

Smoking ban enforcement yielding numbers

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Staff Writer

Over a year after the implementation of the smoking ban, enforcement of on-campus smoking has begun to yield numbers.

The policy was implemented Jan. 1, 2011 and was followed by a grace period where those who were caught smoking were warned of the new rule and were told to dispose of their cigarettes or tobacco products.

The ban prohibits the use of cigarettes and all tobacco products, including e-cigarettes and smokeless tobacco.

According to Mariela Gabaroni, assistant director of the University Health Services, there are 43 first and second-time offenders in the system

for the fall semester, with 28 in September and 14 in October.

Despite this, Assistant Police Chief Alphonse Ianniello admits it is not easy to enforce the smoking ban.

"It's hard to go out and enforce it because, how do you know where someone's going to smoke?" Ianniello said.

Gailliane Duchany, a sophomore international relations major, did not know there was a ban and thinks the regulation is not being enforced.

"I didn't even know there was a smoking ban," Duchany said. "I see people smoke all the time."

Junior nursing major Angie Ferrer said the ban has had little effect on curtailing the use of smoke.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY IOTA STYLE



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IOTA Pi chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sorority incorporated a performance of their song in a celebration of their 40-year charter day.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Government in the Dominican Republic set for 2013

ASHLEY MARTINEZ
Staff Writer

The University's student government is heading to the Dominican Republic.

Alex Castro, vice president of SGC-MMC, is leading an initiative to create a student government at the Mission International Rescue Foundation, located in the Dominican Republic.

The MIR Foundation is a program that started 20 years ago and contributes to the social welfare of La Romana and nearby communities. It also includes three schools

that provide education from fifth to 12th grade and various youth programs.

The initiative started in May when student government partnered up with Alternatives Breaks, an organization part of the University's Center for Leadership and Service. The aB program provides students with opportunities to foster leadership and community involvement toward many of the social issues that affect the global community.

One of the program's most prestigious trips is a trip to the Dominican Republic. This trip lead the student government to get involved and attempt to establish a student

government in the Dominican Republic.

"At first, there was a push for it to just be us doing community service locally but the demand was there. We chose it based on the interest of the group," Castro said. "We're canning. We're fundraising. We're going to a small town in the southeastern region, really close to La Romana, to establish the student government over there."

The establishment is open to anyone willing to be involved. Student government is the first organization involved. They will work with 14 other departments, apart from student government, which will include aB

and Campus Life, among others. Ali Sattari, president of the Residence Hall Association, will take part in the establishment as well.

Prior to the arrival of the student government, aB is also working with the MIR Foundation in creating awareness about the establishment.

Castro also said no funds will come directly from student government or any of the other groups involved since funding will come directly from everyone who is part of the initiative.

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University founding father remembered for his work

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Butler Waugh, one of the pioneers in the building and founding of the University, died on Nov. 7.

"He was a highly respected faculty member and we're going to miss him greatly," said University President Mark Rosenberg.

In 1969, Charles Perry,

founding University president, gathered three leaders to assist him in building the University. Among them was Waugh, who became the founding dean of the University's College of Arts and Sciences.

"He was very thoughtful and very contemplative, but he understood when action was needed," Rosenberg said. "That's why he was so successful in the early years of putting this university together."

"[Waugh] was low key and was always happy to do his work," Director of Film Barbara Weitz said.

Waugh and Weitz worked in the English Department starting in 1978, when he was an English professor.

"I remember him for being so intelligent and so cooperative and just mellow," Weitz said.

Waugh, 78, lived in Coral Gables, Fla., but later moved to Tampa. He obtained his Bachelor's degree from Washington and Jefferson College and obtained his Ph.D from Indiana University in 1959. He also won an Outstanding Faculty Award at the first annual Torch Award.

Using a different method of teaching gave Waugh the chance to make long-lasting impressions on his students at the time, such as Alfred Soto, assistant director of Student Media.

"He encouraged student to see novels as living organisms that depend on the reader's understanding of how the parts make the whole," said Soto.

Soto described Waugh as someone who had a great passion for reading and teaching.

According to Soto, Waugh

was always frank and open about his personal life, giving room to share his own life experiences and challenges.

"He pulled himself up by the bootstraps and made himself into an academic," Soto said.

Waugh is survived by his wife Joanne Waugh, along with six children, four grandchildren, one great-grandchild, a brother, Arthur Waugh, and a sister, Irene Murray.

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Colombian rebels announce cease-fire in Cuba talks

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The top negotiator for Colombia's main rebel group announced a unilateral cease-fire on Monday, before heading into much-anticipated peace talks with government counterparts in the Cuban capital of Havana.

Ivan Marquez said the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia would stop all military operations and acts of sabotage against government and private property starting at midnight Monday and running through Jan. 20.

Marquez said the move was "aimed at strengthening the climate of understanding necessary for the parties to start a dialogue."

There was no immediate response to the rebel overture from the government of Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos, and government negotiators in Havana also refused to comment before heading into the talks.

But analysts said the move puts pressure on Colombia to reciprocate in some way. Santos has so far refused to consider a cease-fire during the talks.

"What they just announced puts the rebels in the vanguard and is very, very important," said Piedad Cordoba, a former Colombian senator who has led past peace efforts and negotiated the release of several hostages held by the rebels. "The

Christmas cease-fire wins (the rebels) credibility and legitimacy."

"It certainly puts political pressure on the Santos government" not to attack the rebels during the talks, said Adam Isacson, an analyst at the Washington Office on Latin America.

The talks got underway under threatening skies at a convention center in Havana, with most rebel and government negotiators dressed casually in short-sleeve shirts or guayaberas.

The rebel delegation came sporting a life-size cardboard cutout of Simon Trinidad, a FARC leader named to the negotiating committee despite the fact he is serving a 60-year jail term in the United States and is unable to attend.

Among the rebels at the talks was Tanja Nijmeijer, a 34-year-old Dutch woman who once studied Romance languages in her native country before joining the rebels more than a decade ago. Nijmeijer, was the only woman at the negotiating table, entered the convention center wearing a dark beret with a FARC insignia.

Cuba is playing host to the talks in Havana following an initial round of discussions in Oslo, Norway last month. The FARC has been at war with the Colombian government for nearly half a century. There is no deadline for agreement, though both sides say success must come within months, not years.

AUTISM SPEAKS



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Alpha Xi Delta is raising money for Autism Speaks, an organization that researches autism. This event was part of a week-long fundraiser by sororities and fraternities raising funds for different causes.

The talks, the result of seven months of secret negotiations in Havana, follow several failed efforts over the decades to end the conflict. Land reform, the heart of the conflict, is at the top of the agenda.

The government is hoping peace leads to greater foreign investment in mining industries. It has promised to return millions of acres of stolen land

to displaced peasants, one of the rebels' main demands.

The 9,000-strong FARC is being asked as a condition of peace to help end the cocaine trade that has funded its struggle. Colombians also want it to account for the dozens of kidnap victims who have disappeared in its custody and other noncombatants it is accused of killing.

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In Vol. 24, Issue 43, of The Beacon, the article "No compromise in contract talks between union and FIU" should have been attributed to Mariella Roque, Staff Writer.

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No third-time offenders recorded

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"I feel as if...the smoking ban is not enforced at all. I still see people smoking [in] public places," Ferrer said.

Ianniello said most

students comply with officers when asked to dispose of their tobacco products. Those who are have been warned and are caught violating the rule again are given a citation.

According to Gabaroni, there is a set process for handling violations. First-time offenders are issued a warning, while second-time offenders are directed to the University Health Services, where they have a choice between a tobacco dependence course, if the

offender intends to quit, or a tobacco maintenance course, for offenders who do not intend to quit.

On a third offense, students are referred to the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution while employees are sent to the Department of Human Resources.

Darya Alexeeva is a senior Spanish major who is trying to quit smoking, but occasionally smokes on campus.

She does not support

the ban but goes out of her way to not smoke in public spaces.

"[I go] somewhere where there's no people," Alexeeva said. "I try to hide it, or I go to my car."

Duchany is in favor of the ban, although she thinks there should be designated smoking areas for students.

According to Gabaroni, there are no recorded third time offenders.

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Initiative to be funded by participants

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"We have to fund it ourselves and that makes us have an understanding of physical responsibility," Castro said.

After being established, the student government at the MIR Foundation will not work directly with the University. Castro said the student government's purpose is to help the MIR Foundation in creating the student government for students in the Dominican Republic to learn about the student government and how it works in order for them to keep moving forward with the establishment.

"Essentially, we're going to leave a foundation of pillars where they can sail the ship from there," Castro said.

The establishment of the student government

is set for spring 2013.

Castro believes one of the most important accomplishments for this establishment is to see students in the Dominican Republic getting involved and receive some sort of empowerment through it.

"These students who maybe never even thought about having this opportunity are going to have it. Over here we understand, or at least we have the basic knowledge," Castro said. "I think it would be really nice going to a different country and teaching them what we do over here. Empowering them is going to be a very humbling experience. Hopefully one day they will become maybe a government official or the next Steve Jobs, you never know."

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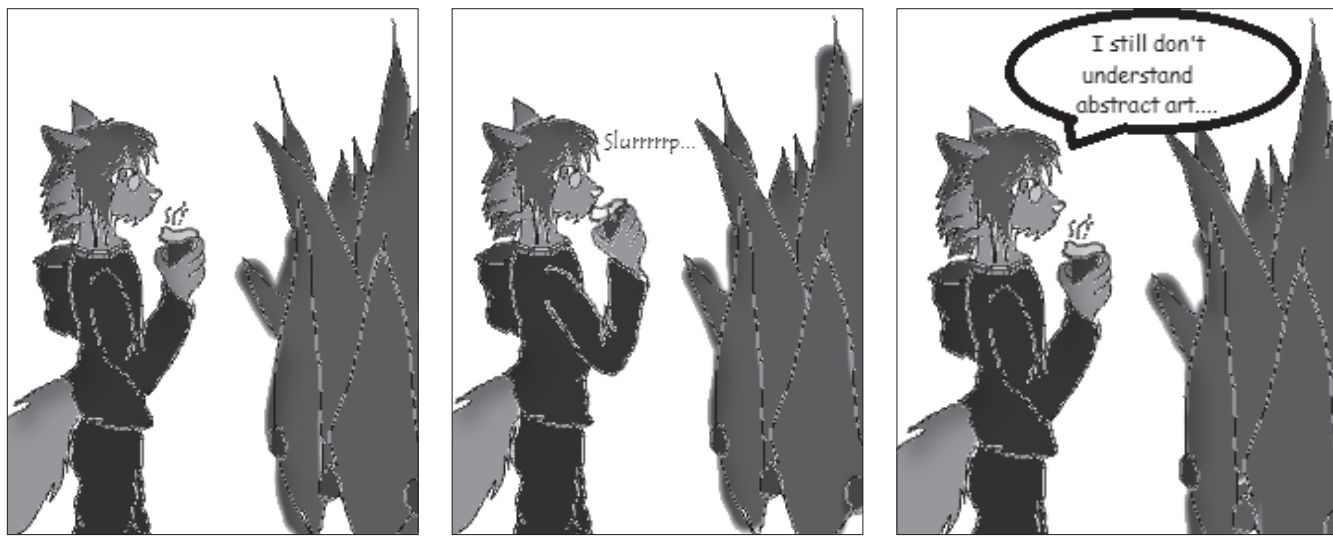


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A return to the past could go a long way

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A long time ago in a continent far, far away, universities found themselves in their infancy as hot spots for the spread of knowledge and a forum for free-thinking individuals.

Students would come together prior to the start of term to recruit experts within their respective fields to guide them through the subject matter of their choice.

These instructors dictated the direction which a course would take and develop relationships with their students in a form no different than that of a mentor taking on a protégé.

When it came time for evaluating students and allowing them to proceed with their studies – i.e. whether or not they passed or failed – it would come down to both an end of term written and oral examination.

These methods rang true from the very beginning at the University of Bologna, University of Paris, and University of Oxford, and even made its way into the New World with Harvard University and Peru's National University of San Marcos.

In the present day system in place at the university level,

students no longer recruit their instructors from their field of interest but are assigned to a specific professor based on the section that accommodates the students' schedule best.

The mentor/mentee relationship has been lost, and the evaluation of whether or not a student passes a course comes down to metrics and not the actual retention of knowledge throughout a semester.

Granted, some professors administer cumulative final exams, but realistically the structure of courses accommodates more of an approach of figuring out the system and not necessarily education and the retention of knowledge.

Realistically, unless both the student and the professor go out of their way to engage each other, both can go the duration of a term without knowing the other's name.

The reason for this doesn't necessarily lie on the professor, but the institution in which they are a part of.

Here at the University, we have seen an enrollment explosion over the past three years that has surpassed 50,000 from less than 40,000 students; a rate that faculty hiring has not been able to accommodate.

As a result, classroom sizes have ballooned and the student/teacher relationship

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The methods in which instructors evaluate their students has become much more rigid and a greater reliance on metrics as opposed to a one-on-one evaluation of whether or not a student has retained the course content and can proceed into more in-depth coursework.

This is one of the main reasons why you have individuals leaving the University with a degree of their choice, yet are still unprepared to enter the workforce: they played the system as opposed to actually learning the content.

The University's administration needs to take a much more drastic approach

towards the hiring of new faculty, one which resembles the approach in which enrollment saw its drastic boom.

By bringing onboard more faculty members, the student-to-faculty ratio can be greatly reduced and the ballooning classroom sizes will be deflated.

With professors having less students it will allow them to take a more hands-on approach with individual students and provide the means for a more accurate evaluation of whether or not a student is actually getting their money's worth in their education or if they are just being pushed through the system as a means of having their tuition dollars pocketed by our administration.

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Help with problems should come after and before

Housing students were rudely awakened with a cold shower last week, and we hope the University takes care of them, for the sake of their affinity to this university.

On Nov. 14, a fire sprinkler pipe ruptured on the sixth floor of Lakeview South at about 5 a.m. According to our reporting, the water damaged the ceiling tiles and floors of Lakeview South.

When the students who the pipe rupture affected reflect back on their time at FIU, the University hopes they had such a good overall experience – in and out of the classroom – that they want to contribute back to the University. That they be such proud Panthers that they want to help the University grow.

One bad experience can keep that from happening, but thankfully for the students, the University took immediate action.

A cleanup service company was brought in to remove the water at 8:30 a.m. and University administrators held a crisis meeting at 9:15 a.m. to assess what steps they needed to make. A message was sent to let faculty know some of their students may miss class, and those same University administrators took responsibility.

“If the University is negligent, we will help replace personal belongings,” said James Wassenaar, executive director of the Division of Student Affairs' operations and auxiliary services.

University President Mark Rosenberg also said the University would move any students displaced because of the damage to their room to a “suitable location” and provide transportation, if necessary.

Unfortunately for those students, but also like anyone renting an apartment, they signed an agreement stating the renter, the University, is not liable for damage of personal property no matter the cause – even “failure or interruption of utilities.”

According to the University's housing agreement form, “the University does not provide insurance coverage for student's personal property,” but it “strongly encourages” students to find their own personal property insurance.

As upsetting to us as the idea of not being liable at all is, if it's in black and white, and the student signed it, then it's binding.

However, with this situation we believe “encourage” should be changed to “help.” The University should help students find personal property insurance.

We're not asking for resident assistants or other members of Housing and Residential Life to hold the hands of housing students as they find their insurance.

When students turn in their housing agreement forms and are given a receipt, the RA should also give the student a list of the best available personal property insurance with pricing.

They should also send the same list in an email to housing students. Now, considering what happened at Lakeview South, it wouldn't hurt to send that email once per semester, as a reminder.

Of course, this won't prevent further incidents, nor will it guarantee students do find their own insurance, but it does more than simply encouraging.

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CAMPUS LIFE!

Dressing the part in a university setting

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Mark Twain, acclaimed American author and humorist, once said that clothes make the man and naked people have little or no influence on society.

Sayed Ali, senior at the University, dressed in a black Calvin Klein suit, a Chemical tie, and penguin shoes agrees with Twain's remark.

"The better you dress, the more you are respected in the work industry and in general," said Ali, leaning up against a wall on the Biscayne Bay campus. "Academically, it portrays a sense of power and sense of focus."

More students like Ali believe that dressing professionally may give you a leg up on the competition to secure a job after college.

"Appearance isn't everything but it is the first thing that most people see," said Paige Johnson, academic advisor to undergraduate students at the University. "We tell students that presenting yourself well physically may factor into whether professors give you a reference to some-

body they know for your career field."

Industry experts in the fashion world echo the sentiment. Kim Zoller, president of Image Dynamics, told Forbes Magazine that the proper business attire can give recent college graduates a small yet vital advantage.

"Dressing is something you can control, and people realize that," said Zoller, whose company works with fashion juggernauts like Louis Vuitton. "If you're not dressed well, you can say all the right things but you won't get the job when you're being compared with a lot of other capable people who are dressed better."

Johnson agrees that success in college is not just dependent on academics but also in developing interpersonal relationships with professors and peers.

"You don't want the professor to remember you because your underwear are showing because your pants are hanging low," said Johnson. "You want to be the really good kid who's got good grades and then appearance doesn't really come into effect."

Ali finds that his experience dressing

professionally both in the corporate world and in school mirror what Zoller asserts.

Johnson, now 28, grew up with a teacher as a mother who echoed both Twain's point and Zoller's assertion, especially when discussing her students' attire.

"I've heard the stories over the years about 'Oh my god I couldn't believe that student was wearing that,'" said Johnson. "They were wearing something horrendous."

At times, the improper attire was the difference in a referral or even a meeting with a notable guest speaker or visitor. She said that after hearing it enough, you tend to believe that what you wear can make a difference.

"Presenting yourself well physically may factor into whether [professors] give you a reference to somebody they know who may need someone," said Johnson. "Any major that is going to turn into a career is going to have interactions with someone where you will need to be more professional."

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KATHERINE LEPRI/THE BEACON

Sayed Ali, senior journalism major, leans up against the wall in between classes in his Calvin Klein suit, white oxford shirt and brown Penguin shoes.

CAMPUS LIFE!

Film Initiative brings cinema back to the students

JUAN BARQUIN
Staff Writer

With the lack of a film presence at the University outside of the Student Programming Council's modern blockbuster flicks, a group of students have dedicated themselves to bringing all kinds of cinema to the students of the University.

Brought from the ground up last fall semester, "The Film Initiative: Underground" is a club for FIU students to develop an appreciation for film by offering free screenings of movies on a weekly basis.

Each month brings a new theme or genre for students to explore, be it noir in November (Noirvember) or classic crime films (Swindling in the Sixties).

The screenings, which take place in DM100 on Tuesday evenings, start off with an introduction done by co-founder and president Robert Colom.

Students are usually treated to a short film which ties in thematically to the feature, and then are presented with the

I love that the Film Initiative shows classic films and introduces them to a new audience. The atmosphere is fun and laid back, and we are also learning something at every screening.

Miriam Kashem
Frequent attendee of screenings
Film Initiative

night's grand feature.

One of the club's best features is that it doesn't limit itself to simply showing movies. Colom and other members offer a friendly environment for students to have entertaining and often educating conversation, both before and after the screening.

"I love that the Film Initiative shows classic films and introduces them to a new audience," said Miriam Kashem, a frequent attendee of the screenings. "The

atmosphere is fun and laid back, and we are also learning something at every screening."

Since starting the club a year ago, the variety of films is impressive and there is never any need for repetition with the ever changing monthly themes.

Last December, the Initiative had an Anti-Holiday theme, instead of showing the usual Christmas fare, which featured "Die Hard," "Kiss Kiss Bang Bang," and

"On Her Majesty's Secret Service."

This month, dedicated to the stage on screen, offers a viewing schedule that focuses on films with a heavy influence from theatre.

If you've missed "All About Eve" and "Synecdoche, New York" over the last few weeks, their next film "All About My Mother" on the Nov. 20 is definitely not one to be missed!

In addition to watching movies, members of the club are also treated to contests from time to time. Prizes have ranged from limited IMAX "Indiana Jones" posters to tickets to go see "Skyfall" at an advance screening.

For those who are just now diving into film for the first time, the F.I: U. presents an opportunity to expand their limited views.

For film buffs who have already exhausted every film class at FIU, this is the perfect place to relax and catch a movie you might not have seen for free.

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WEDNESDAY, NOV. 21

NATURE PRESERVE VOLUNTEER DAY
WHEN: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
HOW MUCH: FREE
WHERE: MMC Nature Preserve

MINDFULNESS MEDITATION
SESSION
WHEN: 12-1 p.m.
HOW MUCH: FREE
WHERE: MMC GC 314

SPANISH CONVERSATION CIRCLE
WHEN: 3-4 P.M.
HOW MUCH: FREE
WHERE: MMC GL 120

MIAMI HEAT VS. MILWAUKEE BUCKS
WHEN: 7:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: \$10-\$425
WHERE: American Airlines Arena
601 Biscayne Blvd. Miami, FL 33131

THURSDAY, NOV. 22

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
(UNIVERSITY CLOSED)
WHEN: 12 a.m.-11:55 p.m.
HOW MUCH: FREE
WHERE: MMC & BBC

TURKEY TROT
WHEN: 7:30 a.m.
HOW MUCH: \$20-\$30
WHERE: Tropical Park Stadium
7900 Bird Road. Miami, FL 33135

THANKSGIVING BY THE BAY
WHEN: 10 a.m.-10 p.m.
HOW MUCH: FREE
WHERE: Bayside Marketplace 401
Biscayne Blvd. Miami, FL 33132

THREE SISTERS
WHEN: 6-9 p.m.
HOW MUCH: \$35
WHERE: Miami Theater Center
9806 NE 2nd Ave. Miami Shores, FL 33138

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

How to gobble your turkey while staying in shape

HOLLY MCCOACH
Staff Writer

The holidays are right around the corner, and students will go home to celebrate and spend time with their families and friends.

Although the holiday season is one when families celebrate with food and drinks, students can keep an eye out on how to not overeat and stay in shape.

Tania Rivera, assistant clinical professor and director of the coordinated program in dietetics, offers advice about how to ration out portions.

"Turkey is a lean meat, so it's better than ham. So for the side items, I would take less of them," said Rivera.

Even though students may not be the decision-makers when it comes to traditional recipes within their families, there are alternatives.

"[Recipes] are out of the students'



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While big Thanksgiving dinners might be tempting, eating small portions can help you to not overeat.

control. It's not something they can cook themselves," said Rivera. "If they shared desserts with others during the holiday season, I think that's the way to go."

Even if students risk gaining weight, exercise at the end of the

festivities can help lose weight.

"I would say [exercising] five times a week is ideal if you're trying to combat any type of weight gain," said Rivera. "It can be a combination of exercises."

For students with tight schedules,

Rivera suggests circuit training exercises. A half hour workout will help with cardio and strength. However, controlling your portions is still easier than it seems.

"Everything in moderation. That's our motto," said Rivera. "It's food in versus food out."

Marisa Ceccio, senior biology major, refuses to let a strict diet ruin her holidays.

"I will not compromise on my holiday food. Our family doesn't skimp on any recipes. I used to work out more during the holiday season, but since college, I don't anymore," said Ceccio.

Krystyna Pereyra, senior political science major, said she doesn't have issues with holiday foods.

"I don't really gain weight in the holidays. I know what's going to come ahead during the holiday season," said Pereyra. "I don't deny myself anything, because it will prob-

ably make things worse, so I try a little bit of everything. You just have to face them in moderation."

Jorge Rivero, sophomore economics major, doesn't think it is a big deal to eat holiday foods.

"I typically don't care what foods I ingest in the holidays or how they would affect me, but then again I'm a 19-year-old male with an incredibly fast metabolism," said Rivero. "One day this will change."

For students who struggle with weight gain, the University offers nutrition counseling.

At the Biscayne Bay Campus Wellness Center, free nutrition counseling with a dietitian is available.

Services offered there include Tri-Fit assessments, individual nutrition counseling, and nutrition education. Appointments can be made with Christine Tellez, M.S. Dietitian.

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SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Teaching how to teach goes through overhaul

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Positioned between the students and the education system, teachers find themselves in a difficult spot sometimes, especially when they are sometimes held accountable for the issues within the public schools system.

The way to keep up with all that is: more education. That is why graduate programs like the master's of music education at the FIU School of Music exist. Because educating the educators is an important task, the program has been transformed to prepare music teachers more efficiently. This new program will debut during the spring 2013 with a different curriculum.

The biggest change made to the program was its reduction from 36 credits to 30. According to Patrick Schmidt, associate professor and director of the graduate program, the redesign was made in an effort to provide the students with a more focused group of courses that they can complete within just one year. Also, the graduate students

will have the option of taking the whole program online if they choose.

Furthermore, the program has evolved to better address the individual needs that teachers have when practicing music education.

"Teachers interests are varied," said Schmidt. "The new design consists of the core courses, and then focuses in engaging the teachers in different aspects in which they might be interested, such as: music technology, bands, research and others."

Two completely new courses will appear in the new curriculum.

The first one is the Psychology for Music Teachers -- a course presenting teachers with new developments in psychology. It includes methods of how to use the new developments to understand how children and young people learn, and then apply those to their music and teaching practices.

The second course to be introduced is the Curriculum and Policy Design, the first of its kind in the United States. It is an online course that instructs teachers about the curriculum making process.

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Patrick Schmidt
*Associate Professor and Director
Graduate Program*

"This course will help teachers develop programs that deal with policies, and advocate for music education in front of standards coming from the system of public schools," said Schmidt. "We currently have eight students that were already in the program before the change. They have a choice -- continue with the previous program or adopt the new design. All of them, however, are

embracing the new program and are very excited to be part of it." The new curriculum is not only more flexible and brief, but also allows students to take nine credits of electives.

Teachers will have to wait until next year to experience the new program.

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"... AND I WANT A PONY"



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Santa Claus, aka Steven Concepción, intently listens to senior Agata Madro's wish list during TKE's fundraiser before receiving his milk and cookies. All proceeds and toys from the fundraiser go towards St. Jude's Childrens Hospital.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Thanksgiving offers Panthers little to celebrate about

RUBEN PALACIOS
Staff Writer

The cream of the crop in women's basketball is taking its talents to South Beach for the annual FIU Thanksgiving Classic.

The annual tournament hosted by FIU will tip-off on Friday, Nov. 23. This year, a number of powerhouse basketball programs will head to Miami in attempts to stifle the Panthers and win the classic.

The field for the 18th-annual Classic is brutal. The participants are University of Iowa, West Virginia University and Louisiana State University. All three schools made it to the NCAA Tournament this past year. FIU will match up against Iowa in the first game of the tournament on Nov. 23 at 6 p.m. After that game, West Virginia and LSU will square off against each other at 8 p.m.

The Panthers then take a day off and hit the hardwood again on Nov. 25 for a 3 p.m. matchup against the winner of the West Virginia and LSU game. FIU has a combined 1-7 record all-time against the three schools.

"We have a really tough schedule this year. It's going to

be really tough to come home and have to play Iowa and then the winner of LSU and West Virginia," Head Coach Cindy Russo said. "It's hard and there is no breathing room."

Last year, Iowa earned an overall record of 19-11 (11-5 Big Ten). The Hawkeyes earned an at-large bid for the NCAA Tournament, but lost in the first round to the University of California. So far this season, Iowa has a record of 3-1. The Hawkeyes have beaten Northern Illinois University, Illinois State University and fellow Sun Belt Conference companion in Middle Tennessee State University.

The leader of the Hawkeyes is senior Morgan Johnson. Throughout the first four games of the young season, Johnson has averaged 18.8 points per game on 56 percent shooting. Johnson is also aggressive on the boards and in the paint; she is averaging 8.3 rebounds a game with almost half of her rebounds coming on the offensive side.

The Panthers will be looking for their All-American leader, Jerica Coley, to bounce back from a less-than-stellar performance against Florida Gulf Coast University in hopes to come out on top at the Classic.



JASEN DELGADO/THE BEACON

The Panthers will host their 18th annual Thanksgiving Classic beginning on Friday, Nov. 23 which boasts a field including the University of Iowa, West Virginia University, and Louisiana State University. The Panthers will face Iowa first on Friday, Nov. 23 at 6 pm.

Coley is the reigning Sun Belt Player of the Year and was also awarded preseason Sun Belt Player of the Year. Through two games, Coley is averaging 14 points per game; she is also averaging nine rebounds per contest. Coley also leads the squad in assists, steals and blocks.

According to Russo, Coley must tweak her game and stay focused in order for the team to be successful against the high quality competition they will face in the Classic.

"Jerica is going to keep fighting and she is going to get smarter," Russo said. "She is a

winner. She's a champ, and it's just going to be an adjustment."

The team looks to rebound from a 69-45 loss to FGCU where the Panthers shot a paltry 32 percent from the field and 18 percent from the three-point line.

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GOODBYE T.Y.



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FIU Alumnus T.Y. Hilton recorded his third 100-yard receiving game of the season on Nov. 18 against the New England Patriots when he had six catches for 100 yards and two touchdowns. Despite Hilton's big day, the Indianapolis Colts still fell to the Patriots 59-24 in Foxborough.

FOOTBALL

Receivers utilizing middle of the field

MARIO BUSTO
Contributing Writer

The wide receiver position is one that tiptoes on the line of extreme results. The difference between being a failure or savior depends on the receiver holding on to a football while 11 players on the opposing team try to legally gut you.

Taking the lead as the most reliable receivers FIU has had this season have been Wayne Times and Willis Wright. The tandem have combined for 1094 receiving yards and six touchdowns.

Although lining up in different positions -- Times in the slot and Wright on the outside -- the two generally like to stay in the middle of the field. As for their individual reasoning as to why they don't avoid contact, each differs, to say the least.

"I like to stay away from the sideline because the sideline is like the 12th player for the defense to me," Times said. "Because he's always going to make the tackle if you step on him."

As for Wright, his answer was short and sweet.

"I like to break tackles and get up field," said Wright.

The bigger of the two receivers, Wright stands at approximately 6 feet 2 inches and weighs 200 pounds. Coming out of high school, Wright was a revered four-star recruit with options to go to programs the likes of University of Nebraska, Rutgers University and West Virginia University. Instead, the Miami native chose to stay home and help build the foundation of a quickly growing FIU program.

Unfortunately for Wright, being one of the school's few big name recruits held expectations that he couldn't meet in his first two years playing. In his freshman and sophomore years, Wright combined for 12 catches, 145 yards, and a touchdown.

Against Middle Tennessee State University this season on Oct. 13, Wright put to sleep all of the widely-held

concerns about him not being able to reach his potential when he had three catches, for 109 yards, and a touchdown. Since then, he hasn't looked back, giving a promising glimpse at a reliable threat FIU can use on the outside.

"To see Willis Wright do what he's doing. It's exciting," said Head Coach Mario Cristobal. "Now you have a legitimate couple of guys outside to complement what we're developing on the inside."

Unlike Wright, Times must work with a smaller frame, standing at 5 feet 11 inches and 190 pounds. However, despite being short for his position, Times has come up big in his tenure with the Panthers.

In his career for FIU, Times has been a reliable pair of hands for whoever's been at the helm of the quarterback position, totaling 1654 yards and six touchdowns on 156 receptions. Times currently ranks sixth in all time receiving yards as a Panther has a consecutive streak of 28 games with at least one catch.

Times doesn't allow his body frame to limit what he works on as a receiver, depending on hard work to improve at those catches which he has had more trouble with throughout his career.

"I like to work on the deep ball a lot," said Times. "I'm not a tall receiver and my arms are not very long so I won't say I have a problem with the deep ball, but that's what I like to work on the most because anything underneath I feel like I can just naturally catch. Anything you put your mind to I believe you can do. You'll accomplish your goals if you work hard enough."

This week's game against University of Louisiana at Monroe will be the last game for Times in a Panther uniform. And just like Times had to fill the void for a former receiver by the name of T.Y. Hilton this year, Wright will be expected to fill the role next year that Times will leave behind after his final battle at the Cage this Saturday.

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Miami self-imposes 2nd straight bowl ban

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Miami officials said Monday that the university is making what it called an “unprecedented decision” to self-impose a postseason ban for the second straight year, ending any chance of the Hurricanes playing in either the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game or a bowl.

Just like last year, Miami’s decision was made with regard to the status of the ongoing NCAA investigation into the school’s compliance practices. The inquiry began in 2011 after a former booster went public with allegations that he provided dozens of athletes and recruits with extra benefits such

as cash and gifts.

By sitting out again, Miami — which still has not been presented with its notice of allegations from the NCAA — is hoping to lessen the hit of any looming sanctions that could be handed down when the investigation ends. Schools often self-impose penalties with hope that the NCAA takes those measures into account when doling out punishment.

“Do I think it’s fair? No,” Miami coach Al Golden said, asked about punishing players who have not been accused of wrongdoing. “But that’s the system.”

Miami clearly hopes that a pair of postseason bans, especially when the Hurricanes still had a chance at a Bowl Championship

Series berth this year, helps its cause with the NCAA. Whenever the process ends, sanctions against the football and men’s basketball programs are expected, with penalties likely to include probation terms and scholarship reductions.

Golden said he plans on adding about 15 recruits next year, and has already started to factor anticipated scholarship-reductions into his count.

“I’m not allowed to comment on anything relative to the investigation,” Golden said. “But I’m already factoring it in to my count. They’re going to tell us, ultimately, but I’ve already started down that road of not taking a full group.”

Interim athletic director Blake James

informed the team of the decision Monday morning. University President Donna Shalala and the school’s legal counsel were also involved in the decision.

“Considerable deliberation and discussion based on the status of the NCAA inquiry went into the decision-making process and, while acknowledging the impact that the decision will have on current student-athletes, coaches, alumni and fans, a determination was made that voluntarily withholding the football team from a second postseason was not only a prudent step for the University to take but will also allow for the football program and University to move forward in the most expedited manner possible,” said the university’s statement.

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Marlins salary dump to Toronto finalized

STEVEN WINE
AP Staff

The Miami Marlins finalized their big salary dumping trade that sends All-Star shortstop Jose Reyes to the Toronto Blue Jays with pitchers Mark Buehrle and Josh Johnson, catcher John Buck and outfielder Emilio Bonifacio for seven relatively low-priced players.

Miami received infielders Yunel Escobar and Adeiny Hechavarria, pitchers Henderson Alvarez, Anthony DeSclafani and Justin Nicolino, catcher Jeff Mathis and

outfielder Jake Marisnick under the deal, which was agreed to last week and completed Monday. The Marlins also are sending Toronto cash.

The trade was finalized after baseball Commissioner Bud Selig decided not to block it.

“This transaction, involving established major leaguers and highly regarded young players and prospects, represents the exercise of plausible baseball judgment on the part of both clubs (and) does not violate any express rule of Major League Baseball and does not otherwise warrant the exercise of any of my powers to

prevent its completion,” Selig said in a statement. “It is, of course, up to the clubs involved to make the case to their respective fans that this transaction makes sense and enhances the competitive position of each, now or in the future.”

The players traded by the Marlins have combined guaranteed salaries of \$163.75 million through 2018, including \$96 million due Reyes.

The net coming off the Marlins’ books is \$154 million, which does not account for the cash involved in the trade.

Since flopping during the first half

of their first season at their new ballpark, the Marlins also have traded former NL batting champion Hanley Ramirez, second baseman Omar Infante, right-hander Anibal Sanchez and closer Heath Bell.

The Marlins have been criticized for jettisoning veterans after moving into a ballpark largely funded by public money.

“I am sensitive to the concerns of the fans of Miami regarding this trade, and I understand the reactions I have heard,” Selig said. “Baseball is a social institution with important social responsibilities and I fully

understand that the Miami community has done its part to put the Marlins into a position to succeed with beautiful new Marlins Park. Going forward, I will continue to monitor this situation with the expectation that the Marlins will take into account the sentiments of their fans, who deserve the best efforts and considered judgment of their club. I have received assurances from the ownership of the Marlins that they share these beliefs and are fully committed to build a long-term winning team that their fans can be proud of.”

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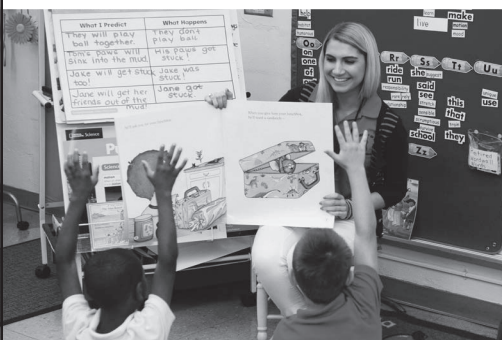
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CHAPLIN SCHOOL OF HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT

Hospitality nails it: expansion almost complete

AARON PABON
Staff Writer

Hospitality and Tourism students may have to “pardon the dust” for a few months more.

The Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management is making upgrades to restrooms, a teaching restaurant with kitchen and a brew science lab.

The restaurant will be completed March 2013. The brew science lab will be ready by May.

The funding for the construction came from the South Beach Wine and Food Festival.

The construction will upgrade the restrooms and lockers to match the rest of the University’s theme.

“We even put in new lockers and showers down in the food lab area so that students taking our food production courses have a space where they can change and get refreshed if they are going off to work after class,” said Mike Hampton, dean of the hospitality school.

The teaching restaurant will be expanded to seat 140 students.

Almost half a million dollars were invested in technology for the restaurant, Hampton said.

Besides new cooking equipments, the restaurant will have audio and video equipment for professors and

students to see what is being prepared and presented in the kitchen.

“They will be able to use video streaming and sync into the facility, so if they want to have a guest presenter or guest faculty member, they can come into it from wherever they are,” said Hampton. “We could have a celebrity chef in Europe come in and talk to the students, right in the new teaching restaurant.”

The kitchen will be designed to accommodate 30 students working in one production line.

“We are going to have the longest food production line in the state of Florida,” said Hampton.

The teaching restaurant will be used for the Dining Events that hospitality students put on every semester, which is open for students and the general public to attend.

The brew science lab, will be expanded to 667 square feet.

In addition to the upgrades, plans include adding an extension to the hospitality building. The extension will have classrooms and other teaching labs, such as chocolate and coffee labs.

The goal of these labs is for students to learn about how to grow cocoa and coffee beans and to try to develop American strains of both beans.

The extension is to fit on the west side of the building.



AARON PABON/THE BEACON

Construction workers busy with the changes to The Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management. The school is making upgrades to several locations inside of the building, including a restaurant with a kitchen as well a brew science lab.

Construction for the extension will start in about three years. The date for the finalization of the extension hasn't

been announced yet.

The updates and constructions were made to accommodate the increase in students

accepted into the school of hospitality.

“We added another 300 students in our total popula-

tion from last fall to this fall,” said Hampton.

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Plot, history, ‘light on humanity’ the spine of good literature

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From the first time Harry grabs the golden snitch, past Dumbledore’s death, up until the moment Harry claims the Elder Wand, Jungeun Kim was hooked.

The Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling is what Kim calls good literature.

“I believe good literature always teaches you something,” said Kim, a sophomore majoring in hospitality management.

She said good books allow you to learn more about yourself and the world around you.

For students, the reasons for reading are as diverse as the books on their bedside tables.

Alexa S. Castillo expects books to teach her something.

“By showing history in plot, I learn more than just hearing facts,” said Castillo, who is reading “50 Shades of Grey” by E.L. James.

Castillo, working on her bachelor’s in management information systems, said a good book can showcase the essence of an era.

“Good literature has the ability to artfully inform and motivate, to leave a reader feeling that their time with the text has been too short and richer for the experience, the ability to leave a thoughtful reader feeling changed.”

Vernon Dickson
Assistant Professor
Department of English

Castillo is a fan of “The Great Gatsby” because it taught her more about the 1920s than history books.

“Good literature reflects the age it was written,” said Yana Kirmaz, junior digital media major, as she heads off to romantic ecocriticism.

Jim Harper, a former adjunct professor of writing, agrees.

“Good literature stands the test of time,” said Harper.

Harper believes that good literature is found in books like “The Iliad.”

“One clue of its greatness would be how well it sheds light on humanity,” he

said.

To him, good literature not only sheds light, but it also teaches him about humanity itself.

“I read good literature each year,” said Campbell McGrath, author of nine full length collections of poetry, recipient of a MacArthur Foundation “Genius” grant and poetry professor in the master’s of fine arts program. “But great literature, I can count the number on my hand.”

For McGrath, Walt Whitman’s “Leaves of Grass” is great.

Vernon Dickson, assistant professor in the Department of English who teaches

courses covering renaissance drama and British literature, discovers something new every time he picks up “Hamlet.”

“Good literature has the ability to artfully inform and motivate, to leave a reader feeling that their time with the text has been too short and richer for the experience, the ability to leave a thoughtful reader feeling changed,” Dickson said. “These are the things I look for in literature.”

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FACULTY AND STUDENT FAVORITES

- Harry Potter series: J.K. Rowling
- The Great Gatsby: F. Scott Fitzgerald
- The Iliad: Homer
- Leaves of Grass: Walt Whitman
- Hamlet: William Shakespeare