

PREACH BLUES



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A preacher of "Trust Jesus," who refused to disclose his name, is asked to relocate to a "Free-Speech Area" as many students found his comments offensive.

HOUSING & RESIDENTIAL LIFE

Pipe ruptures, floods Lakeview

AARON PABON
Staff Writer

Student residents evacuated the Lakeview South Residence Hall after a fire sprinkler pipe ruptured on the sixth floor at 5:15 a.m. on Nov. 14.

Residents were alerted of the ruptured pipe by the building's fire alarm. Many students did not take it seriously due to a series of false fire alarm pranks.

"I woke up this morning thinking it was another prank," said Juan Carlos Zualeta, a biology freshman. "My roommates went downstairs to check out what was happening and were told by some cops that they are evacuating the building."

Students were immediately told by their resident assistants to pack two days' worth of clothing.

The water damaged the ceiling tiles and floors of Lakeview South.

"I saw from the lobby where the drywall popcorn ceiling had actually

soaked up the water, split in half and fell to the ground," said Jerrold Friend, a psychology major and resident of Lakeview South.

The University brought in a cleanup service company to remove the water and clean the building at 8:30 a.m.

A crisis meeting was held at Lakeview South at 9:15 a.m. to assess what steps needed to be made. Members of the meeting included President Mark Rosenberg, Vice President Larry Lunsford and Executive Director of Student Affairs James Wassenaar.

"We regret this disruption," Rosenberg said. "We take a lot of pride in our facilities and we are going to get this fixed. Our immediate priorities are to make sure that students are not displaced."

After most of the water was removed, students were allowed in small groups at a time to gather personal belongings and see what was

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Research initiative to increase minorities in the sciences

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Staff Writer

Underrepresented minorities in biomedical and behavioral research may be given opportunities in the field due to the efforts of FIU's Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement program.

The RISE program, a subgroup of the Minority Opportunities in Biomedical Research Programs, is seeking to increase

the number of students who are a part of any underrepresented group in the biomedical and behavioral scientific fields around the U.S. and the increased admittance and completion of minority groups into Ph.D. programs.

These underrepresented groups include African Americans, Hispanic Americans, American Indians, Natives of the U.S. Pacific Islands and people with disabilities.

RISE targets undergraduate and graduate students to become more involved in research

through monetary incentives and funds to cover expenses that range from traveling to scientific conferences. Undergraduates receive salaries for their research while graduate students are compensated with paid tuition.

Funding for the program is provided through proposals to the National Institute of General Medical Sciences.

"Where we are going forward now is directing 15 undergraduates and 16 graduates. For the undergraduates, we pay them to work

in research labs and we give a whole series of workshops on everything from concept mapping and database searches, [to] how to make presentations, [to] how to get into graduate school because the real focus of the program is to get people going onto research," said Charles Bigger, MBRS RISE program director.

RISE has an array of faculty mentors

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Departments collaborate with SGA for student safety

ASHLEY MARTINEZ
Staff Writer

The University's Police Department, the Department of Parking and Transportation, FIU Facilities and the Student Government Association at the Modesto Maidique Campus are collaborating in an initiative titled the Campus Safety Walk.

"The purpose is for the SGA and the University Police Department to work together to address potential safety concerns that include checking areas that typically end up being parking lots or walkway lights," said Alexander Casas, chief of police at the University's Police Department. "By working together, it allows

us to have a firsthand involvement in this process."

According to Alex Castro, vice president of the Student Government Council at MMC, the walk is to "prioritize enhancing security around campus, infrastructure improvement [and] dark areas around campus."

Held once a year during the fall semester, the event is an evening walk around the Modesto Maidique Campus and the Engineering Center to check that the campus is well-lit and safe.

The areas that will be covered will be determined by some of the SGA representatives, which include Castro and Laura Farinas, president of the Student Government Council at MMC.

"Students communicate their concerns to the SGA and it gives them a better opportunity to interact with them," Casas said.

Student Media attempted to reach FIU Facilities' Director of Analysis, Assessment and Risk Management Marco Benitez, who refused to comment on the event and referred Student Media to Associate Vice President John Cal, who was unavailable for comment.

The Campus Safety Walk will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 20 starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Campus Police Station in Parking Garage 5.

The walk will also take place at the Biscayne Bay Campus and will proceed based on SGA

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requests. According to Casas, the BBC Campus Safety Walk is still not scheduled but will take place this semester.

The event is open to students, faculty and staff.

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No compromise in contract talks between union and FIU

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The University and the union that represents support staff at the University could not come to an agreement for a new contract during the collective bargaining session on Tuesday, Nov. 13.

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 3346, and the University have been trying to negotiate a new contract since July 2012.

AFSCME represents support staff, such as mechanics, electricians, painters, plumbers, etc.

On Tuesday, AFSCME declared impasse with the University administration.

An impasse occurs when the parties fail to reach an agreement. Following an impasse declaration, a process of arbitration would begin.

The arbitration process could last six to eight months and will end in a decision by a magistrate that would be accepted as final by both parties.

The University and AFSCME were in talks over an extended wage package for support staff in Tuesday's session.

"Even though we meet, it doesn't give us any leverage," said AFSCME representative and head bargainer, Madeline Gonzalez. "We've been doing this far too long."

The University proposed a wage package that would give support staff a 2.5 percent wage increase during the first year of the contract, a 2 percent increase the second year and a 1 percent increase during the third, with the condition that AFSCME accepts a new three-year contract.

"The [union] bargaining committee has communicated that they feel the wage

proposal is good," Gonzalez said. "The union is proposing a lower pay raise in exchange for just cause. We are accepting your wage proposal, but not your package."

Just cause means the employer must have a reason to fire an employee.

It is a form of job security that allows the employee to appeal the decision to an arbitrator who evaluates whether or not the employer's action was justified with the employer bearing the burden of proof.

"The Board of Trustees doesn't want 'just cause,'" said Elizabeth Marston, associate general counsel representing the University. "The wage package is more than generous."

In the negotiations over just cause, both the University and AFSCME remained grounded in their positions.

The University does not want to add just cause to the contract, and AFSCME does not want the contract without just cause.

Some affected employees present at the meeting saw the issue more pragmatically.

"The employees are disillusioned because they haven't seen results from the union," said Carlos Fernandez, a mechanic who has worked at the University for several years. "We are more than happy to accept the contract."

Fernandez brought with him various employee signatures he obtained during his lunch breaks, petitioning to put the contract and wage package to an employee vote.

"The raises are important to us," Fernandez said. "I only know three cases in which support staff were fired and all three times the University was right in terminating them. They don't fire anyone here unless they are lazy."

Gonzalez acknowledged Fernandez's plea, but insists they continue to fight for

CLEANING UP THE MESS



CARL-FEDERICK FRANCOIS/THE BEACON

Due to the Lakeview incident, Student were granted three days of free laundry. Everyone affected is taking advantage and have all machines running strong.

the just cause clause.

"We sent out a survey to employees regarding just cause, and the responses showed that at least 70 percent of them wanted the union to keep fighting for it," Gonzalez said. "We also understand the money is very important."

At the end of the session, Gonzalez declared impasse on behalf of the union, saying that throughout the process, the union would consider putting the contract to a vote.

Marston addressed the potential fiscal cliff that, if unresolved by Congress, could raise taxes and spending cuts. If that were to happen, by the time the impasse comes to an end, the contract may not include a raise at all.

"Our wage package is contingent on [the union] accepting the entire thing," Marston said. "We're getting to the end. We've done the best we can. Our position is clear."

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CORRECTIONS

In Vol. 24, Issue 41, of The Beacon, the caption for the photo titled "Panther Family Feuds" should have stated that the next SOBE Wine and Food Festival will take place February 2013.

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Task Force report before Rick Scott

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bachelor's degrees in areas of strategic emphasis, salary of graduates, cost per graduate and cost to graduates.

According to Wartzok, the University ranks third in the SUS in terms of the percentage of bachelor's degree recipients who are continuing their education in Florida and in the percentage of bachelor's degree recipients who are employed full-time in the year after graduation.

Wartzok said the University ranks third lowest in the SUS in terms of cost per graduate, spending an average of \$36,848 for each degree produced. The average tuition and fees cost to a student at the University is \$6,825 over four years, minus Pell grants and other financial aid awards that students don't have to pay back.

The report also highlights reforms in terms of funding for the SUS, which suffered a \$300 million non-recurring budget cut last year. In the report, the task force recommends the state maintain a full-time, resident, undergraduate tuition option of approximately \$15,000 for a bachelor's degree. Currently, FIU is

at approximately \$25,000 per bachelor's degree.

Also, in funding recommendations is the proposal for a "differentiated tuition model" that would prevent tuition increases in a set of degrees established by the legislature.

Currently, there are 111 programs in science, technology, engineering and math, 28 programs in globalization, 21 in health professions, 19 in education-critical fields (math and science) and nine programs in security and emergency services. These degrees are referred to as "high-skill, high-wage, high-demand" and are programs deemed as strategic areas of emphasis for the state.

"I think there needs to be more thought given to whether we want greater state subsidization of high-wage jobs, Wartzok said. "This would be a major change from the thinking across the country where if tuition differential among programs is considered, the lower tuition is often associated with degrees such as education that serve a public good but are not high-wage rather than lower tuition for degrees in fields where the

graduates will receive high wages and can more easily pay off any associated loans."

Josh Numa, a senior in business administration, said the recommendation would be a "direct incentive."

"I think it's a great idea because of what they are trying to build in Florida. They want to create a new industry. It's not fair to everyone, but I see what [Scott] is trying to do," Numa said. "People want business and to generate money."

According to Wartzok, Florida ranks 51 out of 50 states and the District of Columbia in the ratio of STEM jobs available for STEM graduates.

"Many of our STEM graduates have to leave Florida to find jobs," Wartzok said, adding that 47 percent of the University's STEM graduates at the bachelor's level are employed full-time in Florida within a year of graduation with an average salary of \$41,345.

The report also adds that the BOG will use performance in this area to allocate additional funding.

"The assumption would be that state support will... allow for resident student tuition in

legislatively-determined high-skill, high-wage, high-demand...bachelor's degree programs to remain lower, by comparison, than resident student tuition in other bachelor's degree programs," according to the report.

Also in the report is the creation of "Preeminent Universities." This designation would reward institutions aligned with particular state performance measures with flexibility in tuition and decreased regulation.

The task force report also outlines the need for the BOG to develop system-wide and institution-specific metrics. The report recommends that state institutions align annual and strategic plans with BOG strategic goals.

Additionally, other recommendations would give the BOG control over budgets and direct involvement in the search and appointment of university presidents.

The board also recommends further research be conducted to determine the impact that the other recommendations would have on the Florida Bright Futures and Florida Pre-Paid programs.

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Author's quality trumps his quantity

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Asst. Opinion Editor

It's old news now, apparently, since he announced it to a French magazine about a month ago, but it hit the United States last week that Philip Roth, one of its most revered novelists, has retired at the age of 79.

Like most artists of Roth's caliber, he's loved and hated in equal measure; accordingly, the reading community's response has been mixed.

Some are sober and accepting, others distraught, and a fair number seem relieved to the point of celebration, as there's been talk of his powers having waned in the past decade; how further output would only hurt his image.

Haters gonna hate, you know how it is.

But here's the thing: Roth, like Woody Allen (in many ways his cinematic equal), has been a relentless worker from the start of his career, supremely prolific among his contemporaries, and -- like Allen -- his prodigious output of 27 novels in 50 years has produced several good books, a couple of masterpieces, a

few disappointments and the occasional embarrassment.

And yet, as Roth would argue, what else was he to do? Writing was his talent, his joy.

But when your audience criticizes such a massive output and encourages, instead, the sparse production of what they presume will be a higher quality, it prompts the question of an artist's responsibilities (if any) to their audience.

George R.R. Martin, the author of the Song of Fire and Ice book series (the source material for HBO's Game of Thrones) has been working on a single series for over 20 years, producing only five of a promised seven volumes. He spoke recently of having received angry letters from fans about his plans for a home renovation, which, they feared, would prove disruptive to his writing and thus slow an already tedious production.

Martin, of course, can offer as a valid response the fact that he is, above all else, a human being with a private life and personal interests.

He isn't getting any younger, though; and at the

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age of 64, with an average production rate of one book every four years, some fans fear the worst.

Should Martin then, knowing of his influence and skill and of the tremendous reward he brings to readers around the world, make any concessions to his fans at the expense of his own comfort?

What if J.K. Rowling had waited five years between each Harry Potter installment, so that Harry no longer aged, year by year, alongside his first generation of readers? What if she'd chosen to drag the story out forever, writing one Potter book after another and thus saturating the culture with so

much wizardry as to corrupt the early books' integrity? Should the fans have any say?

I think so. Maybe not input, but surely encouragement.

A gifted artist should, of his or her own volition, embrace their art as their duty every bit as much as their passion. If your way of giving back to a society that tolerates your carbon footprint, your daily occupation of various checkout lines and traffic jams, is to write or paint or dance or play music, you need to give as much as you can.

But maybe that's only one fan's selfishness.

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Local driving manners seen on shuttles

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I really appreciate that FIU has a dependable, relatively cheap way to get from the Modesto Maidique Campus to the Biscayne Bay Campus or vice versa.

Though I would appreciate it so much more if each time I got off the bus, I wasn't close to screaming "Land!" and falling to the ground to kiss the pavement like that kid does in the movie, "The Pacifier."

I understand this reckless driving is an attempt to get students to class on time, but I would much prefer to be three minutes late to class, than dead.

All the drivers need to do is slow down a little bit and take those turns a little less sharply. I know, I know, driving in Miami is a dog-eat-dog type of place but maybe once in awhile, just signal where you're going and don't cut off everyone to be two cars ahead.

Also, I saw one of the most heartless things this morning. There was a Special Transport Service van picking up a woman in the bus drop off/pick up spot, and the driver of the shuttle honked once, and seeing that the van was not moving -- the van driver wasn't behind the wheel, he was helping the woman into her seat -- he honked again. He continued honking for 10 seconds until the van moved.

In my opinion, that is disgusting behavior.

The students on the bus don't need to be anywhere that badly that you can't wait an extra 10 seconds.

Especially if when I come up to ask about whether or not this bus is leaving now, the driver tells me the bus is leaving in 30 minutes. Have some patience and some decency.

But seriously, the shuttle is a great idea and I thank FIU for having it, especially because some of the drivers are the sweetest people ever.

They're all really nice and they don't make me run really far when I'm late for the bus like I was this morning.

I was late and he could have absolutely left and it wouldn't have been his fault, but he saw me running and he stopped the bus for me, allowed me to get on board and wander around to find a seat, assuring that I was seated properly before taking off.

I do wish the fare was a little bit cheaper seeing as next semester I will need to go to BBC three times a week and will have to spend \$15 a week that I don't have. But I do understand that it's probably not possible to lower the prices any lower than they already are.

So, FIU, thank you again for having shuttles that take me to and from MMC and BBC, but if possible, have your drivers show a little more patience and drive a little slower.

None of us are in that great of a need to get to class, and if so, we should take the earlier shuttle and save everyone a little stress.

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PHI SIGMA SIGMA

Fashion show held in remembrance of deceased sister

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Janelle Bertot was 19 years old when she lost her life to carbon monoxide poisoning.

Bertot was a pre-med biology major at FIU, member of Phi Sigma Sigma, the oldest sorority at the University, and an altogether charming, generous young woman.

On Nov. 14, 2004, about eight years ago today, Bertot went out driving with fellow University student and Pi Kappa Phi member, Tony Perez. After pulling over to get some refreshments, the two students fell asleep in the car in a parking lot in Weston. Neither of them awoke the next morning.

Phi Sigma Sigma has made efforts to bring awareness to the issue that caused the passing of one of its most cherished members. On Nov. 6, the sorority held a fashion show in the Graham Center ballrooms to raise money for Janelle's Wishing Well Foundation, a charity in remembrance of Janelle that works to raise awareness and to raise money going towards scholarships for Phi Sigma Sigma and Pi Kappa Phi members.

Bertot and Perez's tragic deaths were the result of carbon monoxide poisoning, an insidious and unassuming "silent killer" that affects thousands of Americans per year.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless and toxic gas that can be found in combustion fumes created by cars, trucks and everyday appliances that use gas, coal or oil. It is absorbed by red blood cells faster than oxygen; when there is an abundance of carbon monoxide in the air, particularly in enclosed, tight spaces, the human body becomes poisoned by breathing too much in.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, over 4,000 people are hospitalized for carbon monoxide poisoning per year and over 400 Americans die from it.

The formal event last Tuesday began with models strutting trendy swimwear and casual and vintage clothing down the runway.

During the intermission, a slideshow with pictures of Janelle, her friends and family was shown. Brenny Garcia, president of Phi Sigma Sigma in 2004, also spoke.

"[2004] was a very challenging year because I had to not only mourn the loss of two of my very dear friends, but I had to lead my chapter forward in a positive light. Phi Sigma Sigma and Phi Kappa Phi have created foundations in [Janelle and Perez's] memory," Garcia said.

Jackie Calzadilla, Phi Sigma Sigma president and public relations major, said that the sorority has held other events around Miami-Dade and Broward County to raise awareness.

"A couple days before the fashion show, we had Janelle's Kickball Tournament," Calzadilla said. "The winners received carbon monoxide detectors for their home. We also held a walk for Janelle's Wishing Well Foundation over the summer."

The sorority is, undoubtedly, making big strides in achieving awareness. Last summer, Janelle's Law was passed, an act that requires new homes to have carbon monoxide detectors installed.

While Phi Sigma Sigma is heavily involved with Janelle's Wishing Well Foundation, the sorority also does philanthropic work with other associations.

"We hold events to raise money for the National Kidney Association, and we do our best to support other organizations on campus," Calzadilla said. "We love working with the Children's Miracle Network and Relay for Life."

Donations for Janelle's Wishing Well Foundation can be made on janelleswishingwell.org.

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Phi Sigma Sigma held a fashion show at the GC Ballrooms on Nov. 6 to raise money for Janelle's Wishing Well Foundation, a charitable foundation aimed at raising awareness of carbon monoxide poisoning.

CAMPUS LIFE!

Por Colombia kicks it for victims of violence and poverty

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Through networking and philanthropic events, Por Colombia at FIU hopes to shine light on the troubling issues of violence in Colombia.

Por Colombia is a new chapter at the University that aims to bring awareness on opportunities that will help build a better Colombia from abroad.

Por Colombia further supports Victimas de la Violencia Colombiana through fundraising and community service.

Daniela Rios, sophomore journalism major and president of the new Por Colombia chapter, who began Por Colombia spring 2012, said her goal was to grow as a club and be able to help others

more often, not just locally, but globally.

"I wanted to start an organization about Colombia, make a small group of the people that were from the same area and wanted to help out," said Rios.

Por Colombia will host Kick It For The Kids Soccer Tournament on Sunday, Nov. 18, to benefit Colombian children affected by poverty and violence.

Music, food, sponsors and prizes will be included in this event, along with the soccer tournament, which includes 12 teams of 10 players. All proceeds will go to the organization Fundacion Simon Bolivar in Medellin, Colombia.

"The love I have for soccer and the interest I have in sports journalism always gave me the dream of having a soccer tournament," said Rios.

"We want to be able to help all kids that have been affected by crime and violence in Colombia and help them understand that no matter what their past may be, their future is bright," said Maria Del Portillo, treasurer of Por Colombia. "We want to help all kids and work hard for them here, meanwhile they are over there."

The message of hope,

continued education and a positive future is the theme of the Kick it for the Kids Soccer Tournament, created and made possible by Rios and Vice President Lina Caicedo.

With the help of Kick it for the Kids and previous fundraising, Por Colombia will take

its first trip as a club to Colombia on Dec. 9, 2012.

"Some days we feel frustrated, but we always remind ourselves that when we're on that plane, it will all be worth it," said Rios.

Por Colombia hopes to place a smile on the faces of children who are victims of crime and

violence by providing them with hope.

Through Kick it for the Kids Tournament, Por Colombia believes that others will be moved and will have a calling for helping others as well.

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DRUM-UH-DUM-DUM



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A Japanese Taiko Drum performance boomed in Panther Square at Biscayne Bay Campus on Nov. 13, in celebration of International Education Week, hosted by International Student and Scholar Services. The four-day event at BBC kicked off with a variety of cultural appetizers, a cooking demonstration by Chef Allen Lok, and ended with an International Late Day Latte and Student Organization Council club fair.

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FOOTBALL

SHULA BOWL XI

Despite down years, rivalry still burning at both schools

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With the FIU's move to Conference USA next year looming, the team is counting down their final Sun Belt Conference games; beginning with their penultimate match of the season tonight against the Florida Atlantic University Owls.

The rivalry game between the two programs, coined the "Shula Bowl", awards the Don Shula Award, to the winning team until the two teams meet again.

With FAU winning two out of their last three games and the Panthers coming off their second win of the season; expect a competitive game to the very end in what has become a growing rivalry.

"Rivalry games up the intensity level and we'd be kidding ourselves if we wouldn't admit that openly," said Head Coach Mario Cristobal. "You grow up watching rivalry games and in our case we are growing a rivalry game. You look at the games throughout the past couple years and they are pretty interesting games now. You can expect a tremendous amount of competitive battles out there."

The Owls lead the series all time, 8-1, with the Panthers lone victory coming in 2011 during a



BEACON FILE PHOTO

Kedrick Rhodes is coming off of his best game this season, running for 149 yards on 27 carries.

41-7 win.

FAU comes into tonight's game playing the best stretch of football they have all season. The Owls have won two out of the last three games, and are coming off of a 37-28 victory over Western Kentucky.

In those three games, quarterback Graham Wilbert has led the way with a total of 723 passing yards, six touchdowns, and no interceptions. His production is a

key component of how efficient the Owl offense has been of late, with only three turnovers in the last three games.

FIU also comes into tonight's game with momentum after beating South Alabama last Saturday 28-20. Nonetheless, despite the argument of whether this 2-8 team should be giving younger players additional playing time for next year's sake, Cristobal is sticking firm to his

view that playing time is earned on the practice field.

"I think what's shown on the practice field takes care of it," said Cristobal. "Just putting a guy on the field because he's a young guy and because he might develop into something later, I don't find much merit in that."

Cristobal looks for his team to close out the season strong and to exhibit the same basic fundamentals of football that have allowed

the Panthers to be successful in the past.

"Well, you look at our last four weeks and just about every game has come down to a series or play," said Cristobal. "I want to make sure that we're on point with the fundamentals of good football like securing the football and not giving it away and making sure that we finish games. A couple times this year we allowed teams to creep back into [the game]. We'd like to be able to put complete games together."

Failing to close out games for the Panthers has been a trend all year and was even seen in their win against South Alabama. In that game, the Panthers' offense generated 28 points in the first half, but failed to score a single point in the second half. This left South Alabama with an opportunity to take the game into overtime on their last possession.

If FIU plans on leaving Boca Raton with the Shula Trophy in their possession, it will take a complete effort from start to finish in what could be the last match-up between the two rivals for a while to come.

Kick-off is at 8:00 p.m. at FAU Stadium. The game will be on ESPN U.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Panthers try to cut down Lumberjacks in home opener



JASEN DELGADO/BEACON FILE PHOTO

Tola Akomolafe (above) had 10 first-quarter points in FIU's 84-70 loss at Boston College on Nov. 11 in Chestnut Hill.

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Contributing Writer

It did not take long for Head Coach Richard Pitino to experience his first loss with the FIU Men's Basketball team. The Panthers opened the season with a road loss to the Boston College Eagles, 84-70, on Nov. 11.

Fortunately, the Panthers (0-1) can seek redemption; beginning with their home debut against the Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks (1-0) on Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. in the U.S. Century Bank Arena.

The Lumberjacks are quality opponent that have four 20-plus winning seasons in the last five years. In their season opener, they chopped down the Howard Payne Yellow Jackets, 84-30 on Nov. 9.

Against Boston College, FIU shot a fairly low 39 percent from the field. If they plan to have any general success against Stephen F. Austin, their shot selection will have to tighten up. The Lumberjacks held the Yellow Jackets to 33 percent from the field and 0-6 from beyond the three-point line. FIU will need to maximize their efficiency against a stout defense.

Working in the favor of FIU is the Lumberjacks' lack of a true center;

making this almost a mirror match. In the Lumberjacks' first game, their two leading rebounder was Taylor Smith at six-foot-six, and Nikola Gajic at six-foot-five. If the Panthers' center Jerome Frink, who is also six-foot-five, can follow up his 22 points and 10-rebound performance, or forward Tola Akomolafe, can remain out of foul trouble after having 10 first-quarter points; FIU can possibly dominate the interior.

Though the Lumberjacks have a small starting line up, with no players above six-foot-six, they rebounded efficiently. The team had 16 offensive rebounds and 39 overall boards. The Panthers only had four offensive rebounds; which is something they will need to improve upon.

Both teams rely on rotating their bench in order to play fast, up-tempo basketball with a heavy reliance on the three ball. Both had almost identical stats from beyond the arc. In their openers, FIU shot 9-24, while the Lumberjacks went 10-24.

The quality of bench play will be the determining factor in the success of these two teams. FIU's bench had a combined 11 points in their opener. FIU is blown out in comparison to the Lumberjacks 50.

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Marlins trade 3 stars to Blue Jays

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Reacting to the Miami Marlins' latest payroll purge on Twitter, slugger Giancarlo Stanton gave it three exclamation marks.

He wasn't exaggerating. The Marlins' spending spree a year ago didn't work, so they went the salary-dumping route again Tuesday, shedding some of their biggest stars and multimillion-dollar salaries in one blockbuster deal.

The Marlins swapped high-priced talent for top prospects, trading All-Star shortstop Jose Reyes, left-hander Mark Buehrle and ace right-hander Josh Johnson to the Toronto Blue Jays, a person familiar with the agreement said.

The person confirmed the trade to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the teams weren't officially commenting. The person said the trade sent several of the Blue Jays' best young players to Miami.

The stunning agreement came less than a year after the Marlins added Reyes, Buehrle and closer Heath Bell in an uncharacteristic \$191 million spending binge as they rebranded and moved into a new ballpark. The acquisitions raised high hopes, but the Marlins instead finished last in the NL East.

Salary-paring actually began in July, when the Marlins parted with former NL batting champion Hanley Ramirez, second baseman Omar Infante and right-hander Anibal Sanchez, among others. Bell, the team's high-profile bust, was traded to Arizona last month.

Under owner Jeffrey Loria, long the target of fan acrimony, the Marlins have usually been among baseball's thriftiest teams. Management pledged that would change with the new ballpark, but team officials were disappointed with atten-

dance in 2012, and revenue fell far short of their projections.

Even so, the blockbuster deal came as a shock. The players involved must undergo physicals before the trade becomes final.

Stanton, the Marlins' precocious slugger, wasn't involved in the deal but wasn't happy about it.

"Alright, I'm (mad)!!! Plain & Simple," he tweeted shortly after the news broke.

The housecleaning was also the subject of much mirth on Twitter.

"Good trade, I think we won it," tweeted FakeSamson, a site that mocks team president David Samson.

Toronto star Jose Bautista had a different interpretation.

"Its a good day to be a bluejay!" he tweeted.

The swap was easier for the Marlins to swing because of their longstanding policy of refusing to include no-trade clauses in contracts.

The deal gave an immediate boost to the Blue Jays, who have not reached the playoffs since winning their second consecutive World Series in 1993. Toronto went 73-89 this season and finished fourth in the AL East for the fourth straight year, again falling short in a division that includes big spenders.

The Marlins changed their name a year ago but failed to change their losing ways, and instead of contending for a playoff berth, they finished 69-93, their worst record since 1999.

The Marlins drew more than 2.2 million fans but had projected attendance of nearly 3 million. Team officials blamed the difference in part on manager Ozzie Guillen's laudatory comments early in the year about former Cuban leader Fidel Castro, which antagonized a large segment of an already-small fan base.

Guillen was fired after only one season with the team and replaced

PANTHER OF THE WEEK



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Jerica Coley (above) went for 19 points, nine blocks, nine rebounds, five assists, and four steals in the Panthers' 63-44 win over UNF on Nov. 11.

this month by the Marlins' former backup catcher, Mike Redmond.

President of baseball operations Larry Beinfest hinted at a big change in direction less than two weeks ago.

"We've kind of lost our Marlins way," he said. "The real Marlins way was we always outperformed

our challenges. Whatever our challenges were, whether it was playing in a football stadium or weather or a lack of fans, or lack of revenue for that matter, we always found a way to outperform our challenges."

It now appears management will field a team with the expecta-

tion players will outperform their contracts, which was the franchise model for most of the past decade.

The roster shake-up during the season reduced the payroll to \$90.3 million from \$112 million on opening day, and now could be dramatically lower next season.

Free throw shooting to determine outcome of home opener

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Pitino, who could not be reached for this story, rotated his line-up throughout the Boston College game frequently to provide fresh legs. Danny Kaspar, the Lumberjacks' head coach, utilized the same method in his game against the Yellow Jackets, albeit the blowout made his decisions a bit easier.

Notable players the Panthers will have to key on are Desmond Haymon and Deshaunt Walker. Haymon, one of the Lumberjacks starting guards, scored 16 points on 3-3 shooting from the three-point line. More impressive is the six-foot-three guard's seven rebounds. Walker, who came off

the bench, went 5-9 from the three, giving him 15 points in 17 minutes of play.

This game will be a battle of conditioning, as both teams will without doubt run the ball up and down the court. If FIU can maintain its efficiency from beyond the arc, it will fall on their defense to eek out a win.

While foul trouble may have hurt the Panthers in their first game, the Lumberjacks only shot 59 percent from the free throw line.

Perhaps physicality on the part of the Panthers will go a long way in their home opener this Saturday.

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Humans and climate change weave 'web of barriers' for species

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Adapt, migrate or die – this is a reality every species, including humans, face.

The Eat, Think and Be Merry Series lecture will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 20 and will address why migration may be the only option for many tropical tree species.

The lecture is named Global Climate Change and Tropical Forests: Adapt, Migrate or Die. It is scheduled for 7 p.m. and will take place at Luna Star Café. The event is free and open to the public.

Kenneth Feeley, assistant professor in the department of biological sciences, will discuss the effects of climate change and deforestation, and how society can make better decisions to salvage and protect what is left.

"Climate change is happening," Feeley said. "We often think about climate change as something that will occur in the future, but in fact our world is already rapidly changing."

Feeley will discuss how climate change is impacting natural systems, focusing on tropical forests which house the majority of Earth's species.

"There are a limited number of ways that any species, including humans, can respond to climate change," Feeley said. "Species can adapt to climate change, they can shift their distributions or suffer into extinction."

Feeley's research shows that

most species are in fact migrating. This finding is positive because it shows that species could respond to climate change and may be able to persist.

But species are not migrating fast enough.

"Not only is climate change happening, but it is happening fast. So fast that it will be impossible for most species to adapt," Feeley said. "This means the only realistic escape is for species to change where they live on the planet."

Species are shifting their distributions too slowly to keep pace with changes in climate and, as a result, the amount of habitat available to them is becoming smaller each year.

Feeley said tree species could survive climate change if not for the additional pressures of human land use.

The shrinking of habitats is made worse in the Amazon as species move up the Andes mountains, eventually encountering grassland where dense populations of humans graze cattle, set fires and collect firewood.

"Humans create a web of barriers that block the movement of species and hasten their loss of habitat due to climate change," Feeley said.

Humans keep tropical forests from moving and effectively make the Andes mountains thousands of meters shorter than they should be, hastening the rate at which forest species will lose habitats and become extinct.

Feeley stresses the importance of protecting habitats since it is

THE CRUEL COLORS



(Left) Josie Ashton, creator of the College Brides Walk, spoke on domestic violence inside of the Mary Ann Wolfe Theatre lobby. This lecture was hosted by several organizations and groups on campus, such as the Women's Center, International Student and Scholar Services, and the International Students Club. The day was dedicated to "say no to violence against women." Ashton spoke about various incidents in America dealing with domestic violence. According to Ashton, 1 in 3 girls and 1 in 6 boys are sexually abused before the age of 18. Women around the world are subjected to rape, domestic violence and many other forms of violence which tend to be hushed/hidden in the media. Ashton was a victim to domestic violence at the age of 11 and is now a victim specialist for the Florida attorney general. Since 2001, Ashton has gone to colleges and asked volunteers to walk 7 miles in all white or wedding dresses for domestic violence awareness. One of the main events that sparked her movement was the murder of Gladys Ricart in 1999. (Top) Colored construction paper is cut out in shapes of shirts for The Clothesline Project. These shirts represent a specific abuse through each color. Each abuse is related to women's violence. The shirts are decorated by friends, family or the victim themselves. The Clothesline Project began in 1990 in Hyannis, Mass. with 31 shirts.

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unknown where species may end up going. It is important to maximize connectivity between protected areas to allow for species migrations.

Tropical forests cannot be protected from climate change, but they can be protected from human

disturbances.

"Even if we start taking action tomorrow, we may still lose thousands of species," Feeley said. "The lecture will help students to appreciate the magnitude, scope and pace at which climate change is threat-

ening the natural world. I hope students walk away from the lecture with an understanding that dealing with climate change cannot be put on hold any longer."

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Students in Bay Vista prepare for hush of weekends

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Yaohan Zhang relies on the Miami-Dade Transit for transportation and for this reason, prefers staying on campus during the weekend.

"I don't like taking the bus but it does get boring because there is not much to do on campus," said Zhang, freshman hospitality management major.

As the weekend approaches, Biscayne Bay Campus becomes a calm place where the students living in the Bay Vista Housing can unwind from the week's responsibilities.

Some 300 students live at Bay Vista every semester.

"Last year I lived on the main campus, but I prefer this campus because we are

close to the bay, which is something nice to look at, and the campus is much quieter," said Morgan Spencer, a sophomore majoring in business.

BBC is fully operable during the week, but on weekends, only the gym, the library, and the pool stay open. The food court and the bookstore are closed.

The gym is open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The library is open on Saturdays from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. and on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. and the pool is open only on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

While the campus does not offer many weekend events for students, The Bay Vista dorm does.

"The dorm offers events for residents almost every day, they have billiard tournaments, video game tournaments, and

board game nights," said Malvis Campbell, a senior majoring in marine biology.

For students who seek more adventure on their weekends, the Aquatics Center hosts events like kayak days and nights, that are free for students.

Students can also use the basketball court, the tennis courts and the sand volleyball court.

Yao Chi, a graduate student majoring in Hospitality Management, said the closed food court is an inconvenience.

"It forces me to have to stock up on groceries for the weekends, to cook more, and sometimes go out to eat," he said.

Lorvin Ramirez, assistant food service director, said the food court has been closed on weekend since the campus has opened.

"While some students may find it

inconvenient they do not show enough support to keep it opened," Ramirez said. "On weekdays we have extended our hours until 8 p.m, yet there are barely any students buying food."

Students go off campus to buy groceries, go shopping and for entertainment.

Yue Li, a graduate student majoring in hospitality management, has a car, and does not mind driving to Aventura Mall or Sunny Isles Beach to go shopping.

Richie Clapso, a junior majoring in journalism, prefers to spend most of his weekends off campus.

"I find this campus to be too quiet," Clapso said. "I like the other campus better, it has more to offer and most of my friends live there."

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