

IMMIGRATION

## Executive order to defer deportations

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Almost two years after the Congressional shut down of the DREAM Act, the Obama administration announced on Friday that it will use its executive power to stop the deportation of young, undocumented immigrants.

According to a memorandum by Secretary of Homeland Security, Janet Napolitano, the executive branch will order the Department of Homeland Security and its agencies to exercise "prosecutorial discretion," deferring deportation for low priority cases, such as those of young undocumented immigrants.

"Our nation's immigration laws...[are not] designed to remove productive young people to countries where they may not have lived or even speak the language. Indeed, many of these young people have already contributed to our country in significant ways," Napolitano stated.

Ediberto Roman, professor at the University's School of Law specializes in Immigration Law. He explained that this move is within the president's power to dictate its departments' priorities.

"There were about 100 legal experts that wrote to the president... urging him to use his presidential executive authority to issue guidelines or a statement... that would allow the executive department to set priorities," Roman said.

"This is an important step [but] it is not legislation," Roman added.

Roman also noted that this order is not a way for an undocumented immigrant to obtain citizenship or residency status; it is just a temporary deferment of their deportation to provide the chance of obtaining some education and applying for a work permit.

In order to be eligible for deferred deportation, young and undocumented immigrants must meet the following criteria: the immigrant must have arrived to the United States under the age of 16, must have resided for at least five years in the country and must be under 30 years of age.

In addition, the applicant must have a high school diploma, be enrolled in school or have done military service and have a clean record.

Among the estimated 800,000 immigrants who fall in this category is the core leader of the University's chapter of Students Working for Equal Rights, Frida Ulloa, who is double majoring in international relations and economics.

"I was introduced to S.W.E.R. back in April of 2009. Since then, I have not stopped working for the DREAM Act. I feel like I have been waiting for decades," Ulloa said.

S.W.E.R. is an organization with over 10 chapters throughout Florida founded by undocumented students working to create possibilities for young immigrants and raise awareness of the issues affecting young immigrants. The chapter has about 30 members.

When the Dream Act was repealed in 2010, Ulloa was devastated.

"When it passed the House we were all so excited and hopeful," Ulloa said. "S.W.E.R. Miami gathered together to watch the Senate and we were all crying."

Obama's policy comes as a relief to Ulloa and many S.W.E.R. members.

"I woke up in LA at 6:30 a.m. with my S.W.E.R. friends from Miami texting to our S.W.E.R. group text," Ulloa said. "I was in shock; I cried, I laughed and then I continued being in shock."

For Ulloa, this move also represents a chance to fight more openly for the cause she represents.

"I am not afraid anymore," Ulloa said. "I have been pretty out there with my status. I had put fear aside to do what we do, but there was always this possibility of being detained and deported. I think I am more relieved for my family than for myself; they don't have to worry when they see me in the news."

According to Roman, the next step for these individuals is to start collecting the paperwork they need to demonstrate their eligibility.

"As soon as possible, start collecting documents," Roman said. "People have to come up with the documentation to prove they fall within the category."

Ulloa hopes the University administration will take action to help students that are eligible to apply.

"We want President Rosenberg and administration to take the first step to help dreamers here at FIU," she said. "There are ways for FIU to help Dreamers be a part of our FIU community... In-state tuition for those students who graduated from a high school here in Florida and have lived for the past five years in this state is more than fair."

Roman agrees with this view and added that, within the upcoming weeks, he and other members of the University community will be securing ways to serve these students.

"We want to assist members of the community with this process," he said.

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## HOLD YOUR POCKETS



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College Democrats hand out flyers to promote awareness on the potential increase of student interest rates and reduction of financial aid for public colleges on June 21, Pell Grant Day of Action.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## Operating budget approved

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The University's board of trustees' first meeting of the year took place on June 14, where board members unanimously approved the University's operating budget.

The meeting was led by Vice Chairman Michael Adler in the

absence of Chairman Albert Maury.

At the start of the meeting, Adler introduced two additions to the board: Laura Farinas, president of the Student Government Association and Robert T. Barlick, Jr., vice president at Goldman Sachs.

When asked about being on the board, Farinas said, "It's a lot of

information and a lot of work. I feel privileged to represent students."

During the meeting, Chief Financial Officer Kenneth Jessell presented the University operating budget. Among the issues raised was the 15 percent increase in differential tuition, the practice of

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SGA

## SGA appoints executive cabinet

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Newly elected President Laura Farinas and Vice President Alex Castro appointed 26 students to the Student Government Council at the Modesto Maidique Campus executive cabinet.

These members are responsible for advising the president and vice president in their specialized areas, such as Panther Rage or Student Health. The cabinet is made up of 28 members, two of them being the President and Vice President.

After screening over 70 applicants, Farinas and

Castro met with them individually to assess each applicant's vision, professional and personal qualifications for the remaining 26 positions. The applicants were told to choose the top two positions they hoped to attain and explain their goals.

"We want to make sure we are not only hiring good people but that we are placing them in the seats [that] they can really advance the furthest in," said Farinas.

Executive Assistant Danna Muñoz assists Farinas with daily tasks, such as meetings and special projects. Muñoz hopes to "give back to [the University] as much as [she]

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BLACKBOARD

# Blackboard to replace Moodle for web-assisted courses

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The Division of Information Technology and FIU Online has announced the University's transition from Moodle to Blackboard in web-assisted courses.

During the last academic year, the University utilized Blackboard for online courses, while Moodle was used for web-assisted courses.

However, back in March, Blackboard announced the purchase of two main supporters of Moodle, Moodlerooms and Netspot, to enlarge Blackboard and enhance its capa-

bilities and efficiency. Vice President and CIO of IT, Robert Grillo, explained that "a single platform will enable students and faculty to integrate into one system."

According to Grillo, the idea of an integrated system falls more into the realm of Blackboard, which now contains the two leading supporters of Moodle.

In reference to cost, Grillo stated that combining cost efforts on just one program rather than both will prove to be more effective because pursuing the Blackboard system as the sole educational software will relieve

the University's infrastructure and maintenance costs.

Other foreseeable benefits, as stated by IT, include: engaging in a single online course software, being able to login with the MyAccounts username and password and an accessible mobile application.

"I like Moodle better; I think it is more user-friendly," said Rafael Alberti, junior and biology major.

"I did not find [Blackboard] hard to use, [a]lthough it takes a bit of time to get everything set up at the beginning of the semester," said Paul Kowert, associate professor

of international relations. "I think it [does] make it easier to send messages to students."

Senior and biology major Erin Muro agrees with Grillo: "I've had to use both programs, which can get confusing, so I like the idea of sticking to just one."

The transition process will not be effective immediately; IT will offer the Blackboard learning support for the following 12 months to ensure that both faculty and students become well-acquainted with the Blackboard software.

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Pros	Pros
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhanced user interface for simpler navigation.</li> <li>Full-functioning mobile application.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Efficient grading system.</li> <li>Chat-like discussion board for easier course-wide discussions.</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inefficient grading system.</li> <li>Longer course set-up.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lacking messaging service.</li> <li>Complex user interface.</li> </ul>

Transition will be effective starting Fall 2013.

Source: Division of Information Technology

## Trustees present 3-year plan

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charging some students more than others based on their financial status.

"We still recognize that every dollar counts to a student," Jessell said. "We think that we've done a good job in making need-based financial aid available."

Thirty percent of the increase will be invested in need-based financial aid.

"It sounds like a lot but if you look at other institutions nationally, the dollar amount is not that large," Jessell said. "We've made very good investments with those dollars coming in."

These investments include 61 new faculty, 15 student advisors, 2 police officers and 23 student support staff.

Along with tuition, several student fees will also increase in the proposed budget. The Capital Improvement Trust

Fund fee will be increased \$2 per credit hour, the athletics fee \$0.54 per credit hour, A&S fee \$1.27 per credit hour and the parking fee \$8 per semester.

Two fees were not increased: the housing fee and the financial aid and technology fee. The housing and parking fees are self-sufficient and receive no state support. There was also no increase to the base tuition.

"This is the second year [the housing fee] has not increased," Jessell said. "Even though our costs have gone up, we've done refinancing of the existing debt and we passed those savings on to the students."

The budget was approved unanimously by the board.

Rosenberg also presented the University Work Plan for the 2012-13 school year, highlighting the Graduation Success Initiative. According to the

plan, GSI "is a comprehensive system for improving retention and graduation rates at FIU."

Through this program, Rosenberg stated that the University plans to graduate 10,800 students and enroll a total of 50,000 students.

The plan was voted on and approved unanimously.

The Work Plan, also called the three-year plan, was presented at the Board of Governors meeting for approval in Orlando last Tuesday.

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## Senate confirms executive cabinet

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can" and "develop [her]self more as a leader and as a professional."

Marketing Coordinator Luis Burbano promotes and finds "new, innovative, informational and educational ways to... spread the word of Student Government, events and legislative issues."

Currently, he is focusing on "motivat[ing] any student possible by [using] different forms of communication." He is also working on building awareness about campus events and "tapping into

[student] potential."

By doing so, Burbano hopes to get students, who would otherwise not become involved, to "come out of their shell and realize how much they have to offer."

All appointments have been confirmed by the SGC-MMC Senate.

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# Policy 'important step' for immigration reform

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of charge."

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Ulloa encourages all undocumented students to not give up and always look for help.

"If you ask enough, you will find the one person that will direct you the right way. The more that you seek help the more doors that will open up to you," Ulloa said.

"It's a good day for those who belief in immigration reform and have a basic sense of social equity," Roman said. "I believe this is an important issue not only for the South Florida community but I suspect that for

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"It has powerful impact in terms of how the executive branch is going to enforce its directives, but it can be changed in the future fairly easily so the immigration struggle [and] DREAM Act struggle, [are] far from over," Roman said. "I think it's the first step into what is essentially going to become legislation."

Ulloa encourages all undocumented students to not give up and always look for help.

"The more that you seek help the more doors that will open up to you," she said. "No human being is 'illegal'."

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RECRUITING

## Six new Panthers look to make strong impact

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Men's soccer coach Kenny Arena announced the addition of six new signees to the 2012 soccer team, which included three defenders, two midfielders, and one forward.

Arena was very straightforward about what he was looking for in his 2012 recruiting class.

"We needed depth defensively, and I feel that we have filled those needs with this year's recruiting class," Arena said.

The first of the six new Panthers is Kevin Barbar, a defender from Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tenn, where he scored two goals on five attempts.

"Kevin is a very good athlete," Arena said. "He brings a little bit of a different defensive style than what we have."

Kwesi Alleyne, a defender from New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark, N.J., comes into FIU with a lot of success under his belt: a four-time all-county first-team honoree while his team also went on to win the district finals all four years he was in school, while at the same time reaching two state finals. Alleyne is also a former ESPN Rise Magazine Athlete of the Year.

"I feel that he's hungry to be successful again

because he's coming back to FIU for a change," Arena said.

This is not the first time that Alleyne and Barbar will meet on the field. In 2008, they played together on the Schulz Academy club team.

"That was a plus. Chemistry obviously

assists in his four-year career. He comes in to FIU with a championship background having won the state championship in 2008.

"Iko is not only talented but he probably will be the hardest worker that we have," Arena said.

Daniel Gonzalez, the signee with the most

Arena saw the great potential that Daniel Gonzalez could bring to this Panther team.

"Danny will be playing an attacking role and he's already developed great leadership qualities, I can see him making an impact right away," Arena said. "Danny is the player that everyone should keep an eye on this year. He is very talented, smart, and responsible on and off the field and that's a recipe for becoming a great player."

The remaining two signees are Lyle Lindquist, a defender/midfielder from Miami Palmetto Senior High School in Pinecrest, where he was a two-time, All-Dade selection and Andrew Mattek, a forward from West Boca Raton High School, where he scored 20 goals in his junior season and was a two-time, all-county selection. Lindquist and Mattek were teammates with Daniel Gonzalez on Kendall SC in the U.S. Soccer Development Academy. They join Gonzalez as the freshmen on the squad.

"The three incoming freshmen are probably the three best players in Miami," Arena said. "To make such a quick impression to the community, their families, and their dedication towards FIU says a lot about what we've done and what we're going to do in the future."

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**Kenny Arena**  
 Men's Soccer, Head Coach

happens but it takes time and to have two players that have chemistry along with the three freshmen who also played together on the same team is just going to be huge for us," Arena said.

Icaro Marcos Cesar De Oliveria, or Iko for short, is a midfielder from Tyler College in Tyler, Texas. Iko attended Stoneman Douglas in Parkland, Fla., where he scored 32 goals with 28

polished background, is a midfielder out of Miami Killian Senior High School where he scored 76 career goals. He was named All-Miami Dade and team MVP his junior and senior seasons. Gonzalez, a Copa-Dorada Hispanic Athlete Award recipient, traveled to England as a member of the Chelsea Disney Showcase all-star team.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

## Schedule features two SEC foes

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In the 2011 season, the women's soccer team came out on top as Sun Belt Conference Champions. With the strength of schedule this year, 182-170-39, it is possible to see a repeat for the Panthers.

On June 7, head coach Thomas Chestnutt announced the 2012 19-game schedule that spans six different conferences. Two things characterize this season's schedule: new faces and a taxing eight-game span.

The Panthers kick off the season with a three-game home stand during Parents' Weekend as they take on Stetson and Jacksonville. The following week, the Panthers will finish off their home stand when they face Morehead State.

"It's always nice to be able to open up at home," Chestnutt said. "You're in comfortable surroundings, you know what the field is like, and all those good things come in to help you."

After their season kickoff at home, the Panthers embark on their most grueling eight-game trek of the year where they are on the road for seven of the next eight games.

"We are going to hit the road, and we're going to be road dogs for a few weeks," Chestnutt said. "I think that is going to toughen us up and make us stronger for the end of the year."

FIU faces three consecutive teams that each made it to the 2011 NCAA Tournament. First on the travel plans is Ft. Meyers, Fla. where

FIU will take on Florida Gulf Coast (14-5-2).

Next is Gainesville, Fla. where the Panthers will compete in their toughest match of the season. FIU will compete against the No.11 ranked Gators who finished the season with a 17-8 record. "They have a very strong team, they do a very good job there, and it will be a very tough test for us," Chestnutt said.

The following match doesn't get easier as FIU travels to Louisiana to take on LSU, a top-50 team in 2011. This game will be the first ever faceoff of the two teams.

"We always want to have a tough non-conference schedule and I think this season is no different. We want to play teams that are not going to be pushovers," Chestnutt said. "We want to take our team to the next level, and every one of those teams should bring something different to our non-conference schedule."

The Panthers return to their home field to take on Idaho before they head out on yet another four-game road stand. The Vandals will be making their first visit to Miami as they take on the Panthers for the first time in history.

FIU will then head on the road to participate in the Cats Classic. The match will take place in Tucson, Ariz. where the Panthers will face a couple of Pac 12 opponents, Arizona and Arizona State. This will be the first time the Panthers play both of these teams.

The Panthers open up Sun Belt in South Alabama before they head off to Troy, Ala. to challenge the

Trojans.

"When we go to play anyone in our conference, we are for sure one of their biggest games of the season. Everybody is looking to beat you when you come to them or when you play them," Chestnutt said. "Then they see you on their schedule and they say this is one of the top teams in our conference and we have to bring our 'A' game."

The Panthers then come back home to end the month of September and play Middle Tennessee and Western Kentucky. These may be the toughest conference matches, as FIU was 0-1-2 in 2011 against the pair.

After a brief intermission where FIU faces North Texas on the road, they return the following week during Panther's Alumnae Weekend to square off against Louisiana and ULM.

After their Alumnae Weekend, the Panthers will travel again, this time to Jonesboro, Ark., where they will take on the Red Wolves of Arkansas State, the team they beat in the first round of the SBC tournament.

FIU's final home game comes against UALR and the Panthers' final regular-season game is on the road against FAU, a team they have beat three consecutive times.

The Panthers hope to participate in the Sun Belt Conference Tournament that will take place in Mobile, Ala. (Oct. 31-Nov. 3). Following this tournament will be the NCAA Championship that is scheduled to begin on Nov. 10-16 in San Diego, Calif.

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## BASEBALL

# Four MLB teams select Panthers during draft

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After the dust settled, juniors Jabari Henry, Mason McVay and Rudy Flores as well as senior Mike Martinez were all selected between the 18th and 36th round on Wednesday in the 2012 MLB First-Year Player Draft.

The Seattle Mariners were the first to

get their hands into the Panthers as they drafted Henry in the 18th round of the draft.

The power-hitting outfielder was one of the most productive players in the Sun Belt Conference in 2012, ranking fourth in slugging percentage with a .563 mark and third in home runs with 12. Henry is a career .283 hitter at FIU and ranks fourth all time in home runs with 34.

He was named to the 2012 First-Team All-SBC team and is a former freshman All-American.

The Arizona Diamondbacks were the second MLB team to draft a Panther, this time taking first baseman Rudy Flores in the 21st round, who appeared in only three games in 2012.

Flores was reported to have broken his jaw in batting practice early in the season, but it was revealed several months later that he broke a team rule and was released.

Flores hit .291 with eight home runs and 52 RBI in the 2011 campaign with a .368 on-base percentage.

The San Francisco Giants then drafted McVay, a 6-foot-7 inch left-hander, in the 26th round. McVay had a 3.36 ERA on the year and struck out 72 batters in 64 1/3 innings while walking 41 batters. The recently converted starter has a 3-6 record and a 4.31 ERA in 66 appearances for FIU.

The team with the first overall pick in the draft, the Houston Astros, drafted Martinez in the 36th round. The slugging third baseman (who is listed as a first baseman in the draft), was a catalyst in almost every game in 2012 and leaves FIU as the all-time leader in several categories.

He leads in hits (302), RBI (198), total bases (479) and at bats (874) and is the first Panther ever to be named All-Conference four times. Martinez led the SBC in average (.383) and on-base percentage (.488). He was third in slugging with a .577 mark.

Outfielder Alexis Rivera (10th round/Kansas City Royals), catcher Phildrick Llewellyn (13th round/Arizona Diamondbacks), right-hander Reid Scoggins (1st round/Los Angeles Angels) and catcher Chucky Vazquez (40th round/Milwaukee Brewers) are all high school players that had verbally committed to FIU at the time of the draft, but ultimately signed with their respective teams.

One notable omission from the draft is senior Pablo Bermudez, the 2011 SBC player of the year and the pick to repeat for the same award in 2012. While he

was not drafted, he can still sign as an undrafted free agent, which is the route former Panther Garret Wittels took with the St. Louis Cardinals.

Each FIU player drafted signed with his respective teams and has already begun playing for the rookie affiliate of their organization.

## FAILED EXPECTATIONS

Two left feet. That's what did the Panthers in this season and head coach Turtle Thomas wasted no time in admitting that errors were the reason that the season was derailed and FIU never met the pre-season expectations placed upon them.

"Every team has problems," Thomas said. "We probably didn't field as well as we could have. That was probably the Achilles heel."

FIU led the league in errors by a wide margin with 106, finishing 271 out of 291 schools in Division I. Freshman short-stop Julius Gaines had 26 errors, most by any individual in the conference.

Unfortunately for the Panthers, errors were not the only flaw for the team in the SBC tournament. It was a mix of errors, bullpen blows ups and shoddy starting pitching that led to FIU being swept out of the tournament in three straight games and ending the 2012 season with a 31-26 record.

FIU, the No. 3 seed, played the No. 6 seed, Troy, on May 24 and was downed 6-1 after the Panthers' bullpen imploded in the eighth inning, wasting a stellar outing by right-hander Michael Ellis.

FIU played an even lower ranked opponent the next day, Middle Tennessee, the No. 7 seed, but the results were worse. The Blue Raiders tore through FIU's starting pitching and capitalized on four Panthers errors to win 12-6.

Mathematically out of the tournament already, FIU ran into the eventual runner up, Arkansas State, the No. 2 seed. The Red Wolves tore through R.J. Fondon and won the game 12-4 en route to the championship game against ULM.

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## WORK IT OUT

# Students jump on Crossfit band wagon leaving FIU's gym behind



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Student Maggie Ycazza Sevilla works out at her local crossfit box, performing an exercise called "wall ball shots."

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What's the big deal about Crossfit? You run, you lift weights and (hopefully) lose some weight, nothing new.

However, in recent years, Crossfit has become increasingly popular, transitioning from an underground guerilla workout system, to a household name.

Fitness fads normally come and go within a few years, yet Crossfit seems to only be getting bigger. Even more importantly, unlike other fads, Crossfit really seems to be penetrating the college market.

It is not uncommon to see students wearing a shirt from their gym, or box, as "crossfitters" call them, around FIU's campus.

But with memberships starting anywhere from \$75 to \$125 a month and there being a state of the art fitness facility right on campus, just what type of students are really opting to jump on the Crossfit bandwagon?

To many, paying extra money for a gym membership doesn't make much sense, especially when FIU's Recreation Center facilities are on par with just about any other private gym.

With a wide array of cardio and resistance machines, free weights, basketball and racquetball courts, as well as a full schedule of instructor led classes, such as spinning and aerobics, every member of the FIU family has something to keep them fit.

Nevertheless, it is becoming more and more apparent that something is missing. When asked about why they would rather pay for a Crossfit membership rather than use the FIU gym, the answer was simple: "I don't necessarily dislike anything about the REC Center, I'd just rather have really loud music and a coach screaming in my face while I workout for some reason," answered sophomore Greyceli Marin-Dragonetti, 19.

The "in your face" nature of Crossfit is evident from the moment one steps foot into a Crossfit box. There are no mirrors, no fancy equipment and in many cases, no air

conditioning.

What you will find is a room full of sweaty people smiling and talking about their new PR (personal record), comparing bloody hands and acting very differently than one would expect to see at a normal gym.

Because of the way the workouts are structured, those working out are also competing with those around them. "I may not be speaking for everyone when I say this, but it's made me really competitive.

If I ever feel like I didn't do so well on a workout, I'm just really hard on myself about it. Crossfit has created the inevitable, almost obsessive, drive to do better," added Marin-Dragonetti.

This competition also seems to have another benefit. Apart from creating rivalries, it also brings the participants closer together.

"I feel that Crossfit is a much more personal experience than a regular gym.

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## THEATER BEAT

# Theater festival brings "The Maids"

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The eroding power of class distinctions will take center stage in the Department of Theater's Alternative Theater Festival's second play, "The Maids," by Jean Genet and directed by first time director Tatiana Pandiani, a senior, BFA Performance major.

Following "Oh Dad, Oh Dad, Mamas Hung You in the Closet and I'm Feeling so Sad?" by Arthur Kopit and directed by Daniel Mitan, "The Maids" tells the story of sisters—and maids-- Claire and Solange,

played by alumnus Andrea Bovino and junior, BFA Performance major, Amanda Ortega, respectively, who plot to get rid of their employer, Madame, played by alumnus Lali Navarro-Watts.

Loosely based on the real life case of the Papin sisters, Lea and Christine, who murdered their employer and her daughter in Le Mans, France in 1933, the play follows Claire and Solange as they engage in rituals when Madame is away, in which they plot her death.

The rituals take on a sadomasochistic aspect,

full of pain and humiliation, but also plenty of humor, creating a unique experience for the audience.

"The play has to do a lot with class distinctions and the *nouveau riche*, on a micro scale," said Pandiani. "But on a personal level, it made me think about wanting to be someone else, and while the sisters want to kill her [Madame], at the same time they want be her and live her experiences."

Pandiani discovered the play through a trip she took to Chicago last Thanksgiving. While walking through a used bookstore, she picked up a copy of

"The Maids," but did not read it until the end of the spring semester, when she received an email about the Alternative Theater Festival's open applications for directors.

"They opened the application process to alumni as well as students who had taken a directing class on campus before, and I decided to apply," explained Pandiani. "It's an absurdist play, so it's not the more common thing we do during the year, and it has a cast of only three people, but I thought its themes are

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## HAUTE TOPIC

# H&M preview now in Miami

There is nothing better than the perfect mix of affordable and stylish, especially when you are a college student on a budget.

## COLUMNIST



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Swedish multinational clothing store H&M offers a plethora of inexpensive chic items from shoes and accessories, to swimwear, evening outfits, blazers, jeans and intimates. You name it, they have it, for both men and women.

However, until recently, H&M was a foreign concept to Miami, making it difficult for students in the area to take advantage of the popular retailers, especially since the company does not offer an online shopping option.

A "pop-up store," or preview H&M store, opened its doors June 1 to the greater Miami crowd. Basically, the boutique sized H&M near Lincoln Road is meant to be a teaser for the full sized department store that will make its way onto our streets this Fall.

For those of you who have never walked into an H&M before, their clothing has a very simplistic look with an edge. Basics are an easy find, but what really makes H&M stand out are key pieces, such as dressy blazers, fun summer prints, bold colors and flattering cuts, fitting most body types very well.

Lines gathered outside of the popular store for weeks, buzzing with excitement that the desirable shop had finally appeared on the radar. I decided to visit the store myself, but a some time after its opening (to avoid getting trampled by a crowd of really trendy, but still scary, customers).

The location was very small compared to the superstores I had been to in West Palm Beach, Orlando and New York. Not only was the place tiny, but the merchandise was scarce. Sizes 2-6 were pretty much non-existent, making it very difficult for shoppers, including myself, to find things.

With a lot of patience and determination though, it is not possible to leave the store empty-handed and unsatisfied. Being inside that H&M preview store might have been a total tease, but it was also a reminder of its awesome deals and how stylish the clothes are. Shifting through the racks of \$5 tank tops and \$24 party dresses was refreshing, after shopping in stores like Urban Outfitters or J.Crew, where a simple tee might run for \$30—on sale.

Satisfied, but still hungry for more, is how you will leave the H&M pop-up store if you decide to visit it this summer. Students in the Miami area, girls and guys, who could really use a breather from overpriced brands might want to start making the store a household name because H&M is not far from a glorious steal.

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The H&M shop is now open in downtown Miami.



## ART AND CULTURE

# Larger than life wooden sculptures come to The Frost

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Raw, organic and critically acclaimed, “Ursula von Rydingsvard: Sculpture” brings larger than life attention to FIU’s Frost Museum.

With her hand-picked cedar wood and decades of experience, von Rydingsvard does not disappoint in her most recent collection, available for public viewing until Aug. 5.

Born in Deensen, Germany, von Rydingsvard moved with her family to the United States in 1950. The young artist received her Bachelor of Arts and

Master of Arts from the University of Miami and her Master of Fine Arts from Columbia University.

Ever since, the nicknamed “sorceress of cedar” has been creating art pieces for the past thirty years.

Her sculptures have been included in various permanent collections, such as the Whitney Museum of American Art, Metropolitan Museum of Art and on display in front of the Microsoft Corporation.

These six month to year projects require no rulers, have no exact measurements and are made by the combined efforts of von Rydingsvard and her

band of beam cutting and hauling staff.

Hand-saws, mallets, clamps and chisels are just a few of the tools, accompanied by the four-by-four beams that can be found in her studio in Buschwick.

Her preference for using cedar, specifically Vancouver Island cedar, resonates in the wood’s unique pigment and texture. “It says what I need to say,” said von Rydingsvard. “The job just does not fulfill with other materials.”

Along with specific woods, unique styles and monumental sizes that add to her overall style in her

sculptures, she has utilized an ancient method with the unlikely material of cow’s intestines to accent a few of her pieces.

Von Rydingsvard describes her process of making these pieces as informative, in which each piece teaches her along the way how to create a desired effect.

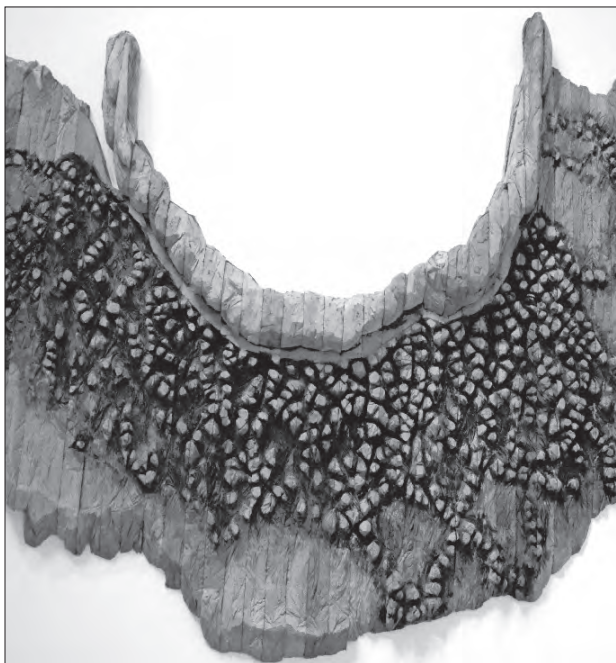
The artist admits that her thinking is not very distinct and meaningful when she begins her work. With age she has more of an urgency to follow what she labels as artistic impulses.

However, audiences seem to respond to her open-mind with comments

of praise, such as Carol Damien, professor of Art History and director of Frost Museum, who commented, “It is one of the most illustrious

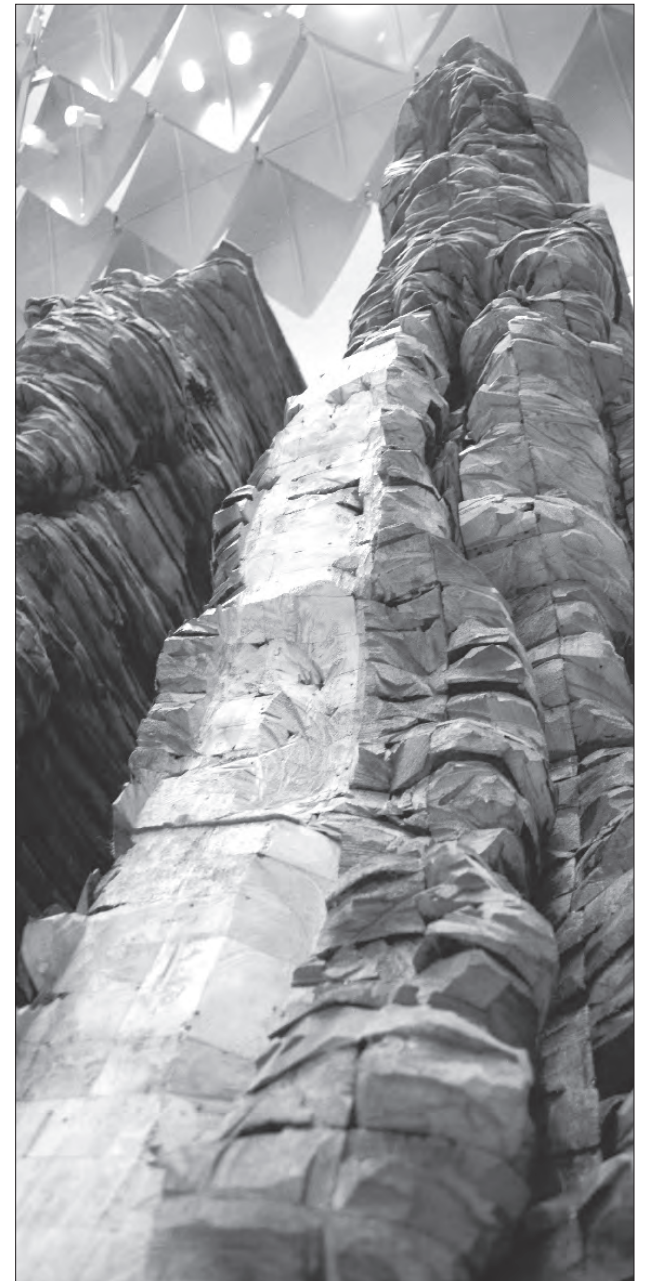
events to be happening in the museum, as well as in Florida.”

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The massive wooden sculptures by Ursula von Rydingsvard are on display at The Frost for the majority of the summer. The artist uses bizarre props for her work, including cow intestines [left]. The sculptures took six months to a year to be completed.



## ‘Maids’ play explores pain, humiliation and humor

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still relevant, so I submitted my application suggesting it.”

The past weeks have been spent rehearsing for opening night as well as getting everyone on the same page.

“The experience has been intense. The script is not straight forward and leaves a lot of room

for interpretation, but at the same time, leaves so much room for the reader and the audience to figure out; it’s like Genet gave us all the questions but not the answers. It’s also very funny and dark and finds humor in so many things that might be seen as sad and pathetic,” said Pandiani.

The design, however, will not be shackled down to Genet’s

interpretation that sets the play in the 1940s. The designers, which are composed of current students, have taken liberties with the general feel of the play.

“We weren’t loyal to the time period, even though there are moments where you can see hints of it; it’s not necessary for this play,” Pandiani said.

Pandiani has also loved

working with returning alumni and could not be happier with her casting choices.

“I like the idea that they opened it up to alumni because it’s a way for people to come back, and it’s nice to have the experience of having someone that already graduated working with another actress who is still in the [theater] program. They

[the cast] are thinking critically and working on sorting out the whole play, not just their parts.”

“The Maids” opens on Jun. 27 at 5:30 p.m. and June 28-30 at 8 p.m. in the Wertheim Performing Arts Center. Tickets sold at the door; general admission is \$10.

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## Crossfit box vs. FIU REC Center

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Everyone knows each other, while in the FIU gym, especially if you have to go by yourself, you can feel out of place. Crossfit is more like family,” said junior Maggie Ycaza Sevilla.

When it comes down to it, it is the “Crossfit atmosphere” that seems to be making FIU students, and people in general, make the switch.

There are those students, however, who feel it unnecessary to leave FIU’s campus in order to stay fit.

“Between classes, work and everything else going on, I really don’t have time to join

a Crossfit gym. I can find good workouts online and I can do them by myself, either at home or the FIU gym,” says Dimitri Alexander, a sophomore business major.

The issue of convenience, be it financial or otherwise, seems to be a pivotal role in the decision process.

Sophomore Juliana Morales says, “The only reason I think I actually decided to join was because I got a discount for signing up with my boyfriend.” However, when asked if she would have used the FIU REC Center had she not joined her box, she answered, “probably not, I guess I’d have a hard time knowing what to do.”

In the end, there is no real answer as to what type of student would rather join a Crossfit box. For some, it offers the guided challenge that a regular gym fails to deliver, and for others, it is just another fad.

However, only one thing is

for certain, choice is something that never hurt anyone, especially when dealing with something as difficult as staying fit during the college years.

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## STUDENT FEES

# Necessary evil hits student wallets

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Athletic, health and parking fees can all be considered undue burdens University students need to deal with, aside from skyrocketing tuition prices students need to pay for with every semester enrollment.

At first glance, these it can be argued that these fees should be optional, given that students might not all be capable of taking advantage of the offered services these fees fund.

However, it should be noted that the University's ability to properly function would be jeopardized if these fees would be made optional.

Without much knowledge of how far these fees go in keeping the University operational, one can easily confuse these fees as unnecessary.

Not only that, but we would fail to realize the benefits that emerge from the funding that comes from these

fees.

A basic understanding of these student fees could lead one to think that the only good that comes from them is a parking decal and access to the gym; this, of course, is untrue.

Student fees contribute to the overall daily experience of being a student at the University, while tuition simply covers the academic portion of your time spent at FIU.

The Parking and Transportation Access Fee alone helps fund parking facilities and emergency telephone call centers as well as lighting, road and sidewalk improvements; they also fund the Golden Panther Express shuttle, which travels between Biscayne Bay Campus and Modesto Maidique Campus, as well as the CATS Service shuttle, which travels from the Modesto Maidique Campus to the College of Engineering and Computing.

The Student Health Fee aids in the

funding of departments that provide students with affordable clinical and mental-health services at on-campus locations; the Counseling and Psychological Services Center, the Victim Advocacy Center and the Disability Resource Center are all also funded by this fee.

In addition, the athletic fee provides students with free of charge access to all University athletic events; the athletic fee is also the only source of revenue for the University's Athletic Department which can help improve the athletic department, and in turn increase the department's chances of gaining sponsorships.

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## CAMPUS LIFE

# Kids, find a room, not a couch



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About two years ago, couches began sprouting on the second floor of the Graham Center like daisies, most notably near the Campus Life wing and along the hallway where the FIU Student Media and Student Government Association offices are housed.

While some students have used them as a welcome refuge nestled away from the first floor bustle as an opportunity to study, eat lunch, or catch a few winks of sleep, others have used these couches for more unique purposes that have elicited the ire of many student media staffers, including myself.

I am referring to those students who use this newfound seating area as a location for conjugal visits.

I am all for decent public

displays of affection, but I find it irritating and awkward when I have to quickly pass a couple engaged in a heavy make-out session as I approach or leave the office.

Nothing makes me cringe more than an unwelcome glimpse of some student shoving his or her tongue down the throat of their partner or spooning away as if they are in their bedroom.

I think I can speak for Student Media when I say that such intense displays of affection should be saved for a much more private area, preferably one with four walls, a roof and a door (or doors) that lock.

Granted, before these seating areas were established, the aforementioned offices enjoyed relative seclusion. Rarely did anyone who didn't work for or need to visit these departments to take care of a business matter

care to venture down this hallway.

However, to those who think that these couches are free from passersby and therefore a perfect place to copulate, I think they should be aware that both divisions of Student Media and SGA have, when put together, well over 50 students working in these respective departments on a regular basis, even more when you take into account writers, copy editors, DJs and student officials.

Many of these students at any time arrive or leave from fulfilling their responsibilities. The last thing any of us want to see during our work day is two students' near-attempt at making a baby.

Additionally, our annoyance turns to anger when these students have had the audacity to glare at us as we pass along the hallway to get to work. I get the vibe that

they have a sense of entitlement to privacy and cannot believe that we have the nerve to encroach upon their make-out session.

What they fail to realize that when one decides to do the nasty in a public area with high foot traffic, they will indeed attract an unwelcome audience.

I don't in any way support or encourage voyeurism. So, to these couples who just can't keep their hands off each other before or after lunchtime, I urge you to think twice about using the couches along the Campus Life wing as a venue for sexual exploration.

You have a right to privacy, so exercise it properly by going to a truly private area to engage in your dalliances.

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## THE BEACON | Editorial

# Student fees without student input

With the recent passing of another tuition increase and more fee increases approved by the University's Board of Trustees, it doesn't seem as if student input has, or will have, an impact on the amount of money we have to pay. The very least that the University could do, at least on the surface, is make it seem as if what students think matters.

Since spring 2012, the University has recommended three fee increases, two within two days of each other: the activity and service fee was increased by 3.5 percent in February 2012, proposals for increases of the Capital Improvement Trust Fund and athletic fees were passed on May 8 and 9, respectively which were approved by the BOT on June 14.

The possibility of the A&S fee increase was on the agenda for the University as it is among three fees increased annually, one after the other: A&S was due in 2011-2012, athletics in 2010-2011, and health in 2009-2010.

By contrast, the fee for the CITF fund, which pays for the construction and renovation of non-academic buildings such as the student centers on both campuses, was last increased in 1976.

Back then it increased by \$2 to \$4.76 per credit hour. The money for this paid for the renovation of the U.S. Century Bank Arena and the Aquatic Center and future renovations of the Wolfe University Center at the Biscayne Bay Campus and Recreation Center at the Modesto Maidique Campus.

While the CITF fee was last increased 36 years ago, 2011-2012 makes the fourth time in five academic years the athletic fee was increased. The previous times FIU raised the athletic fee were in 2011 when the fee went up by three percent, by five percent in 2008-2009 and five percent in 2007-2008. All under the banner of "adding value to our degrees."

In May, Athletics requested 54 cents be added to the athletic fee, or a 1.5 percent increase, to cover the cost of switching to Conference USA from the Sun Belt Conference starting the 2012-2013 academic year.

Students did not ask Athletics to switch conferences. If the department and the University chose to do so, then both should pay for it themselves, or at least take a deep breath before coming to students again for another athletic fee increase.

The worst part? How little students were involved and how little our concerns mattered.

Hearings for the CITF and athletic fees were held on May 7 and 8, and votes took place the following day. One day is not enough time for our student government representatives to think about the impact of adding two additional fees on their fellow students, let alone actually try and collect the opinions during a semester students usually take off.

Also, as students we think the speed at which the University moved to conduct the hearings and votes was not indicative of an institution that cares about its students.

The proceedings for the CITF and athletics fees took place in summer A, the least attended session of the least attended semester. University officials said the hearings were held then so the Board of Trustees can vote on the increases at their meeting on June 14 and be on students' tuition by fall. But that does not explain why the fees should be on our tuitions by fall.

If the fees are to pass then it should be through a series of hearings to properly inform a broader range of students, and thus collecting a broader range of ideas for the fees. Those hearings, in fall or at least summer B, would have led to better student representation throughout the process.

But before we get better student representation in the recommendations of the committees, we must first get more students on the actual committees making the votes.

A committee making a decision that directly affects students must have a majority of students as members. We understand state statutes dictate the university president appoint non-student committee members, but it should also be with recommendations from the student government presidents and selected faculty members should be limited to those with tenure so as not to fear for their employment at the end of committee proceedings.

When it came to the athletic fee vote, all three student members voted no. However, it amounted to nothing as the four staff members all voted in favor. One of our student government representatives said he received 50 e-mails against raising the fee, but those e-mails were considered as not being "representative of the entire student body," by a university administrator on the athletics fee committee.

With all due respect, it stopped being about what the student body thinks three fee increases ago.

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SGC-BBC

## Despite increasing activity, SGC positions still vacant

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After the uncontested elections for Student Government Council at Biscayne Bay Campus, positions are still available to students interested in the senate, cabinet and judicial level.

Students have received e-mails about openings in the senate for education, hospitality management, nursing & health sciences, housing, Broward Pines Center, lower division, at-large and graduate.

There are cabinet openings for chief of staff, clerk of council, director of government relations, international relations, lectures, elections commissioner, internship coordinator, press secretary and marketing coordinator.

There are two positions open in the judicial branch for court clerk. Five applications were received for senate positions.

Kerline Honore is the newly appointed Senator for Arts & Sciences, Carolina Krauskopf for Honors College, Stephen Nuñez for School of Journalism & Mass Communications and Sola Adebodun for at-large.

"The more I can do for FIU, the better FIU will be," Nuñez said.

He hopes to work with student advocacy to make sure the voice of the student body is heard. "Students can feel free to contact me at any time with any problems they may have," Nuñez said.

According to Larissa Adames, SGA clerk, there are 22 vacant and 42 filled positions at SGC-BBC, which is the most active the council has been in two years.

"By next week, we expect about four poten-



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SGC-BBC sees an increase in active members yet holds 22 vacancies as Summer B begins. Positions in the senate, cabinet and judicial levels are still available.

tial candidates to be approved for the cabinet positions," said Adames.

Olwatamilore Odimayo, speaker of senate, explained that SGC-BBC goes through a process which approves candidates based upon requirements that include a minimum of a 2.5 GPA and at least half of the student's classes taken at BBC.

According to Odimayo, the lack of people appointed "slowed down" the council last year. "By filling these positions, we can have a more effective council," Odimayo said.

Rafael Zapata, assistant director and SGA advisor, adds that the Council will expect to fill most of the positions by the fall semester. "The important thing is to get them started right away so that they can set their goals," Zapata said.

According to Pablo Haspel, president of SGC-BBC, vacant positions are not a novelty for the council as it is something they have to deal with and improve upon.

Last year, Odimayo participated in recruitment events, which included pizza and T-shirt giveaways. He explained that this year, the

council is presenting at freshmen orientations to recruit applicants.

Zapata explains that the Council has been in contact with deans from different schools to encourage their students to apply.

"We have also been marketing in our new website and will have flyers going out into all the LCD screens across the Wolfe University Center," Zapata said.

Haspel hopes to attract incoming interns and has plans to motivate students to join other organizations. "We can't be successful if every other organization fails. It's a united campus. Every organization has a role to play," Haspel said.

Odimayo claims that some of the applicants appointed have been in the council before, bringing some prior experience into the council this coming year.

According to Haspel, many of the new applicants have been in other student organizations and have enough experience to solve issues on campus.

Zapata expects the newly-appointed senators "to work hard to accomplish the goals for student government and represent the students."

Odimayo urges students to apply to much-needed positions in the lower division, including the nursing & health sciences senator and Broward Pines Center senator positions.

According to Odimayo, SGC-BBC has never had representation in the Broward Pines Center.

"We are going to get a lot of things accomplished. I highly encourage students to get involved," Zapata said.

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CAMPUS LIFE

## Panther square dips into salsa

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Biscayne Bay Campus will be spiced up with the hot rhythms of salsa throughout the summer B term as the Student Programming Council launches the Dancing with the Wolfe series.

The series will consist of seven classes every Tuesday, beginning June 26 until Aug. 7, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Panther Square in the Wolfe University Center.

Yolanda Gonzales, known professionally as Mambo Yoli, has taught salsa, merengue, cha-cha and bachata for more than eight years. She will teach New York style salsa on 2. It's danced on the second beat of the music, usually characterized by the percussive instruments.

"When you're learning specific dances, there has to be a focal point, but depending on how students adapt, I can introduce other latin dances," Gonzales said. "The concept focus is salsa with a bonus on bachata and merengue."

Gonzalez expects both male and female students to attend. "It helps if you have a partner, but you don't need one."

The event is free and open to all students. Students will be able to sign up once the event begins.

Gonzalez encourages all students to "come dressed comfortably and ready to have fun!"

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AQUATICS CENTER

## Pool hopes for more in-water usage

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There are 776812.5 gallons of pool water at Biscayne Bay Campus Aquatics Center.

Whose pool is it, anyway?

"We have a facility that's not around every corner," said Christina Reddick, assistant aquatics coordinator.

The 75-by-146 foot pool hosts a variety of groups all year round on a daily basis.

"In the summer, it gets pretty busy. It's our busiest time," said one of the pool's lifeguards, Francisco Bolado.

According to Bolado, along with students, there are three separate summer camps that rent the facility. The North Miami Neptune's Swim team also use the pool every Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings.

The Aquatics Center's hours are Monday-Friday 1-7 p.m., and Saturday 10-5 p.m. The diving well is reserved for Scuba Diving classes on Saturdays.

The pool welcomes

members of the surrounding North Miami community. Faculty and staff may also use the pool for a day pass fee or membership, which can be annual or per semester. Day passes cost \$7 per swimmer.

According to Reddick, the most frequent weekly users are F.I.U.'s Women's swim and dive team—the only sports held at BBC.

Some members of the swim team use the facility on a daily basis during the summer in preparation for the upcoming season, which begins on the Friday of homecoming week.

"My goal is to get more in water activity," Reddick said.

Reddick mentions that the frequency of pool usage is a close tie between students and the North Miami Neptune's swim team.

Despite the free student admission, something has driven freshman journalism major Dylan Slack away from the pool.

"No, I do not use the pool and have never used the pool here," Slack said. "Now that it's summer, there are too many kids

here to swim freely."

Anyone walking through BBC will inevitably come across several different groups of children who belong to summer camps.

If students decide to use the pool they must be willing to share part of their

space with these children.

"Not many college campuses have an olympic pool and a diving well," said lifeguard Michael Corredera. "Students should take advantage of it."

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The Water Polo Swim club practice in the pool on a Saturday morning. The club also uses the pool three days a week.