail stores and restaurants. Look at successful companies like Vector Marketing and Amway and you’ll see how long they’ve been around for.

It’s hard to “make a profit” in a network marketing company, but are you only worth the salary a company gives each year before taxes are deducted? It’s poor judgement for a college newspaper to promote ill-informed opinions about companies who are sponsored by those who have gone to build multi-million dollar companies based on the same business model, which is essentially entrepreneurship.

If you did diligent research, you would come across numerous “educated” men who have started/funded some of these companies such as Kirby Cochran, Richard Branson, Robert Kiyosaki and Donald Trump. Look up the interview between Donald Trump and David Letterman about the topic of network marketing companies and you’ll be surprised. It’s only logical a person would take advice from a successful person over someone who is simply a small part of a college newspaper.

The cheapest commodity a person has is their opinion and we all know what they can do with them. If you have the “opinion” of Network Marketing Companies as pyramid schemes, you should look at statistics and hardcore facts from the Direct Selling Association and U.S. Census. If you have any feedback, comments or concerns, feel free to respond.

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Reading news as easy as clicking ‘Follow’

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Welcome to 2014. A year in which people can’t go to Starbucks without posting their drink on Instagram, buy a new pair of shoes without tweeting about it or get a new haircut without posting a picture of it on Facebook.

Try as you might to deny any of these acts, we are all guilty of at least one. Even the head designer and creative director of Chanel, Karl Lagerfeld, who has publicly noted he hates selfies, is launching his own newspaper where he will talk about none other than himself.

We are currently living through an epidemic of publicizing our lives through social media -- and we’re a little obsessed. From celebrities to bloggers to everyday people, we have an urge to update each other on our everyday lives. Once you get over the fact that it is self-centered and unnecessary, posting a picture of yourself and counting how many likes you get is completely normal today.

Who do we have to thank -- or blame -- for all of this? How about whoever made it incredibly easy to get a hashtag, video or picture from trending in the country to going viral around the world?

Having the opportunity to live in a society where sharing with friends, families and strangers has become remarkably easy to do, it is a wonder why we constantly waste this chance on things that ultimately don’t matter. This generation has the world at its fingertips -- cliché or not, we

literally do.

Rather than spending all the time we do on our smart phones reading up on our friends’ tweets, we need to face reality and become as aware about world news as we are about Kim Kardashian’s latest selfie.

In a generation where we can have all the facts within seconds, there is no reason why young adults today should not be more involved in and knowledgeable of world news. After all, it could be affecting their lives. And to make matters even easier and in the favor of social media lovers, staying up to date in real news is as easy as hitting the follow button on Twitter and Instagram. CNN, one of the world’s leading sources for news, is fairly popular on these sites with 322,000 followers on Instagram and 14.2 million followers on Twitter. But don’t let these high numbers make you believe everything is okay and that enough people are staying up to date on the news. Kim Kardashian is beating CNN with 24 million followers on Twitter -- as if what she has to say is more important than knowing about the first U.S. ebola patient.

Staying up to date with news while still following whomever you want on Twitter is easy and won’t take up much of your time. We don’t want to be the generation who wasn’t aware or the ones who didn’t take advantage of the opportunities social media offers.

And for those who believe they don’t need to read up on real news, just think of how uneducated you sound when you tweet your opinion concerning an issue. If you want to join the conversation, at least make sure you’re well read, literally.

SEND US YOUR LETTERS

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University honors distinguished professors during Award Ceremony

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On Oct. 2, 2014, the University held its annual Faculty Convocation and Award Ceremony at 3 p.m. in the Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center. The ceremony was a day dedicated to acknowledging the excellence and accomplishments of University faculty.

This year, twenty-four faculty received awards in various categories such as Excellence in Teaching, Service, Research and Creative Activities, Engagement, Librarianship, Mentorship and Advising and the President's Council Worlds Ahead Award.

From extensive research, writing peer reviewed articles and creating study abroad programs, to opening doors for immigrant children, writing for the Huffington Post, and receiving recognition from President Obama, the faculty here have contributed to FIU

in ways that are pushing the university forward.

The afternoon included several speakers such as Chair of Faculty Senate and Board of Trustees member Kathleen Wilson, Student Government Association president and Board of Trustees member Alexis Calatayud, President Mark B. Rosenberg and Provost and Executive Vice President Kenneth G. Furton.

In his message to the audience, President Rosenberg discussed some of the challenges the university faces such as the State Legislature's adoption of a new policy that ranks Florida state schools based on 6-year graduation rate, the percentage of students employed after graduation, their median income after graduating and more. Rosenberg also brought up the challenge of educational funding in the state, mentioning that \$100 million were cut from schools in the state system with the potential of that amount doubling this year.



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Jinlin Zhao, Professor of Hospitality and Tourism Management receives an award for excellence in mentorship and advising during faculty convocation.

Rosenberg then explained that despite the challenges FIU faces, the university has several accomplishments to

be proud of such as the 100 percent placement for music majors out of the 2013-14 graduating class.

According to Rosenberg, FIU also has a partnership with the Miami-Dade Public School System, which has helped place graduating students in their field of study.

Rosenberg expressed his gratitude and appreciation for University faculty throughout the ceremony and shared stories of how much the faculty have made an impact on the students. He repeated the words of one of the many students who have received their education at FIU,

"That place changed my life."

This statement, according to Rosenberg, came from FIU alumnus Dennis Scholl, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in accounting. Rosenberg shared some of Scholl's numerous accomplishments, which includes having worked for one of the country's leading accounting firms and currently serving as Chair of the Perez Art Museum Miami.

The Award Ceremony was a reminder of how faculty have pushed students toward greatness and Rosenberg emphasized how profoundly FIU is growing:

"We [faculty] are doing what we love. Working with some of the most determined and appreciative students anywhere, providing more and better internships every year, graduating higher rates of students every year, carrying out our research



BRIAN TRUJILLO/THE BEACON

SGA President Alexis Calatayud speaks at Faculty Convocation on Oct. 2.

and initiatives with an ever growing confidence and impact and developing win-win partnerships here and abroad."

The 2014 Faculty Convocation and Award Ceremony was the first conducted with the University's new provost, Kenneth G. Furton, so the event was also a chance for the FIU community to get to know Furton.

Furton has a strong background in research, having completed projects in a variety of areas such as arson, currency, drugs and explosive detection. He has used sophisticated equipment to create odor sensors, researched ways to improve canines' scent detection and worked on drug detection on money.

One thing people may not know about the university's new provost is that he has also studied how other animals such as birds, meerkats and

even elephants can detect drugs.

In his keynote address, Furton talked about his desire to make FIU a better place for students.

"I want to create an environment where students feel welcome and do not feel that they are alone," Furton said.

He emphasized the importance of creating internships and study abroad opportunities for students.

Furton's work as an educator, mentor, researcher and even a crimefighter has prepared him to help FIU take on the challenges ahead.

"I am committed to tirelessly pushing FIU forward," Furton said.

The Award Ceremony ended with a question-and-answer session which gave audience members the chance to speak on issues that concern them.

STEPS FOR INDEPENDENCE



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Dammy Oshodi, a communication arts junior, dances with other students during the Nigerian Independence Day celebration at the GC Pit on Oct. 1.

Food off campus: A taste of Peru

THE FOODIE



NICOLE ZUMMAR

It was a rainy night last week and I was in my dorm, starving. I didn't want to go out at 9 p.m. in the rain to get food from Fresh Food Company, but I also didn't know where to order delivery from. All I knew was I didn't want have to eat pizza again.

I was in the mood for ceviche, but as far as I was concerned there wasn't any restaurant near the University that delivered seafood. Then I came across Peru Criollo through Urbanspoon, a life-saving app.

They offer a wide selection of seafood dishes and Peruvian specialties like ceviche, a Peruvian seafood dish; fresh soups, such as chupe de pescado; and appetizers like the tamal de pollo and choclo a la huancaína.

While their prices don't make it the cheapest option, they happen to be one of the few seafood restaurants that deliver.

I ordered ceviche de pescado and lomo saltado that night, and didn't regret it. The food came quickly and tasted good — and I did not have to put it in the microwave either.

A few days later, I decided to dine in the restaurant.

GREEN SCREEN FOR ICE CREAM



JASMINE ROMERO/THE BEACON

Elizabeth Nehme (left) and Annyelka Rubio (right) both juniors studying biology, pose for a postcard made by the Florida Lottery at the Bright Futures Ice Cream Social on Oct. 2.

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Peru Criollo also offers a small variety of Latin American beers, wines and specialty drinks. It also offers breakfasts on Saturdays and Sundays, which proves convenient for students who dorm at MMC, given the lack of places to eat on campus during the weekend.

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Less than two miles from the Modesto Maidique Campus sits Peru Criollo, on SW 108 Ave and Bird Road.

The location is easy to find, and the place itself takes after simple, Latin American-style diners, with several wooden tables and chairs,

and a long bar.

The servers, mostly Hispanic, are very helpful and don't hesitate to tell you about their specialty dish: ceviche mixto, a mix of seafood bathed in lemon juice.

The food is brought promptly after ordering. The portions are a good size, and that's coming from someone who doesn't enjoy meager servings.

I ordered the usual ceviche and lomo saltado. As for the food's taste, it was certainly better than delivery. The ceviche — a mix of fish, onion

and lemon — was the better of the two, although its flavor was a bit different than that from downtown seafood restaurants.

The fish was tender and thoroughly soaked in a rich, lemon-based sauce.

The lomo saltado, however, was somewhat bland. A mix of sliced-up meat, onion and peppers, the lomo is bathed in sauce. However, the meat felt slightly dry and could have used more seasoning. While not a bad option, it could certainly consist of a better flavor for its \$12.99 value.

Peru Criollo also offers a small variety of Latin American beers, wines and specialty drinks. It also offers breakfasts on Saturdays and Sundays, which proves convenient for students who dorm at MMC, given the lack of places to eat on campus during the weekend.

Overall, the experience was a positive one in regards to food quality and service, and I'm certain I will be paying Peru Criollo another visit soon.

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FOOTBALL

Momentum carries into second half of season

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The Panthers are only half way through the 2014 season and they've already tripled their win total from a year ago. They currently sit at 3-3 and are riding a two-game win streak after wins against University of Alabama at Birmingham and Florida Atlantic University.

The season didn't start as planned for the Panthers. They opened with a loss at home against Football Championship Subdivision team Bethune-Cookman. Despite a poor effort, the Panthers had a chance to win it with a last-second field goal. The snap was botched and time ran out as the score stood 14-12 in favor of Bethune-Cookman.

The Panthers followed up that loss with an impressive showing against Wagner. Freshman quarterback Alex McGough led them to their first win of the season in his first collegiate start. Freshman running back Alex Gardner broke the freshman rushing record with 138 yards on the ground in the 34-3 victory.

The FIU Panthers then welcomed the Pittsburgh Panthers to The Cage. The 42-25 final score was not indicative of how close the game really was. FIU's defense gave the Pitt. offense trouble the entire afternoon and kept them in the game before they were able to blow it open with some late scores.

Louisville came to town the following week; marking the second straight Atlantic Coast Conference opponent to visit The Cage. The Panthers defense was stellar once again.

Barring a 21-point onslaught by the Cardinals in the second quarter, the Panther defense gave up only nine points in the other three. The offense could never get anything going against the Cardinals and the Panthers fell 34-3.

The Panthers traveled to Birmingham, Alabama to face the UAB Blazers in their first road game of the season. UAB came in with a top-ranked offense and FIU came in with a top-ranked defense. Defense won out as the Panthers defeated the Blazers 34-20. The Panthers were helped by two defensive touchdowns and two long touchdown passes.

The Panthers returned home the following week as they welcomed the FAU Owls for a Thursday night Shula Bowl matchup. The Panthers defeated the Owls 38-10 after another impressive performance by the defense.

The most consistent part of this Panthers team has been defense. Through six games, the Panthers currently lead the nation with 21 forced turnovers.

One of the biggest contributors to this hungry defense has been cornerback Richard Leonard. He is currently ranked second in the nation with 4 interceptions on the year. He's already been named C-USA defensive player of the week once this year and looks to do it again. What's even more impressive is that Leonard already has three defensive touchdowns through six games - two interceptions and one fumble recovery. His 100-yard fumble return against FAU tied a school record.

"It's unbelievable," said Head Coach Ron Turner when asked about Leonard's performance this year. "I've never seen anything like it."

The front line is led by two men; junior defensive end Denzell Perine and junior defensive end Michael Wakefield. Both players are tied for fourth in the nation with six sacks apiece. The sustained pressure from the defensive line makes the job easier on the rest of the defense.

The story on offense has been the young guys behind the line. McGough and Gardner have spearheaded an FIU offense that is averaging 24.3 points per game; that's over double the average from a season ago.

McGough took the reins of the offense mid-way through the opening game and has been "the guy" ever since. He's thrown for over 800 yards with 7 touchdown passes and only two interceptions. His poise in the pocket and good decision making are a big part of why the Panthers currently rank top five in turnover margin.

"We work on takeaways every day in practice," said Leonard. "When the ball is on the ground, we work on scooping it up. We really do a great job of that."

Gardner took over as the starting back in week two against Wagner. He's rushed for over 400 yards so far and is averaging 4.9 yards per carry. He scored his first collegiate touchdown on Thursday night against FAU.

The Panthers are 2-0 in C-USA play this year and sit in second place in the East Division behind Middle



BRIAN TRUJILLO/THE BEACON

Quarterback Alex McGough runs the ball through the Florida Atlantic University defense on Oct. 2. McGough later rushed for a touchdown. The Panthers beat the Owls 38-10.

Tennessee. They have six games remaining: at University of Texas at San Antonio, Oct. 11; versus Marshall University (Homecoming)

on Oct. 18; versus Rice University on Nov. 1; at Old Dominion University on Nov. 8; versus Middle Tennessee State University on Nov.

15 and at the University of North Texas on Nov. 22. The Panthers only need to win three of their remaining six to qualify for bowl eligibility.

SOCCER

Panthers focus on positivity to pull through

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The middle of the season brings fresh outlooks, new spurts of urgency and fresh haircuts for the coaching staff and players on the women's soccer team. At practice Thursday, Oct. 2, the Panther outlook was one to welcome adversity, confident in the guidance of Head Coach Thomas Chestnutt.

"[The level of competition] is gonna be high," said senior midfielder Johanna Volz, who, before the interview, was sung "Happy Birthday" to by her teammates. "We're in conference, so every game is a must win... When you get farther and farther [into the season], that's when it becomes



MARIA LORENZINO/THE BEACON

Forward Ashleigh Shim keeps the ball away from a Murray State University player at the game against the Racers player on Sept. 5. The senior is on the top 10 list for all time scoring at FIU.

more on the line... Competition is higher and higher each game."

Through 11 games, the Panthers have produced a 6-5 record, while beginning Conference USA play at 1-1. This team is no stranger to tough matches, as they've faced three top 25 opponents (University of Arizona; California State University, Long Beach and Santa Clara University), and three west coast universities (SCU, Pacific University and LBSU). The seven-game home stretch concluded Sept. 28.

Through this span, the Panthers went 4-3, nearly going 5-2 until a late game-winner by University of North Carolina at Charlotte handed Chestnutt and his squad their fifth loss. The most telling characteristic of this team is their ability to bounce back. The Panthers have not lost two consecu-

tive games this season, a perfect 4-0 after a loss.

"We never capitalize or pay attention to the negatives too long," said sophomore midfielder Alyssa Robinson. "Obviously, we go over them and see mistakes we made. We're always ready to fix them."

Chestnutt chimed in on the resiliency of his team: "We don't focus on the wins and losses, that's not our focal point. The focal point is our process and how we do things... This team is experienced... It's about staying focused, how well we did last time out and how well we are improving and bringing in new materials."

Much of the non-conference schedule provided learning tools to prepare the Panthers for C-USA

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BASKETBALL

Former guard partners to create brand

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A lot of things can happen inside a stuffy car after an intense summer workout. For former FIU men's basketball guard Deric Hill, a brand was born.

His desire to succeed paved way for the "Don't Settle, Be Great" brand to come to life.

Hill reached a lot of people when he scored 16 points and recorded six assists in a stunning FIU upset over Middle Tennessee State University in the Sun Belt Conference Men's Basketball Tournament semifinals in March of 2013. The Panthers entered the tournament as an overlooked squad and the matchup against the top-seeded Raiders seemed like an overwhelming one before Hill took over the game.

He went on to make All-Tournament honors and played a key role as a walk-on, non-scholarship player, on the Panthers team that made a dramatic run through the SBC tournament, that ultimately fell one win shy of making the National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament.

Hill, alongside a childhood friend, Danny Lopez, produced a brand that is touching a wider audience and garnering nationwide attention.

The brand, "Don't Settle, Be Great," started off as a way to motivate themselves during workouts, but it soon evolved into a

way of life.

"It's a movement to tell people not to sit around and be [satisfied] with being 'okay' with what they're doing," Hill said. "We want to spread a message to people that they can be great at anything."

Hill and Lopez left a workout during the summer of 2013 in hopes of creating their own inspirational quote. The "Be Great" part was already something they used to keep pushing each other during workouts, and came upon "Don't Settle" because their friendship wouldn't let them do anything else.

After coming up with their quote, the duo designed athletic wristbands with the saying "Don't Settle, Be Great." They had no idea if anyone else would be interested in them, but the project eventually blossomed into a local trend.

"A lot of people started buying them and posting them all over social media," Lopez said. "Then they started requesting more colors and sizes."

What started as a motivational quote eventually turned into a solid black wristband, and it was just a matter of time elapsed before 10 different colored bands were available.

The duo was very surprised by the support they received from the athletic community.

Across social media, a number of professional athletes have been seen wearing DSBG bands, including Tim Hardaway, Jr.,

of the New York Knicks; Carlos Boozer of the Los Angeles Lakers; Brittney Griner of the Phoenix Mercury and Patrick Robinson of the New Orleans Saints, who supplied all of the team's defensive backs with DSBG shirts.

"We wore the bands to spread the message to kids so they can strive to better," Hill said. "But we were surprised from all the support. We passed them out to people who knew people and that's helped us out a lot."

"Everybody can relate to it," Lopez said of why the brand has gotten such overwhelming support. "It's not just for athletes. It can be for people at the workplace, mothers, fathers or students."

After the wristbands started popping up across the nation, Hill and Lopez decided to expand the brand and began to design T-shirts. They got too many requests for shirts to not give it a try, Lopez said.

And like the bands, the shirts released and sold out shortly thereafter.

Their original design was for a black shirt with white labeling and a countering white shirt with black labeling.

Because of increasing demand, the duo had to expand the sizes in which the shirts were produced and released two new colorways.

The expansion has even reached kids sizes because parents want their kids to wear the inspirational brand, Lopez said.

Hill and Lopez, who met at South Miami High School, are making it a point to reach the youth in the Miami area.

Aside from their brand, which they hope will motivate the youth in the area to do better and make better decisions, they are hosting their first annual bookbag giveaway on Aug. 15.

The giveaway will provide kids with necessary school supplies as they begin the school year. Because the two have collegiate basketball experience, they also have goals to establish annual basketball summer camps and develop a foundation to continue to help underprivileged youth.

"We're striving to help kids in need," Lopez said. "We want to provide them with things they don't have or can't afford."

Hill and Lopez started "Don't Settle, Be Great" in order to continue to motivate themselves as friends who cared about each other. Now, they keep the brand fresh in an attempt to motivate strangers to not fall victims of complacency; they want others to strive to be great just like they did on that hot summer day.

"The brand means something to us and the positive message that comes out of it does too," Hill said.

Fans of the brand can reach out to either Lopez or Hill via their website, DsbgApparel.bigcartel.com, via email at Dsbg_apparel@yahoo.com or on Instagram at [Dsbg_apparel](https://www.instagram.com/Dsbg_apparel).

Panthers push on

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matches. Out of nine non-conference games, the Panthers went 5-4. That did not drag down the mood of the Panthers, though. Instead, it kept them closer; it kept them level-headed.

"The mood— it's really great. It's pure excitement," said Volz. "We understand how much we have going for us and how good we are this year. As long as we do everything that we should be doing, getting our jobs done, it's going to be a very successful season."

At this point last season, the Panthers were facing a 3-8 record. Improvements are evident this season and the groundwork seemingly laid out for this team. The addition of a healthy Chelsea Leiva, redshirt senior forward, and redshirt junior defender Nikki Rios has brought this team's confidence higher. There's a sense of wholeness.

Leiva has already proved her worth to this team by scoring seven

goals, a number that has her at top five all-time in goal scoring for women's soccer (30).

The accomplishments don't stop there, as senior forward Ashleigh Shim joined the top 10 all-time list for scoring, due in part to her two-goal performance at the University of North Florida. There's still history to be made, though, for the Panthers. Chestnutt is looking to get back to postseason play as he's done before. From 2009 to 2012, Chestnutt coached the University to 11-plus wins.

"We're itching to find our level," said Chestnutt. "Because of that, there's a lot of excitement left in the team... We know we are playing well... The team feels the strength is growing."

The regular season ends Oct. 30 against Marshall University here in Miami. The C-USA Tournament lasts from Nov. 3 to Nov. 9, a time to make the necessary push for a NCAA Tournament berth.

KICKING IT



MARIA LORENZINO/THE BEACON

Midfielder Nicholas Midttun sprints with the ball at the game against University of Alabama at Birmingham on Sept. 27. Next game is on Wednesday, Oct. 8 against the University of South Carolina.

University to host the Miss Universe Pageant

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So far, they have raised over \$1 million in funds to help cover the cost instead of footing the bill to the city.

The 2013 pageant, hosted in Moscow, Russia, was held in a state-of-the-art arena with a seating capacity of more than 7,000.

According to the FIU Athletics website, the USCBA has an overall seating capacity of 5,000.

There was slight concern about a schedule conflict between the pageant and the men's basketball schedule. The schedule previously listed a home matchup with Florida Atlantic University for Jan. 24, the day before the pageant.

Executive Director of Sports and Entertainment Pete Garcia said the league understood that the big event would be taking place and agreed to push the game back to Jan. 27.

"Everybody wanted to make this happen for South Florida, so Florida Atlantic and Conference USA said, 'Yeah, whatever we have to do,'" he said.

The Panthers are scheduled to visit FAU earlier in the month.

As a "World's Ahead" University, hosting the pageant will gain attention from many across the globe in the next few months.

"We're gonna get worldwide exposure. They're running a commercial for us during the event," said Garcia. "This is great exposure for an international university in an international event."

Since 1960, Miami has hosted the pageant 15 times—more than any other host city in the world. Miami wanted to host the pageant in the past, but lost its bid in 2013 to Russia.

Two years later, it was Doral's turn.

"Even as one of the newest cities in Miami, Doral is a premier place to live, work and play due to its beautiful lifestyle and entrepreneurial opportunities," said Paula Shugart, president of the Miss Universe Organization.

Shugart continued, "Since the Greater Miami area is a melting pot of people from all over the world, our contestants will feel right at home as they showcase what the area has to offer. I cannot think of a better backdrop in January than sunny Miami for our global telecast."

Housing construction left up to Board of Governors

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Construction on the new residence halls at the Biscayne Bay Campus has halted, leaving students without on-campus housing until summer 2016.

In an email with Maydel Santana-Bravo, director of the FIU Office of Media Relations, she said beginning construction is expected in early 2015 and its completion in July 2016.

She said construction was not interrupted, but rather phase two needs to begin.

Site preparation and safety measures for the building have been completed, but construction cannot begin until the Florida Board of Governors approve the project, which could be a wait as long as early 2015.

The University, which only provided land for this project, is in a public-private partnership with Servitas, the project's developer, who will be working on the financing the project.

The new Bayview Housing will be built next to the Roz and Cal Kovens Conference Center and the old Bay Vista Hall is now

under Royal Caribbean.

The University and Royal Caribbean Ltd. signed a contract that would provide 20 annual

In turn, the University gave Royal Caribbean Bay Vista to renovate and house their own performance employees.

Modesto Maidique Campus.

Transportation costs to BBC were also provided to the group of students free of charge,

lived at Bay Vista until it closed, said she planned to graduate next semester -- long before the new housing at BBC is completed -- but the move was an inconvenience.

After she was set to move to MMC, Jackson received an email notifying her that financial aid would not cover housing costs.

"Basically, they said I had to pay out-of-pocket," said Jackson.

Even with priority registration, Jackson said she couldn't move to MMC due to the spike in costs for a two-bedroom unit. Jackson now commutes from her home in West Little River.

When she called the University to ask about the issue, they told her there was nothing they could do.

"I never had this problem at BBC," said Jackson.

Vy Trinh, a senior chemistry major, said she moved out of MMC housing this semester because it was too expensive for a student only taking two classes.

Trinh now commutes to MMC from her home in Sunrise.

"I don't need to pay \$40,000 more for six credits," said Trinh.



NATALIE REYES/THE BEACON

Construction site of the upcoming housing facility at BBC, between the Marine Science Building and the Kovens Conference Center.

internships at Royal Caribbean facilities to University students, access to the performing arts studio under construction at BBC, and access to data that can potentially be used for research.

Two hundred forty-four students lived in the Bay Vista complex before it closed in May, but Santana-Bravo said only 48 of the students displaced received priority housing at the

according to Santana-Bravo.

"All of them were not going to come back because some were graduating," said Santana-Bravo.

RaShondra Jackson, a senior broadcast media major who

Online programming and coding workshops teach the importance of online networking to students, community

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Workshops teaching journalism students, University alumni and community members tools for online marketing and web coding continue.

Last Saturday, Oct. 4, the School of Journalism and Mass Communication hosted a Social Media 2: Analytics workshop to show students how to effectively use social media.

Later workshops on Oct. 25 and Nov. 8, between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., will teach attendees how to create interactive content using HTML5, CSS3, and other web page programming.

Moses Shumow, an SJMC assistant professor, said social media has broadened

our ability to network with people.

Shumow said, on a cultural level, even where social hierarchies are active, Twitter users may have 5,000 followers, but celebrities will have more.

The system has changed from one-to-many to a more direct relationship between the "many" and the media that is actually produced.

Shumow said companies like WhatsApp, with zero revenue, can now sell for billions of dollars.

"There's got to be money to be made in that. This has no historical precedent," said Shumow on the new business model brought by these sites.

Saturday's workshop on Oct. 4 will teach people how to measure their social media effectiveness and give them tools to optimize their online influence.

Alex de Carvalho, recently named the new Knight Innovator in Residence, taught both Social Media workshops.

Rebekah Monson and Amaury Blondet, both industry leaders in Miami, will also be instructing workshops.

Jeovanny Rosario, a junior in Economics, said marketing majors will benefit most from the workshops, as will people with, or who are interested in, owning a small business.

"The majority of students would believe, 'Oh, that's just running a Facebook page. I can do that,'" said Rosario. But he said the workshops will teach students otherwise.

Each workshop is \$99 for University students, while FIU Alumni pay \$199 and the general public pay \$299.

The price is what some students said is preventing them from attending.

"As a student, I might be a little bit

more wary of spending \$199 on the four workshops," said Tomas Calderon, a freshman in International Business. "If I wasn't a student, I wouldn't pay for it because it's too much money for the general public."

Rosario agreed with Calderon.

"Maybe I'm just cheap, but I think it's a lot for just four workshops," said Rosario.

However, Shumow said education is always a wise investment.

"Education is always good. It's a step in the right direction," said Shumow.

"I think these workshops are important in terms of hand-on skills," he said. "They will teach you about the opportunities that are out there."

All workshops take place at BBC in Academic 2, Room 242. Prospective attendees should visit <http://sjmc-med.fiu.edu/digitalworkshop/> to reserve a seat.

BISCAYNE BAY CAMPUS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, OCT. 6

LOVE YOUR BODY RESOURCE FAIR
WHEN: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
WHERE: Campus Life Hallway

DIA DE LA ARTESANIA LATINA
WHEN: 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
WHERE: Panther Square

SPC DANCING WITH THE WOLFE: SALSA & BACHATA
WHEN: 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
WHERE: Rec Center

TUESDAY, OCT. 7

LATINO DESSERT CHALLENGE
WHEN: 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
WHERE: Panther Square

NATIONAL NEWS ENGAGEMENT DAY
WHEN: 12 p.m.
WHERE: AC II Atrium

TUESDAY TIMES ROUNDTABLE
WHEN: 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
WHERE: WUC 159

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 8

LOVE YOUR BODY WEEK KEY-NOTE SPEAKER: TOYA LARENN
WHEN: 11 a.m.
WHERE: WUC Ballrooms

SPC MOVIE: "CESAR CHAVEZ"
WHEN: Showings at 12 p.m. and 5 p.m.
WHERE: WUC 157

SPC DANCING WITH THE WOLFE: BELLY DANCING
WHEN: 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
WHERE: Rec Center

THURSDAY, OCT. 9

LUNCH, LEARN & LEAN IN: LOVE YOUR BODY
WHEN: 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
WHERE: WUC 155

SPC MOVIE: "MEN, WOMEN & CHILDREN"
WHEN: 12 p.m.
WHERE: WUC Ballrooms

LATIN LATE DAY LATTE
WHEN: 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
WHERE: AC II Atrium

FRIDAY, OCT. 10

LGBTQ: NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY
WHEN: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
WHERE: Panther Square

"PACHANGA BY THE BAY" CONCERT FEAT. ZION & LENNOX, PROYECTO UNO & KEVIN LYTTLE
WHEN: Doors open at 6 p.m.
WHERE: WUC Ballrooms