

UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES

FIU HealthCare Network now accepting Medicaid

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Students who have ever been sick enough to seek medical care know the importance of having a high-quality health insurance provider to save them from huge bills.

New patients insured under Medicaid will be able to take advantage of the services provided by the University's Faculty Group Practice.

"We are now accepting Medicaid, with the exception of some physicians," said Jeffrey Stone, director of revenue cycle services for the FIU HealthCare Network.

Medicaid, a health program provided to low-income families and individuals and to individuals with certain disabilities, is jointly funded by the state and federal governments, but managed by the states.

Under the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid may see an expansion that will help to insure over 21 million people, who are currently without health care. This expansion will include the federal government paying 100 percent of the costs, for the newly eligible enrollees, during the first

three years starting January 2014, after which the federal government will cover 90 percent of the costs.

This effort to persuade states to adopt the expansion could force patients to pay higher co-payments and premiums on physician visits, prescription drugs and hospital visits giving states greater flexibility to charge more.

"The expansion will create a greater influx of patients with insurance and patients that are taking better care of themselves. It will also help the insurance companies as the federal government will be covering most costs, but we will have to see what happens in the coming year," said Stone.

The Medicaid expansion--its constitutionality affirmed by a Supreme Court ruling-- now exists as an option for states. In an effort to get them to adopt the plan, the Obama administration now allows the states to manage Medicaid to meet their requirements.

While some states have decided to participate in the expansion, others have strongly opposed it or are undecided--like Florida, one of the states currently leaning toward not participating

POLITICAL SIT DOWN



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Jeb Bush sat down with President Mark Rosenberg on Jan. 31 as a part of the "Conversations with Florida Leaders," lecture series between the University of Florida and FIU.

in the expansion. It will cause strain on the state's budget and lead to a dependency on government programs, according to Gov. Rick Scott, a vocal opponent of the ACA. Scott believes that providing job opportunities for people will allow them to afford insurance.

FIU's Faculty Group Practice opened its doors on Aug. 8, 2011 to provide health care services to FIU students, faculty and staff as well as the general public.

The Faculty Group Practice is home to various South Florida physicians within a wide range of specialties including gynecology, family medicine and psychiatry, with neurology and cardiology coming soon.

Aside from providing care by physicians, the clinic also offers routine physicals, chronic disease management and screenings, lab services, x-rays and ultrasound exams.

"I think it's good that the

practice is accepting Medicaid, because many of the low-income students that have Medicaid can now take advantage of the resources provided by the university," said Yolanda Sampson, a junior and journalism major.

The practice is located on the Modesto A. Maidique Campus in PG 5 Suite 131, with an additional location at the Broward Health Medical Center in Ft. Lauderdale.

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PAINTING FOR LIFE



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Jennifer Cordero, sociology major, preparing a banner to support Relay for Life. This signature fundraising event for the American Cancer Society that invites staff, students, alumni and families to form teams, raise money, walk the Relay track and camp out overnight while enjoying entertainment, food, fun and camaraderie. Relay for Life at FIU will begin March 1st at the Ryder Business Building Circle.

INTERNATIONAL

Students treated to Rubio and British ambassador lecture

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Professor Dario Moreno's Florida Politics class is used to hearing a lecture by Sen. Marco Rubio once a week, but, on Friday, Feb. 1, it was treated to a brief speech by Sir Peter Westmacott, British ambassador to the US who highlighted the relationship between the two countries, and Cuba. [Maybe]

"I'm not going to talk too much about Florida politics because you know more about it than I do," said Westmacott, addressing the class. "As you all know, this year is the 250th anniversary of the year 1763 when the Brits took over Florida in exchange for Cuba--sorry about that."

According to Westmacott, the United Kingdom is the second biggest foreign investor in Florida and the biggest commercial partner of the U.S.

"It was great for the students to see the relationship between the U.S. and

Great Britain first-hand," said Alex Castro, SGC-MMC Vice President and student in the class. "We have over \$200 billion invested on both sides."

Along with investing in the U.S., Great Britain also provides scholarships to American students giving them the chance to study there. Westmacott noted that 50,000 U.S. students go to British universities and gave the example of the Marshall Scholarship as a means for this.

"That's our way of saying thank you to the American people for helping us out in the second world war," Westmacott said.

Rubio asked Westmacott to express his sentiments on the future of the European Union in relation to Britain, explaining to the students that "an extraordinary amount of our investments are in that economy and... are deeply invested in the future of Europe."

SEE LECTURE, PAGE 2

Internships show importance in job market

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Study hard. Network harder. Graduate high school. Go to college. Get your dream job. This is the typical career path for most University students envision.

What many are missing, however, is the internship milestone -- the linking device between an academic and professional career.

We have all heard someone insist on the importance of obtaining an internship. Faculty and staff at the University claim it is an essential experience. Economics professor Alfonso Rodriguez said that in today's market, internship experience is a determining factor on employers' decision to hire. They "add weight" to your resumé, he said.

"If a student doesn't have any [work experience], the company might be hesitant to hire," said Rodriguez.

Matthew Tanner, assistant director at Career Services, said that a good career strategy for any undergraduate student is

to start exploring options and jobs in their first two years in school.

"The thing we fear most in this office is when you see seniors come in and they've done well academically, but their vision of what it takes to end up with a good job is to get good grades, to finish school and to get your degree," said Tanner. "But in today's economy and when you start looking at statistics and talking to employers, you need to have substantial experience in a lot of cases in order to land a good job."

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers statistics, 95 percent of employers are looking for experience in college graduates. 60 percent of all 2012 college interns received at least one job offer after completing their internship. Moreover, organizations converted 57.7 percent of interns into full-time hires, which is the highest recorded percentage to date.

Career Services, located in Graham Center at MMC 230 and Wolfe University Center 255 at BBC, kicked off their preparations for the coming career fairs on Jan.

28 with Career Bash at BBC.

Both events involve workshops and seminars geared to help students prepare for the upcoming fairs.

They will be held at BBC's WUC Ballrooms on Feb. 6 from 3-7 p.m. and at MMC's U.S. Century Bank Arena on Feb. 14 from 11 a.m. to 3p.m. This provides an opportunity for students to explore possible career choices by meandering through the different employers, some of which are listed as Fortune 500.

In addition to these preparations, Career Services has developed the Executive Protégé Initiative Program, aimed at students with the dedication to improve their professional skills. Tanner said that the program is a great tool for students to get to know the staff, who all have great connections with many recruiters.

"You get exposure to the staff here, you get to know them on a first-name basis so when an opportunity comes across our desk which happens every day... Obviously all of these get posted," Tanner said. "But we might have a handful of students in mind

we know would be a good fit for that so we want to send that information out to them."

Tanner also mentioned the importance of networking with not just faculty and employers, but also with other students.

"Who knows three to four years down the road you've made contacts with someone in the same field as you," said Tanner. "You end up working with them, you offer them a job or they offer you a job."

Internships nowadays are well-structured and many of them are paid. Two things that some students are unaware of. Many internships no longer involve running errands and filing paperwork.

"They give you real, professional experience," said Tanner.

Above day-to-day responsibilities, internships offer students entry to the community of his or her particular field of study making networking that much easier.

"It's about what you know, but it's also about who you know," said Tanner.

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Students apathetic on new immigration plan

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Last Tuesday, Jan. 29, President Barack Obama did not hesitate to fully back the bipartisan effort, but warned that if the legislation failed to pass, he would push his own immigration policy.

"I understand that this is just a draft, but it is extremely vague," said Frida Ulloa, an undocumented student at FIU and the core leader of Students Working for Equal Rights at the University. "No measure of legalization will happen

until they secure the borders. When will they know that the borders are secure enough?"

Ulloa, together with her co-core leader Nicolas Wulff, does not have a problem with increased border security, but feels that the process will take longer than necessary.

"Whoever wants to get their residency has to learn the language and all these things and then they have to go to the back of the line, so how many years is that?" said Ulloa.

FIU SWER focuses on helping undocumented students participate in citizenship clinics and apply for deferred action, Obama's executive order from last year, to be protected from being deported.

"The system is broken. No one has come up for a concrete solution until now," said Wulff. "We stand behind Comprehensive Immigration Reform."

FIU SWER aims to increase awareness about the importance of immigration reform and plans on participating in rallies, setting up campaigns

and engaging with Florida Senators Bill Nelson and Rubio.

"The DREAM Act would be somehow included in the bill and even though it is our main campaign, we want to fight for CIR," said Ulloa. "We're going to have a big battle in the coming months."

Students, faculty or staff interested in contacting FIU SWER can email Ulloa at friau@swer.org or Wulff at nicolasw@swer.org.

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Ambassador addresses future of U.S. and Great Britain

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In answer to the question, Westmacott discussed the political

situation in Britain and that a significant amount of public opinion in the E.U. is "Euro-skeptic," comparing it to the

common American dislike of a big concentration of people, but that British Prime Minister David

Cameron's strategy is to ensure Britain remains in the E.U.

"In my judgement, as a referendum comes, I think what we'll find is a pretty resounding vote in favor of staying," Westmacott said.

Rubio thanked Westmacott for having come to the class, telling the ambassador that the University is proud to have a diverse student body, that this is "the face of America and

the future of America."

Rubio's nation-wide popularity and recent decision to spearhead comprehensive immigration reform have recently put him at the forefront of politics, this meeting raising expectations for the Cuban-American senator.

"It was a privilege to hear from the British ambassador and to learn a little about his influence in Washington," said

Roger Thomas, junior in political science. "To have Senator Rubio in our class, explaining legislature to us from an inside perspective enhances my university experience tremendously."

University President Mark Rosenberg, University Media Relations and Time reporter Michael Grunwald were also present at the event.

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Why BBC is like the ugly stepchild

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Opinion Editor

I started coming to the Biscayne Bay Campus my sophomore year in spring 2010 for my Intro to Journalism class.

I didn't have much to say about it back then. But two years later, I have a lot more respect for original FIU campus and I no longer consider it "lame" and "boring" like many of those who reside at Modesto Maidique Campus.

After my sophomore year, I left the main campus to move into my own apartment and settled in North Miami in order to be closer to the journalism courses at BBC.

I still traveled to MMC once or twice a week for my sociology and psychology electives. While I was there, I would make time to stay and chill with my friends and catch up. They always felt bad that I had to spend most of my time at north campus.

Most of them had been there maybe once or twice for class and deemed it too quiet and incredibly boring.

And at the time, I did too. I'd go to my classes at BBC, maybe stop in the cafe to grab a snack in between class, go to more classes and leave. I joked with one of my friends and said, "Yeah, I know, BBC's the ugly stepchild."

Always dismissed, never given any attention or a chance.

But towards the end of my junior year, and now as I finish up my senior year, I have to say BBC really isn't all that bad. Actually it's really quite great if you're studious and low-key like I am.

To be honest, now I kind of feel that same loathsome feeling my friends have

about north campus, towards the main campus.

Sure, BBC doesn't have more than four food choices, and our Starbucks is kind of wack, but at least I can find a parking spot

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within 15 minutes. Sure, we don't have the same festive spirit of the Graham Center area, but at least I can move in and around the campus without have to swarm around people I don't care to see and music I don't need to hear.

BBC also doesn't have the comedy shows and the auditoriums that hold the big events, but how many of you are even going to those? Be real.

The north campus has a Chipotle, Smashburger, T.G.I. Friday's, Lime and Sir Pizza less than five minutes down the

street.

And inside, BBC has some really great views. I remember the first time I really got to see what this campus had to offer was during last semester of my junior year. I was taking a black and white photography class and so I thought, 'hey might as well see what I can shoot around here.'

So my boyfriend was my model, the campus was my backdrop and I found some really great places. Across the lake towards the east side of the campus and in front of the Marine Science building there are a few cool architectural structures, some that used to be submerged under the sea. And if you walk along the same path where the structures stand, you can see the bay and it's quite peaceful.

After I explored the outside of the campus that day I thought, 'hey maybe this place isn't so bad.' So in between class the following week, I found some cool places to read, some spots were shady and some let in the warmth of the sun.

There's also computer lab where you can print your first five pages for free. And there's always a computer lab in one of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication buildings to check email or finish up homework—without having to wait in line or show your Panther ID.

I never knew about these beautiful little gems hidden inside the BBC — some really are hidden. And most of the people who commute to the north campus from main campus don't either.

Because they don't give it a chance.

We automatically look down on it because...well I don't know why really. Ugly stepchild syndrome is my diagnosis.

Perhaps it's a preconceived thing

among the students. Some won't even go there once and somehow have something negative to say about it.

But I think the first official campus of FIU deserves a little more respect.

I won't sit here and tell you guys the campus doesn't need work, because it does.

Academic One needs a little more light, to brighten up the place. Academic Two needs some really cool and comfy computer labs where SJMC students can feel at home as they work on videos and project proposals.

But the amount of low-key spaces to work and computer availability is more important to me than having 10 food choices and a movie showing each weekend.

There are also improvements and renovations being made. The hospitality building is under construction inside one of their facilities where the students will have a larger kitchen and more working space during class. Architecture students are working on designs for a sustainable green building for SJMC. Right now the funds aren't there but the ideas they have for this place make me really want to stay here just so I can see the finished product if the plans do go through.

So I challenge those of you who have these misconceptions, or those of you who now have a sparked curiosity, to come to BBC and spend a few hours walking around its outskirts and peeking into some places you've never been.

Because my experience has often shown me that one rarely sees what's right in front of them.

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“Think different:” does Apple need a new business plan?

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There are those few companies—titans of industry, which are proven leaders and innovators in their field: Microsoft, Sony and Google. Such is the case with Apple.

Since the founding of the company in the mid 1970s, Apple has been the leader in industry and in generating new concepts in computer technology but recently the Apple stock has dropped.

In its infancy, it personalized the computer—from being this behemoth of a machine used only by engineers and industry types to a user-friendly small machine that even a child could use—though preferred overwhelmingly by artists and musicians.

Throughout the 1980s and again in the 2000s, one cannot mention the company without mentioning Steve Jobs, the guru behind Apple's success. The two are inseparable—Apple and Jobs. Ousted from the company for his questionable tyrannical managerial methods, has been called back to Apple in 2001, saving it from bankruptcy with the iMac, the iPod and later iTunes. This was indeed the resurrection of the Apple brand.

But a few months ago there was a dip in Apple's stock price and some analysts were dismayed. The culprit remains the increasing competition by other competitors—HP, Samsung, Sony—in markets where Apple was a leading innovator.

Despite these negative views, there are some who will

remain loyal to the company.

An avid Apple user, Danielle Goveia, a graduate environmental studies student who has been an Apple user for seven years, praises the company's constant innovation and agrees that it needs to innovate more to keep up with the competition. Though she doesn't agree with the company releasing a new iPad every six months, she claims she will stay with the company because she believes in its vision.

One thing that remained consistent with Apple is staying true to its motto—“Think different.”

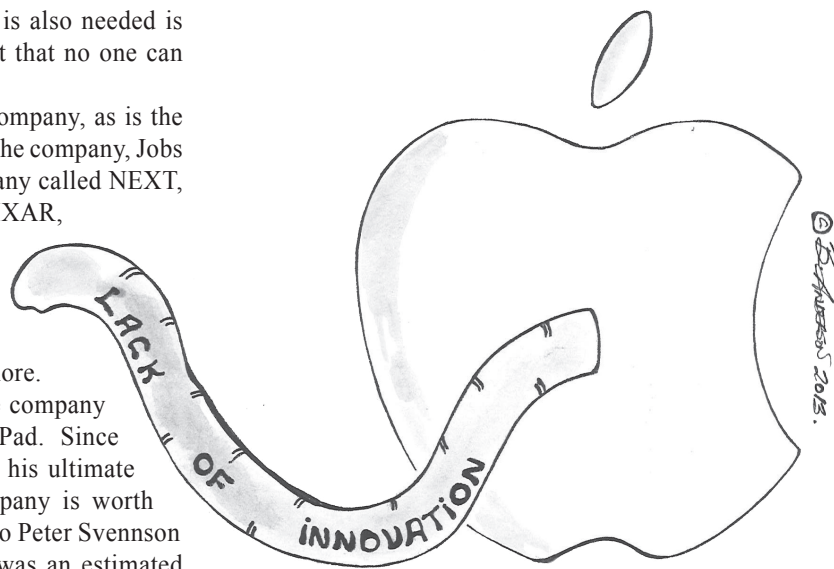
In my opinion, this is something that needs to be done more often in the current market. What is also needed is a strong visionary leader. It is no doubt that no one can replace a company's founder.

No one has the same fervor for the company, as is the case with Jobs. Even in his absence from the company, Jobs kept creating, building a company company called NEXT, obtaining a fledgling company named PIXAR, Inc. and exploring other mediums. Tim Cook is a fine CEO, but more is needed from the creative minds at the headquarters in Cupertino, California to place Apple as chief innovator once more.

It has been over three years since the company wowed the public with the release of the iPad. Since the second departure of Jobs—and with his ultimate untimely death due to cancer, the company is worth more than in previous years. According to Peter Svendsen of the Associated Press, Apple's value was an estimated

\$624 billion in 2012. However, for Apple to survive and remain relevant it will have to examine its own history and what caused its early success. This one company has changed the way we communicate, learn, listen to music and do business. To continue being a leader, like its founder, it will have to be visionary, take risks and, most importantly, think different.

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THE OFFICE OF STUDY ABROAD

Studying abroad: Don't hesitate, just do it

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The thought of leaving Miami--the land of sunshine and beaches and tourist attractions--can sometimes be a difficult decision for students who are thinking about studying abroad.

But according to experienced students, if you want to do it, just do it.

Students can sometimes be hesitant about journeying on such a whimsical adventure, but with positive feedback, learning experiences and scholarships, there is possibly little to no excuses why an interested student should take the leap of faith and study abroad.

The Office of Study Abroad held one of their two annual fairs on Wednesday, Jan. 30. The fair allowed students to gain more information about the program.

"[The fair] gives students the opportunity to talk to FIU professors," said Laura Marks, the Program Coordinator.

As for the studying abroad experience itself, Marks has nothing to give but positive and uplifting feedback, including the fact that getting a student to return home is like dragging a cat into a bath.

"Usually, the hardest part is coming back," said Marks, "We've had a lot of extension requests."

Marks points out that studying abroad is different to traveling. Living a lifestyle is different than

view of another world. Realizing that there are job opportunities outside of South Florida can be something difficult to grasp for some.

Akeem Graham, a junior health service administration

one of his best.

"I love the culture, I love the people. You meet a lot of new people," said Graham.

Graham enjoyed Iceland so much, it seems a year there was not enough.

"I came back in May, and I was looking for a job actually. I was looking for a part-time job [in Iceland]."

Graham's experience and personal views allowed him to realize the wonderful experience of studying abroad.

"Once you graduate, and go to graduate school, you won't have time to do it. If you want to do it, just do it," said Graham.

Sarahais Zerpa, a senior double majoring in Asian studies and art, had been dreaming of traveling to Japan for the longest time. Like many study abroad students may have felt, she too had cold feet after landing in Japan.

"I wanted to go but when I got off the plane, I was like, 'what am I doing?'" said Zerpa.

Zerpa, like Graham, decided to stay, and also had the experience of a lifetime.

"I experienced a new closeness with people who were studying abroad and the Japanese students who were interested in American culture," said Zerpa.

At the University, there are three different types of study abroad programs offered. There is the FIU Study Abroad program, which allows students to travel with peers and FIU faculty, as well as take University classes, the International Student Exchange Program, and the FIU approved program, where students can choose to do a study abroad program through another university or institution.

As for financial aid, the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship offers aid for undergraduate study abroad.

There are also opportunities for financial aid for graduate students. The Fulbright Program offers support for graduate and professional study, English teaching in various schools and universities, and advanced research.

Students interested in attending a session on study abroad can attend the Feb. 19 session at the Modesto Maidique Campus, or the March 19 session at the Biscayne Bay campus.

Hesitance should not be an issue or concern when making a decision. Interested students should take a chance, and just do it.

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viewing it from behind a glass door; it is a new experience, and new things are happening every day.

"There are a number of benefits. It makes students more independent, culturally adaptable, and it looks good on a resume," said Marks.

Students who are sometimes confined to Miami also get a

major, planned on studying in Australia when he changed his mind at the last minute to Iceland. This was something he almost regretted when he hopped off the plane and realized how extremely different the climate is to that of South Florida. Planning to leave that weekend of the day he arrived, Graham decided to stay, a decision he felt that was

THE CHAPLIN SCHOOL OF HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT

Mr. and Ms. Dance Marathon Pageant crowns its winners

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Dancing all night long may be fun for nights on South Beach, but an organization on campus takes the idea of "dancing all night" to the next level along by helping Miami Children's Hospital.

The Dance Marathon Committee, a part of the Center for Leadership and Services Department, held a dancing event on Jan. 23 at the GC Ballrooms, inviting the FIU community to take part in a special pageant to find a new Mr. and Ms. Dance Marathon.

The event also served as a means to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network.

Communications director, Isamar Huingo, a junior majoring in computer engineering, along with the Dance Marathon Committee, are in charge of the Dance Marathon events. Hunigo provided details behind the donations.

"All the money that we raise goes towards the Miami Children's Hospital and benefits the children who cannot afford medical attention."

The Dance Marathons are no stranger to the FIU community, as this year marks the 16th year for the marathon.

Alongside the Dance Marathons, the committee is in charge of events such as Golden Idol, So You Think You can Dance and the Mr. and Ms. Dance Marathon Pageant.

In order to win, participants had to wear a "Looney Tunes" inspired costume that reflected their personality at the pageant.

During the pageant participants also underwent challenges such as "Speed Canning," where participants ran around the room to collect money from the audiences in one and half minutes, performing a talent and answering a question related to Dance Marathon about potential problems that can arise during the marathon and how they would react.

At the end of the Pageant, two winners stood above the rest of the competition, earning the coveted titles of Mr. Dance Marathon and Ms. Dance Marathon for 2013.

Ms. Dance Marathon, Rachel Lopez, a junior majoring in elementary education, described her emotions upon winning the title.

"Winning the honor of representing Dance Marathon as 2013 Ms. Dance Marathon was surreal," said Lopez.

Mr. Dance Marathon, Jeffrey Torres, a freshman majoring in hospitality and tourism management, shared similar sentiments towards winning the pageant.

"I felt a great feeling of satisfaction. Just the fact I was able to express my message and experience in such a powerful way," said Torres.

About 250 students showed up to the event, and the committee raised about \$1,500 towards the grand total.

Hunigo thought the students that participated were the best part of the event.

"It's amazing to see all these talented Panthers take the stage and a great feeling that they are stepping out of their comfort zone to

represent the organization," said Hunigo.

But winning the pageant is just the first step for the winners.

"The winners get to be honorary morale captains for the marathon. They get jerseys and hosts various events throughout the year," said Hunigo.

Lopez will be hosting the kick off event at the pit and expressed excitement towards the event.

"It will be a great opportunity for everyone involved to get the dancers and the FIU community pumped for the marathon on Saturday, [Feb. 9]," said Lopez.

Torres also looks forward to the main event on Feb. 9.

"The day of the Dance Marathon where we dance for 25 hours is the event I look forward to attending the most," said Torres.

Hunigo detailed the background the 25-hour marathon.

"The purpose of this 25-hour marathon is to have fun while raising money," said Hunigo. "Throughout the year, dancers and the committee raise money and at the day of the event we count up all the money and announce the final total that will go to the Miami Children's Hospital."

Dance Marathon Week begins on Monday, Feb. 4 and includes the kick off party at the pit in the Graham Center, among other events leading up to the Dance Marathon on Saturday, Feb. 9.

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DANCE MARATHON WEEK

When: Monday, Feb. 4-7

KICK-OFF PIT EVENT

When: Monday, Feb. 4
from 12-2 p.m.
Where: GC Pit

PIE AN MC

When: Tuesday, Feb. 5
from 12-2 p.m.
Where: Betty Chapman Plaza

LAST DANCER MEETING

When: Wednesday, Feb. 6
from 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Where: GC 140

DM THROUGH THE YEARS

When: Thursday, Feb. 7
All day
What: Wear your DM shirts
from any year

SCHOOL OF MUSIC

FIU Symphony goes international

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Contributing Writer

The School of Music is emphasizing the “international” in Florida International University this Feb. 4, at 7:30 p.m. with the joint performance of the University’s Symphony Orchestra and the National Youth Orchestra of Uruguay.

The concert will unfold at the Wertheim Performing Arts Center under the conduction of Robert Davidovici, artist in residence and violin instructor.

Dimitri Shostakovich’s “Festive Overture,” a piece that featured in the 2009 Nobel Prize concert, will be the main feature of the evening.

In addition, the NYO will be playing by themselves a variety of pieces by Uruguayan composers like Pintin Castellanos, Gerardo Matos Rodriguez, y Rosita Melo, as well as Argentinian compositions like Alberto Ginastera’s “Estancia” and a selection of tangos by Carlos Gardel.

The SOM views the concert as an opportunity to broaden the musical awareness of the audience and perhaps the audience itself.

“As an educational institution, not just performing the arts, FIU’s School of Music thinks it’s important to introduce our Miami youth to their international peers in order to further engage them musically,” said Michelle Vires, marketing coordinator of the School of Music.

The National Youth Orchestra is well regarded in Uruguay for its support of the young and talented musicians of the country. While being a quality training program, the NYO is also a very accessible mean of musical education.

Director of the NYO, Ariel Britos, is also lauded in his country for his contribution to music and education, which has earned him awards such as the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization artist for peace, and the Golden Citizen award.

Previous to the concert, Brito will give a talk titled “Music, Education, and Public Policy in Uruguay.” The chat will take place at 11 a.m. on the same day of the concert, and will be supported by the School of International and Public Affairs.

With all the enthusiasm shared by all the parties involved, the concert promises to be both educational and entertaining.

“We’re just looking forward to working with the kids,” said Misha Vitenson, violin instructor and member of the Amernet String Quartet.

This will be the only concert that NYO will perform while they are in town. For those who would like to be at the concert but can’t physically attend, the performance will be streamed live in the School of Music website.

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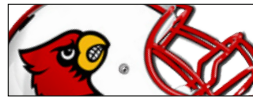
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FOOTBALL

FIU faces tough competition in first ever C-USA schedule

JONATHAN JACOBSKIND
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The 2013 season will offer a number of firsts for the FIU football program. It will be Head Coach Ron Turner's first year at the helm when leading the Panthers into their first year in Conference USA.

FIU's upcoming season schedule was released on Jan. 30 and the first kickoff of the 2013 campaign is slated for Aug. 31 in College Park, Md., where FIU will go head-to-head with the Terps of the University of Maryland.

The new season features matchups against six different teams that FIU will be facing for the first time in program history with contests against East Carolina University, Louisiana Tech, Southern Miss, University of Texas El

Paso and the Blazers of University of Alabama-Birmingham, which is FIU's annual Homecoming games.

In its 12-year history, FIU is 1-2 against teams in C-USA, two of those contests being against University of Central Florida. The Knights, however, will be switching over to the Big East Conference this coming season. Aside from a 33-20 loss, FIU suffered to the Knights in 2012, the other loss stems from a FIU's second bowl game appearance when it coughed up a 20-10 loss to The Thundering Herd of Marshall in the 2011 Beef O'Brady's Bowl. Their sole C-USA victory came from a 17-10 win over the Knights back in 2011 in the first matchup between the two programs.

Although FIU has not met six of the teams on the gridiron prior to the 2013 season, senior middle linebacker

and vocal leader Markeith Russell downplayed the unfamiliarity factor and stressed that the Panthers are solely concerned with improving themselves at each position and putting in that extra work.

"Even though we got our media guys working day and night to try and get film on the opponents we'll be facing next season, as a team, we weren't too concerned about other teams," Russell said. "Right now, we're just working on holding ourselves accountable and trusting each other on and off the field. We're just making sure we do things the right way first before worrying about our opponents because we are our worst enemies and once we take care of ourselves then we can move on."

As if the challenge of encountering teams FIU has never played was

not treacherous enough, Turner, who wasn't available for comment for this story, won't exactly be waltzing into conference play, as all four non-conference games including the season opener against the Terps will be in the first five weeks of the season. Following the Maryland contest, FIU will return to Miami to host UCF in their home opener at The Cage for the third time in as many seasons.

To wrap up the season-opening gauntlet, the Panthers take on the Louisville Cardinals, Sugar Bowl champions, on Sept. 21 at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium where FIU drew the upset victory on national television just two years ago. However, the Cardinals returned the favor by holding off the Panthers here in Miami last season in a 28-21 triumph that saw Jake Medlock go down with an injury

to his right foot.

With arguably the three toughest games on FIU's schedule taking place in little over the first month of the year, Russell and his teammates are well aware the obstacles they may have to face right off the bat. In fact, they're embracing this three-game gauntlet with open arms.

"I think it's a great thing to start of the season with such a big challenge. It allows us to see where we stand as a team and correct some the weaknesses we may have on offense, defense or special teams," Russell said. "At the end of the day, those four games in the first quarter of the season are going to be a challenge, but we also need to focus a lot on our conference games because those are the games that matter the most."

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PROFILE

Hill steals the show, but shares the glory

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In every men's basketball game at the U.S. Century Bank Arena, you can count on Deric Hill's mom yelling from the stands.

"There's a thief on the court!"

She calls him a thief for a good reason. He's the Robin Hood of the team at FIU: He steals from the opposing team and gives assists to his fellow Panthers.

"He gets 10 to 15 deflections a game on his own, he will step up and draw the charge. He will get back-tips, he will get steals," Head Coach Richard Pitino said. "Those are things that within our style of play are really helping us out."

Hill, a sophomore, began the season as the starting point guard for FIU. He beat out guys like Gaby Belardo and Cameron Bell, both experienced seniors, for the prestigious starting role.

However, Hill gave up 10 turnovers in their first two contests and lost the job to Belardo. He could have shouted and pouted, but Hill is team player first.

"It doesn't bother him at all. Whether he starts or comes off the bench, all he cares about is the amount of minutes he plays," Pitino said.

Hill reiterated the sentiment.



JONATHAN SEGAL/THE BEACON

Deric Hill, a player that Head Coach Richard Pitino puts in the lineup to provide a spark for the team, is in the top 10 in the conference in assists and top 5 in steals.

"I treat everything with the same effort, whether I am starting or not. No matter what, I give 100 percent," Hill said.

That attitude is what has led the Miami native to be one of the premiere guards in the Sun Belt Conference.

Hill averages nearly two steals a game which is fourth best in the Sun Belt Conference. He is behind players like Elfrid Payton, Chris Jones and Ed Townsel. All of these players hover slightly above two steals a contest. The difference is that Hill is doing this off the bench, averaging 18 minutes a game compared to the 30 minutes these starters receive.

"He brings 100 percent energy to every game. He gets all the back-tips," Belardo said. "He plays better defense than I do, and in this program you have to play defense full-court."

The 5-foot-9 point guard has some of the best eyes on the court. He navigates traffic effortlessly and always finds a way to put the ball in his teammates hands. He leads the Panthers in assists with nearly three a game and is ranked ninth in the SBC.

"He knows how to dribble to the basket and find the big men," Belardo said.

Hill is one of the few players who chose to return to FIU after the turmoil-fueled season last year when former Head Coach Isaiah Thomas was fired and several players transferred.

"It is a lot better this season," Hill said. "Coach Pitino gives me confidence. It shows in practice and it carries over into the games."

Through the adversities of an

8-21 record last season, and the uphill battle this season, Hill has emerged as a leader for the Panthers this year.

"I would say leading this team is me, Gaby and Deric," Malik Smith said.

It is no coincidence that in Pitino's up-tempo style of basketball, the leaders of the team would be the guards. But Hill holds a special role on this roster.

"We don't want to slow down and he speeds the game up. He is the guy always at the front of the press and dictates what's going on," Pitino said. "He does a great job at that."

Hill, a business major, plans to go into coaching following his career at FIU. In order to achieve his goal, he understands the importance of the classroom. Following this season, he wants the team to hit the textbooks hard.

"I want to help the team with our grades. We will go into tutoring after the season to concentrate on our grades," Hill said.

Hill's positive attitude, hard work ethic and selfless character have earned him the trust of his teammates, on and off the court.

"He is definitely the guy. He is doing a wonderful job out there and I am proud of him," Belardo said.

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CLUB FEATURE

Refusing to stay stationary, FIU club runs from the norm



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Michael Caballero (right) and David Alvarez (second from right) lead a group of runners at sunset every Monday at 6 p.m. outside the rec center in MMC.

PATRICK CHALVIRE
Contributing Writer

FIU students Michael Caballero and David Alvarez wanted a new way to workout, but didn't want to confine themselves inside the walls of a gym.

They wanted to bring students together and have fun, rather than simply attending class and going home. So in spring 2012, they came up with

a simple, yet inspirational idea of starting a club for everyone to get and stay in shape, as well as meeting new people in the community: the FIU runner's club.

"We wanted another way to train for races besides just the gym, and we knew doing it alone or just the two of us was boring and repetitive," said Caballero, a political science major. "So why not do it outdoors and get others who

feel the same way as we do to join?"

Alvarez, a marketing major, said that at first, there wasn't much talk about concerning the club on campus.

"But after we had our first shoe raffle and posted it on our Facebook page, interest in the club shot up pretty fast," he said.

No person is denied when applying for the club. Anyone from experienced runners to

those who have never spent more than five minutes running outside, have joined and some have even felt a new lifestyle change.

For one member the club changed her outlook on how she lived her day-to-day life.

"It made me more diligent about running and inspired me to run harder. It's always a lot more fun to run with others who enjoy running as much as you do," says Marie Dominguez, an FIU graduate.

"Being able to see so many new faces come out to our runs and hearing different stories as to what the club has done to them has just been great," Alvarez said when asked what has been the bright side to it all.

Though the running club does not participate against other schools or communities, it does bring in sponsors and networks with various organizations as well as running stores such as Sole Runners located in Kendall. They have also expanded and networked with other run clubs in Miami such as South Beach Run Club and the Brickell Run Club.

Aside from the change in lifestyle, the club also adds the benefit of networking. Either on a social or personal level,

those who have joined usually left having met a new friend or acquaintance. "I met some great people there whom I hope to stay in touch with even after FIU. It made my last semester at FIU more enjoyable," says Dominguez.

Though young, the club has had as many as 70 people join. They have leveled out with 50 members, but they still cater to providing that lifestyle change to those looking for a change in his or her daily routine. The club incorporates shoe raffles and gives out free smoothies, energy drinks, healthy choco-

late and even marathon entry forms to members after a run.

The runner's club has been great according to Alvarez and Caballero, but they don't plan to stop anytime soon.

"I see a lot of potential in the club and its growth. We are continuing to expand the relationship the club has to everyone and keep that going," Alvarez said.

The runner's club continues to meet every Monday at 6:30 p.m. outside of the FIU Rec Center.

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CAREER FAIR

Business as usual: BBC Career Fair welcomes students

NADRA MABROUK
BBC Managing Editor

Make a few more copies of that updated resume.

The Career Fair at Biscayne Bay Campus on Wednesday, Feb. 6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., will bring almost 75 different employers and representatives from around 40 companies seeking students of all majors to the Wolfe University Center ballrooms.

According to Harold Clayton, associate director of Career Services, the list is constantly updated as companies and employers are still registering. Companies will also be offering internships and mentoring programs.

Students are advised to bring many copies of their resume and their panther ID and must be dressed in business attire.

Career Services will also hold resume critiques on Monday, Feb. 4 and Tuesday, Feb. 5 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Students may also go in with any hesitations and questions that they may have about the Career Fair.

"It makes you aware of what the job market is looking like. A freshman will be able to get networking opportunities," said Clayton. "It's something that students need to practice and practice makes perfect."

Some of the companies making an appearance will be Aqualina Resort and Spa on the Beach, Target, Trump International Beach Resort, Cleveland Hotel, PepsiCo., and PhysAssist Scribes.

Clayton recommends students to go on Career.fiu.edu in order to research the registered employers.

The Career Fair at Modesto Maidique Campus will take place in the U.S Century Bank Arena Thursday, Feb. 14th from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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WELCOME FEBRUARY, SOBEWFF STYLE



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The South Beach Wine and Food Festival is approaching and students are hustling to get everything prepared in time. Most of the students that have registered are from the Chaplin School of Hospitality & Tourism Management, but the list continues to grow as the date comes near. SOBEWFF 2013 is from Feb. 21 to Feb. 24. Students can register online at sobefest.fiu.edu and then prepare for an interview with the Student Coordinator Team in Hospitality Management room 249.

Immigration reform arrives in Congress again

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Staff Writer

The immigration reform debate continues to rage on as it re-enters Congress. This time, however, with better chances of being passed, according to its proponents.

On Monday, Jan. 28, a group of eight senators, the so-called Gang of 8, four Republicans and four Democrats, announced their new plan of addressing border patrol and the legislation of an estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants.

"What's different is there seems to be a greater amount of support from a large group of senators including one that likely wants

to run for the presidency in 2016, indicating that there is a lot of political weight behind it," said Ediberto Roman, a professor from the college of law.

Roman was referring to Sen. Marco Rubio, a rising star in national politics and a native of Miami. He is also a frequent guest lecturer at the University.

"The other major difference is the significance of the Hispanic vote in the presidential election and their support for immigration related issues," said Roman. "What happened is that both parties realized that if they don't get behind this issue, the losing side is going to lose a decisive vote."

The influence of the Latino vote in the

2012 race proved to have an effect on overall election results. It turned out that the Latino vote made up nearly 10 percent of the votes cast.

"The time for lip service and failed promises is long gone," said Roman.

The proposed compromise is made up of four pillars, the first being creating a "tough, but fair" path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, contingent upon increased border security.

The second pillar is to reform the legal immigration system based on "characteristics that will help build the American economy and strengthen American families."

The third pillar is to create an employ-

ment verification system to "prevent identity theft and the future hiring of unauthorized workers."

The final pillar is to establish an improved process for admitting future workers "to serve the work force's needs while at the same time protecting the workers."

"I am hopeful that people like Senator Rubio will do more than speak to the issue, which I commend him for even doing," said Roman. "He has taken somewhat courageous steps in arguing against the hateful rhetoric and he should be applauded, but he has to go further."

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Great white shark moves back to northeast

BRUCE WHITE
AP Staff

It seems Mary Lee's winter vacation in the sunny South is over.

The 3,500-pound great white shark headed north after spending weeks off the Southeast coast. Mary Lee, one of only two great whites ever tagged in the North Atlantic, got as far south as Jacksonville Beach, Fla., several weeks ago. But in recent days, she's made a bee line north.

On Thursday, she was off Long Island, N.Y. Researchers can't really say they are surprised because the habits of the great white are such a mystery.

"Lo and behold, Mary Lee goes down there for a little while and then bugs out and now she's off Long Island and we realize we don't know anything," said Chris Fischer, the founder of OCEARCH, a nonprofit dedicated to studying great whites and other large marine species.

Fischer's group has tagged dozens of great whites off South Africa and in the Pacific. He led the September expedition to tag Mary Lee off Cape Cod, and named the shark after his mother. The group also tagged a second great white, Genie.

"I felt like at the moment, Mary Lee was the most legendary fish caught in history," he said. "We were at the home of 'Jaws,' we were capturing a great white to save it and solve the puzzle of the great white."

"Jaws," the 1975 blockbuster movie directed by Steven Spielberg, was a fictitious tale of a great white causing havoc at a small New England island community.

Capturing a great white weighing upward of 2 tons is no easy feat. The expedition used its 126-foot research vessel, designed with a special lift that can bring up 55,000 pounds.

"We bait the shark and once we are pulling on the shark we walk it back to the ship and over the

lift. The lift then pulls it out of the water," Fischer said. While on the boat, a device that relays the shark's position to a satellite is attached to its dorsal fin.

As many as 100,000 people a day are monitoring the position on OCEARCH's website. Traffic got so heavy this winter the organization had to upgrade its servers, Fischer said.

"This is modern day exploration. I wanted the public to be able to see a part of that," he said.