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University President Mark Rosenberg shoots some hoops during the men's and women's basketball doubleheader against Florida Atlantic University on Jan. 4.

LIFE!

Theatre students attend festival

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For their work on "The House of the Spirits" last Fall as well as other productions, the Department of Theatre was invited once again to participate in the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival Region 4 competition this past weekend, starting Feb. 3, in the Davidson Theater in News-Journal

Center at Daytona State College.

Michael Yawney, an associate professor at the Department of Theatre, who also directed "The House of the Spirits," is attending KCACTF for the third time.

"The House of the Spirits' is the first time a production I directed has ever been part of the festival, although respondents from KCACTF have come to every production I have directed at FIU to offer feedback on the production," Yawney

said. "It was not easy to reassemble the production and travel with it, but the honor was so great that we could not say no."

The group of 24 students and five faculty members who were nominated in various categories for their work included professors Jesse Dreikossen and Tony Galaska and students Caroline Spitzer and Javier Figueredo.

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COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Professor gets down to business

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What started out as a hobby has now become the "leading technology on innovation."

Kaihan Krippendorff's new book "Outthink the Competition: How a New Generation of Strategists Sees Options Others Ignore" seeks to provide the new generation of

business entrepreneurs with the tools necessary to think outside of the box.

Last Friday, Krippendorff, online professor of entrepreneurship, gave a lecture sponsored by the Eugenio Pino & Family Global Entrepreneurship Center at the University

"The purpose of the event [was] to expose the FIU community to a set of tools that will

help students who want to start businesses, build more innovative, disruptive ones and help professors teaching business enable their students to think more expansively and creatively about business building," said Krippendorff.

His PowerPoint presentation included excerpts from his book, allowing members of the audience to use his ideas in the

context of their own business plans and be motivated to "row harder than [their] competition."

"[Kaihan] is a cutting-edge thinker," said Boris Hirmas Said, FIU's entrepreneur-in-residence while introducing Kaihan. "[he] divides thinker and 'outthinker.'"

Krippendorff incorporated an ancient Chinese

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Senate plays role in \$13 million budget process

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The first of eight meetings regarding budget hearings and deliberations will proceed as scheduled today, though a new body will have approval power.

The Senates from both the Modesto Maidique Campus and Biscayne Bay Campus Student Government Councils now have the responsibility of approving the allocation of \$13 million of Activity & Service fees that will affect around 60 student organizations and facilities.

"Because the SGA Constitution defines the legislative branch as the MMC/BBC Senates, the Court finds that the University-wide Council is not the final legislative body that should be approving the University-wide budget," according to the SGC-MMC Supreme Court ruling.

"You [the Senate] will now have more of a say," said Sanjeev Udhmani, SGC-MMC vice president, at the Jan. 6 SGC-MMC meeting.

The legality of the previous budget allocation process was first questioned by the Coalition of Students for Reform, a self-proclaimed student political party, through a petition that was heard by SGC-MMC's Supreme Court on Jan. 27.

According to Florida Statute chapter 1009.24 (10) (b), the legislative body of SGA must give the final approval of the allocated funds, instead of the nine members of the U-wide council.

After reviewing the petition, the SGC-MMC Supreme Court, without input from the SGC-BBC Supreme Court, ruled in favor of the writ filed by Velez, with the decision being released on Feb. 4.

At the meeting on Monday, Mohamed Al-Darsani, associate justice of the SGC-MMC Supreme Court, expanded on the ruling and the effects it has the structure of SGA's judiciary

branch.

He stated that the SGC-MMC Supreme Court "does have jurisdiction over cases concerning that SGA Constitution and is not required to establish an ad hoc court with members of BBC to hear such cases."

"[Having] the power to do something, doesn't mean that you must do something," said Al-Darsani, referring to the SGC Supreme Court's power to create an ad hoc court composed of justices from both campuses to address University-wide cases. "The executive branch has the power to create a cabinet but that doesn't mean that they must."

SGC-MMC Associate Justice Alexander Williams added that at the time of the

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Mohamed Al-Darsani,
Associate Justice
SGC-MMC

ruling "there was no other supreme court."

"There was no one at the other supreme court to have an ad hoc hearing with and given the time constraints, it made everything rather time sensitive," said Williams. "We felt that we could go on, given that we have jurisdictional grounds over any constitutional provisions."

A proposal to amend the SGA Constitution to create an appellate court was made by Al-Darsani at the meeting in case of any future conflict between the two separate courts.

"If there was one additional level, that would be able to solve the problem," said Al-Darsani.

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Check out Friday's issue for a preview on the FIU Geopolitical Summit featuring New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman.

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University Board of Trustees seeking to fill vacancy

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The Trustee Nominating Committee of the Florida Board of Governors has released a statement saying that they are on the lookout for an appointment to the Board of Trustees for the University.

The Board of Governors is the body in charge of defining the missions of the individual institutions as well as ensuring the coordination and operation of the system.

The BOG does this in part by appointing

members to individual Board of Trustees to run the universities, as does the Governor of Florida.

The Florida university system serves more than 320,000 students which makes it the fourth largest public university system in the nation.

The BOT of the universities in the system are responsible for creating processes for the University to adhere to state policy, budgeting and education standards.

Each of the 11 state universities has a BOT made up of 13 members who are

responsible for cost-effective policy and maintaining high quality education programs within the system.

The term of services for the individual who takes up the position will last through Jan. 6 2015.

“The Board of Governors is looking for individuals to serve as university trustees who are interested in higher education and interested in taking our universities to a level of excellence that helps both the institution and the goals of the State University System,” said Morteza “Mori” Hosseini of Daytona Beach, chair

of the Trustee Nominating Committee of the Florida Board of Governors in a news brief.

The application for the position is available online, and must be completed by all those interested in filling the vacancy. Applicants can find the paperwork on <http://www.flbog.edu/aboutsus/ubt.php>, and should be mailed upon completion to Tallahassee for processing.

The deadline for the applications to be completed is March 1. Any questions related to the appointment may be addressed to the BOG.

Krippendorff promotes thinking ‘out of the box’

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essay called the “36 Stratagems,” a series of ways to overcome political or military adversaries, into the modern business model.

He presented what he called “The Fourth Option,” an idea “outside of the prevailing paradigm.”

Krippendorff explained that what made a company different from its competition is what made it “easier to compete.”

“He really believes in what he says,” said senior business student Natalia Alvarez. “He’s not the typical businessman.”

Krippendorff conceived the idea in 1996 when he read the “36 Stratagems.”

He looked for articles and researched different companies on the weekends, linking their methods to the stratagems.

As he compiled his research, it was suggested to him to consider turning the work into a book.

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“I wish they taught this in school,” said Ileana Canizares, director of professional development at the International Business Honor Society at the University.

Krippendorff has published four books, teaches, owns his own consultation firm called Outthinker.

He gives workshops and speeches for companies such as Microsoft, Johnson & Johnson, Ryder, L’Oreal, GE and Wal-Mart.

“There is a new genera-

tion that thinks differently than their bosses,” Krippendorff said.

He hoped his book could “reconcile the conflict between them.”

As Krippendorff went through some of the key stratagems, he asked students to consider using them in the workplace.

“It has nothing to do with intelligence,” Krippendorff said.

It was a matter of overcoming “mental limitation.”

Throughout the lecture, Krippendorff pushed



Kaihan Krippendorff
Professor of Entrepreneurship

students to “write down one crazy idea” and not to worry about the “how.”

Students and professors

alike found Krippendorff’s ideas to be individual and unique.

“I thought it was outstanding,” said Constance Bates, College of Business professor and faculty advisor for IBHS. “We’re very lucky [Krippendorff] has taken the time to offer an online course for students on innovation.”

Bates, who teaches the course Managing Innovation, is planning to use the book “Outthink the Competitor” in her class.

“[“Outthink the Compe-

titon’] is different from anything I’ve ever read on innovation,” Bates said. “He has carefully analyzed the different steps taken by successful businesses... [and] has picked the most critical elements.”

Following the event, Krippendorff had a one-on-one lunch session with the students and a book signing.

Free copies of his book were distributed to students.

“[Kaihan’s lecture] taught us how to adapt to change,” Alvarez said.



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- Feb 10** Hearings @ BBC: University Wide
9 pm - 5 pm, WUC 221
- Feb 15** Deliberations @ BBC: University Wide
12 pm - 10 pm, WUC 245
- Feb 18** Deliberations @ MMC: University Wide
9 pm - 5 pm, GC 1235
- Feb 21** Hearings: MMC Campus specific
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- Feb 24** Hearings: BBC campus specific
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

RIVALRY RENEWED

Panthers clobber rival Florida Atlantic by 20 points

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The streak is over. Five consecutive losses to Florida Atlantic dating back to 2009 ended on Feb. 4 at FAU Arena as the Panthers relied on a 13-2 run mid-way in the second half to defeat the Owls 76-56.

Phil Taylor finished with a strong second half as he scored 22 points. Jeremy Allen followed with 20 points. Dominique Ferguson added 14 points inside the paint for FIU (7-15, 4-6 SBC). The Panthers finished shooting at 48.1 percent from the field.

"I thought the first half was a typical between the two teams. I thought our team played well in the second half," Head Coach Isiah Thomas said. "We did some good things on the defensive end. We rebounded the basketball better and the competition [with FAU] has made us better."

After trailing 29-28 at the break, the Panthers began the second half on a 9-1 run to take a 37-30 lead. After the Owls countered with a run to trim the lead to 44-42 with 10 minutes remaining in the game, FIU pushed the lead back up to 13, via a 11-0 run, which was capped off by a slam dunk by Allen off a steal to give the Panthers a



JONATHAN SEGAL/THE BEACON

The Panthers notched their first win against FAU since 2009. It was also Isiah Thomas' first career-win against the Owls.

55-42 lead.

When the Owls attempted to make a run with less than five minutes remaining, the Panthers continued to attack the basket. "We just felt like

everything was going for us," Allen said. "We played the way we wanted to play. It was good for us."

With the game in hand for FIU, the sold-out, rowdy

crowd at FAU arena began to empty the arena.

"It felt good," DeJuan Wright said. "After how the last game went, it felt good to be up that much and seeing

their crowd leaving."

Defensively the Panthers did not allow Florida Atlantic (9-14, 5-5 SBC) to get into any rhythm offensively. The Owls finished the game

shooting 34.4 percent from the field. Although Greg Gantt finished the game with 21 points, defensively the Panthers were able to contain the other Owls from scoring.

"We knew he was going to get his but we were trying to maintain and contest his shots," Allen said.

Although Wright did not have his typical game scoring from field, he was able to contribute in other areas while Allen, Ferguson and Taylor were scoring.

"I wasn't trying to get in the way of their flow," Wright said. "I knew we needed a lot of help on the glass. I took it upon myself to get rebounds." Wright finished with nine points and 11 rebounds.

At the end of the game, the Panthers were able to convert on its foul shots to ice the game. Taylor was the catalyst for the Panthers in running the offense for FIU in the second half.

"I just kept being aggressive. I just found another way to get myself involved in the game," Taylor said. "We came out and were patient. [We] work the ball, set screens and cut [to the basket]." For the Panthers, the win was notice to Florida Atlantic that the rivalry was not over.

"The rivalry is still on," Allen said. "It felt good to get this one."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

FIU to face second most-improved team in the nation



ANDRES BEDOYA/THE BEACON

Fanni Hutlassa (center) scored a team-high 17 points, but fouled out with a minute to go in the Panthers 51-49 loss to FAU.

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The definition of insanity is repeating the same thing and expecting different results. Many people find themselves committing this kind of action in their everyday lives, but rarely do you see a sports team continue to figuratively bang their head against a wall trying to make something happen.

Over the past few weeks, head coach Cindy Russo has emphasized the Panthers' need to improve their rebounding on both ends of the floor. However, there has not been a great difference seen on the boards. The only team that the Panthers were able to out-rebound in the past five matchups was a team that has managed just one win this season, Troy.

This week, the Panthers will face off with a North Texas team that currently leads the Sun Belt in rebounding offense, averaging 41.7 rebounds per game. The Panthers are

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ANDRES BEDOYA/THE BEACON

Coley looks to end offensive woes

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currently seventh, with just 35.9 rebounds per game.

COLEY ROLLING DOWN HILL

After having one of her best shooting performances of the season, going 11-16, all-American hopeful Jerica Coley had perhaps her worst of the year. At FAU, Coley did not score a single point in the first half, shooting 0-10 from the field.

She still managed to score 12 points in the game, keeping her streak of reaching double figures in every game this season alive.

Her scoring average took a hit, going down to 24.3 points per game. However, she still ranks second in the nation just behind Elena Delle Donne of Delaware.

Even though she struggled in her last game against FAU, Coley doesn't believe that the pressure is getting to her.

"No, it's the same way it has been all year," Coley said.

WHAT TO WATCH FOR

This will be the only time all year that the Mean Green and the Panthers square off. The

Panthers will have to contain Jasmine Godbolt, who just reached the 1,000-point mark for her career in North Texas' loss to Middle Tennessee last week.

The junior forward is eighth in the Sun Belt in scoring (13.7 points per game) and fourth in rebounding (7.7 rebounds per game).

Brittney Hudson and Tamara Torru are also in the top 10 in the Sun Belt in steals, three point percentage and free throw percentage.

Those two senior guards will provide the bulk of the offense for the Mean Green in their matchup against the Panthers on Feb. 9.

With the loss to the Owls this past weekend, the Panthers are now fourth in the Eastern Division (5-5), back two games from South Alabama (7-4) and two and a half to FAU (7-3).

They have six games left to make up ground against those opponents before all the teams head to Hot Springs, Arkansas for the Sun Belt Tournament.

After North Texas, the team will face Denver at U.S. Century Bank Arena on Feb. 11 for their only meeting of the season.

Coley struggled to find her shot, going 0-10 in the first half against FAU. She finished off with 12 points.

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SINKING FAST



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The Panthers lost to FAU overall in the meet 138-103, only winning three of the 26 events held in Boca Raton on Feb. 4. The Panthers have now lost their last two meets before the Sun Belt Tournament on Feb. 22 in Denton, TX.

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SPOTLIGHT ON...

Challenged faith Professor done with organized religion

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At a young age, Whitney Bauman, assistant professor of religious studies, gave up on religion.

Reared in an Episcopal Church, Bauman became very involved with the youth group and choir. But he challenged everything he was taught, questioning theology and the idea that Christianity was right and all other religions were wrong. Things got worse when Bauman was 16.

"Growing up in the South—if you're different at all—religion is not very nice to you," Bauman said.

The choirmaster, who Bauman was very close to because of his involvement in the choir from such an early age, was fired for being gay.

Bauman said the priest at the time accused the choirmaster of doing things he had never done. Bauman was in awe as the church community split over the issue.

"After that, I was kind of done with organized religion," Bauman said. "I decided that whatever existed was definitely not to be found in any church."

About three years later, while studying psychology at Hendrix College in Arkansas, Bauman found himself reading philosophy. The questions these readings asked and discussed inspired Bauman to look for answers.

"They asked and taught me in ways that didn't necessarily involve some sort of long, grey haired guy in the sky," Bauman said.

Before he knew it, he was enrolling in a religion course titled "Religion, Animals, and the Earth."

This course addressed how religious ideas—whether Christian, Buddhist,

Muslim, or Jewish—shape the ways that we think about and treat other humans, animals and the rest of the natural world.

For the first time in a long time,

Bauman found himself thinking that "perhaps religion isn't all that bad."

He continued to study religion, graduating with a master's in theological studies with an emphasis on ecological concern from Vanderbilt, and then earned a doctorate in theological and religious studies from the Graduate Theological Union.

"We all question religion. People have a natural tendency to wonder and question things in life," said Danielle Kong, one of Bauman's current students. "If we didn't, science wouldn't exist."

Kong and Luis Figueroa, a current youth leader at a local church in Miami, say it is better to question your religion, no matter what religion that may be, than to just believe what you are told and take it as it is.

"By asking questions about religion, we're able to better understand our own as well as other religions," Figueroa said.

Bauman recently went to Jakarta, Indonesia, where he taught and studied the hybrid nature of religion in the largest Muslim population in the world.

Bauman said the people in Indonesia practice a form of Islam mixed with Buddhism and Hinduism as well as local practices.

The mixture of religions has occurred over time through globalization, he said. This process of globalization has become one of Bauman's main focuses.

While teaching globalization to American students, Bauman tries to get across the fact that we are consuming the world around us.

While discussing globalization in Indonesia, the students have inadvertently taught him as the ones who have lost their trees, rainforests and natural resources in the globalization process.

However, this process is "not all that bad," Bauman said. It allows us

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TAKING HOME THE CROWN



ALFONSO YEC/THE BEACON

Miss FIU 2011 Ana Perez [right] crowned the new Miss FIU Celine Pelofi [left], a dietetics and nutrition major. Pelofi will go on to compete in the Miss Florida pageant, which will determine who is eligible to represent Florida in the Miss America pageant.

RADIATE REVIEWS

Born to die or bored to death?

The music industry rarely offers a second chance, which makes Lizzy Grant's return, this time under the moniker of Lana Del Rey, a rare occurrence. "Born to Die," the highly anticipated album from the singer, presents her efforts to justify the great buzz she has received online over the past months.

After several high-profile televised appearances, both nationally and abroad, much controversy has arisen over her music and persona, questioning her legitimacy as an artist and her abrupt appearance in the spotlight.

Yet, none of this matters if the material she presents is a lackluster effort, seeking to appease the already rabid fans of her work, rather than truly embrace the new followers and display a signature sound and image past a pseudo nostalgia facade she has projected in her music videos.

The problem with Del Rey and her album, in particular, is that it does not quite offer proper material to draw conclusions on her artistic abilities.

While the album itself is an hour of material and 15 tracks, some of these are simply rehashed versions from her previous EP. This, in itself, would not be a problem, except for the fact that those same tracks are the only highlights of



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Grant's first album under the Del Rey moniker is called "Born to Die"

the full-length album.

"Video Games," "Born to Die," and "Blue Jeans" made a strong impression last summer (even the far weaker track, "Off to the Races," makes a comeback), but none of the new 11 tracks are truly worth listening to in their entirety.

Attempting to listen to the album in a single session quickly becomes a chore after the fourth track, as this haphazard approach to music-making starts to take place.

Random harp flourishes, awkward rapping and laughable stories of being a bad girl start to appear to try and set a nostalgic feel of the "ride or die," Bonnie-and-Clyde-pseudo-fatalistic, "love will do us part" narrative makes weak attempts to grab the listener into a nostalgic feel of '50s grand

Hollywood-portrayed love, and singers such as Nancy Sinatra as the strong female in charge of her destiny.

Del Rey is none of those things. While her idea of being a bad girl is skipping school, staying out until late, drinking and smoking, Sinatra threatened to destroy your heart, overcome your senses, and quite literally, step over you, if you crossed her (these boots, anyone?).

Del Rey's passive persona does not fit into that same character she is trying to portray, leaving her with little more than the visual appearance of years past, but no real identity to work with. The song "Diet Mountain Dew," both an awful track title and mediocre attempt at mainstream pop, best reflects

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PHOTO COURTESY OF WHITNEY BAUMAN

Bauman [center right] lectures on globalization, religion and the environment in Indore, India at an institute for the history and scientific studies in Jainism.

GOING GREEN

Recyclemania hits campus

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For the third year running, the University will be competing with over 400 other universities and colleges in Recyclemania to help the school be greener.

Recyclemania is a series of events hosted by the Office of University Sustainability, which will occur between Feb. 5 and March 31. The events are intended to promote awareness and action that will help the University improve its recycling habits and reduce its waste stream.

Throughout the competition, the University will not only be judged on how much recyclable material can be collected, but also on how much waste can be reduced in general.

The University has been part of the movement for three years now and is actually a fierce competitor. "Last year, we came in second in the state of Florida and first in the Sunbelt division," said Alexandra Dutton, the program

assistant at the Office of University Sustainability. "We recycled 30 to 40 tons per week and about 2,000 tons throughout the academic year."

Currently, the University is working towards a mandated goal of recycling 75 percent of its waste stream by the year 2020 and is currently recycling at 30 percent, but the Office of University Sustainability has been working to help the school improve its recycling habits for some time.

"After hearing a lot of input from students," said Dutton, "we felt recycling was important and wanted to help the school go green."

Recyclemania will feature several Dream Machines throughout campus, which can only be described as reverse vending machines. Students can deposit recyclable materials into the Dream Machines and collect points that can be refunded for coupons, gift cards and other prizes.

It also features other events which all students are encouraged to attend. "Black Out, Green On!" is the first event

on Feb. 7 at 6 p.m. at the Housing Quad. During this event, students should turn off their lights and electronics to conserve energy and enjoy a party featuring a DJ, performances and giveaways.

On Feb. 9, there will be both men's and women's basketball games, and a Dream Machine will be at the arena, so bring your recyclables.

Feb. 15 will feature more Dream Machines being placed around campus, and Dream Machine partners will be present at the Green Library breezeway to teach students how to use them.

The movement is not just for the students, though. "Clean Out Your Files Week" will take place during spring break, which encourages faculty and staff to recycle their paper waste.

The University is well on its way to achieving its goal by the year 2020, and the events promote student involvement in the process. "By hosting Recyclemania and other events, we hope to increase our recycling rate," said Dutton.

Students show work at three day theater festival

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"The production design by Dreikossen, Galaska, Spitzer and Figueredo was so strikingly innovative that I am sure the KCACTF committee felt it had

valuable time. Thanks to the planning, we got it all in and up and had a terrific performance," said Yawney. "Everything from where each item goes in the truck (packed like championship Tetris) to who sweeps the floor at the end of the

KCACTF was also a great opportunity for students and faculty to see work done elsewhere and learn about the other schools.

to be seen by other students around the region. I also think their work raised the bar for the staging, and forced me to innovate as well," Yawney said.

In addition, 12 of the students in attendance were competing for acting honors in the Irene Ryan competition, which is a national program that rewards acting excellence among theater students.

"Students show their work through scenes and monologues, which are evaluated by judges over the course of an intense three days," said Yawney.

The students receive nominations based on their work in the department's productions and then select a partner to work with them.

In preparing to reassemble the set, Yawney described the experience as a "military operation."

All the production designs had to carefully plan the whole process since the competition offered a limited time in which the production could be reassembled at KCACTF.

"A small army of students rehearsed loading the production into the theater since any misstep could mean a loss of

load-in was worked out in advance."

The actors also had to get back into a production that had finished two months ago; however, Yawney was confident that they would be able to deliver "a fully-powered performance."

For Yawney, KCACTF was also a great opportunity for students and faculty to see work done elsewhere and learn about the other schools in attendance. The festival includes other productions, as well as workshops, design exhibits and other opportunities to learn from people all over Region 4, which covers the southeast area.

"Directing 'The House of the Spirits' was a great experience. It was not easy because even though the story is ultimately one of redemption and forgiveness, one has to show a lot [of] violence along the way, which is hard to look at in rehearsal after rehearsal, but when the audience responds it is worth it," Yawney said. "At KCACTF, a student from another school thanked us because they thought the play effectively illustrated what the Bible teaches about the impact of wrongdoing."

Global effects on religion

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to connect and share our ideas with people from around the world.

Globalization and religious hybridity are both important topics Bauman covers in his classes, but his job is not done unless he has sent a

life-changing message to his students.

"We are born into historical traditions of meaning-making, and we can reject those and make our own or we can buy into them," Bauman said. "However we choose to make meaning, we should take responsibility for how that then

affects other people and the rest of the natural world..."

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UPCOMING EVENTS

8 WEDNESDAY

FIU THEATRE PRESENTS: IN THE NEXT ROOM (THE VIBRATOR PLAY)
WHEN: 3:30-4:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: General Admission \$15.00, Seniors and FIU Faculty/Staff \$12.00, FIU Students and FIU Alumni Association Members \$10.00
WHERE: Herbert & Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center Black Box Theatre

FIU SCHOOL OF MUSIC AT THE GIBSON GALLERY SERIES: FIU LATIN JAZZ ENSEMBLE
WHEN: 8-10 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free and open to the public.
WHERE: Gibson Miami Showroom (Dorissa Bldg)
"HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS"
WHEN: 12-1 p.m.
WHERE: MMC AHC2-367

9 THURSDAY

WHISTLEBLOWER EVENTS
WHEN: 8 a.m.-4:45 p.m.
WHERE: MMC/BBC
FIU FEDERALIST SOCIETY PRESENTS: ALAN GURA
WHEN: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
WHERE: MMC RBD 2006

PRINCIPLES AND TECHNIQUES OF INTERPERSONAL PSYCHOTHERAPY FOR ADOLESCENT DEPRESSION-
WHEN: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: MMC AHC 1 Room 140

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Indie album possibly a marketing device for label

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the album overall. An overtly simple melody, weak hook, and vocals drowned off by the instrumentation serve only as a reminder of a far better song with a similar melody:

Gorillaz's "19-2000."

In the end, it is a difficult situation to find oneself on either side of the spectrum with regard to Del Rey. As a piece of independent music, which is debatable, it truly serves very little to further the craft and

often sounds awkward and push—a pandering to the demographic, which has worked to some degree.

The sheer mention of Pabst Blue Ribbon on ice as a determinant of nonchalance and being cool in the song is one of the most cringe-worthy lyrics I have ever listened to, and it strongly pushes me towards deleting this album off my iTunes.

On the other hand, as a marketing device created by a major record label, it is a capable effort, and a brilliant effort on the public relations front, but not compelling music.

I guess we will have to wait until her third album for a real verdict.

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Web-based sex education worthwhile

The latest episode of "Tech Therapy" on The Chronicle of Higher Education's website examines the use of the Internet in college sex education, which is an idea that ought to be developed.

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According to the study cited in the episode, college students are using the Internet now more than ever for sex education, in both productive and destructive ways.

While some students are genuinely looking for factual information, others are turning to pornography, Wikipedia and other unreliable, unrealistic portrayals of sexual behavior. In general, when students take to the Internet to find out more about sexual health, they are subject to misinformation distributed by unqualified sources. To alleviate the latter issue, colleges and universities should consider creating scholarly sex ed websites for their students.

For example, the University of Indiana hosts kinseyconfidential.org, an online resource for sexual health research studies and articles regarding STD prevention, sexual health, and sexual assault. University of California-Berkeley and Columbia University have similar online programs.

Although this may work for general research, demographic-specific information will offer a more specialized perspective, hence why colleges and universities should

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develop their own sex ed websites.

If the University were to develop such a website, campus- and city-specific information would most likely include a special focus on HIV/AIDS prevention, as Miami ranks number one in new HIV/AIDS cases in the nation. I would imagine a special focus in LGBT issues would be of interest as well.

Even without a web-based presence, I applaud our University for not burying their heads under the sand in regards to sex education.

University Health Services and the Victim Advocacy Center offers presentations on sexual health, sexual assault and additional topics upon request. Furthermore, they host events with other campus offices such as Sex Carnival, World AIDS Day and Take Back The Night where students have access to well-researched information.

Additionally, several student-led clubs and organizations help raise awareness in regards to sexual health.

Even so, I would imagine a sex ed website would be an easily attainable enhancement to these initiatives, especially with our in-house

website-building department.

As I have lamented in past columns, sex education in America is severely lacking in the department of forthrightness.

With a majority of states implementing abstinence-only curricula in their elementary and secondary schools, students enter college ignorant of sexual health in regards to sexually-transmitted diseases and sexual disorders.

Oftentimes, the only access to a comprehensive sex education is through taking a course on the subject.

While these courses are necessary for their respective curricula, a college student shouldn't have to take a sex ed course in order to receive crucial information.

Instead, this information should be easily accessible to all students by way web-based sites of information provided by their respective colleges and universities, in addition to national sex ed resources.

"Class Dismissed" is a biweekly column critiquing education in America.

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THE BEACON | Editorial

U-wide Supreme Court should be considered

The decision made by the Student Government Council at the Modesto Maidique Campus Supreme Court serves as a further reminder of the contentious division that comes with the two campus council system.

On Feb. 4, the SGC-MMC Supreme Court ruled in favor of the petitioner in Ex Parte Velez SC 001 and stated that the University-wide Activity & Service fee budget should be approved by both the MMC and Biscayne Bay Campus Senates.

By defending its jurisdiction over their ruling in Ex Parte Velez at the Feb. 6 SGC-MMC Senate meeting, the campus' Supreme Court failed to acknowledge, once again, the implications that this ruling has over University-wide legal matters. The ruling, which undoubtedly affected both MMC and BBC, should have had representation from each respective council.

Yet, the SGC-MMC Supreme Court's position on their jurisdiction in the case is evidence of a flawed system. In their report to the SGC-MMC Senate, the respective Supreme Court felt it was not required to involve BBC in this case due to their interpretation of Article V, Section 5, Subsection 2 of the SGA Constitution regarding the creation of an ad hoc court for University-wide cases. By deciding on this case without doing so, the SGC-MMC Supreme Court set the precedence that there is no need for an SGC-BBC Judicial branch.

The current system does not work due to the divisive nature of having two judiciaries, with this case serving as a clear example. According to an article published on Feb. 6 in *The Beacon*, members of SGC-BBC, such as Senate Speaker Pablo Haspel, felt that SGC-BBC's exclusion from the decision in Ex Parte Velez exemplified the ongoing "lack of communication" between both councils.

The creation of a single Supreme Court would shift the focus from campus specific interests to that of the entire University community. This case emphasized that any matters petitioned to the court ultimately affect the entire University—not just one campus.

Furthermore, the single Supreme Court will serve as a stepping stone towards a unified University by having it structured with four associate justices from both BBC and MMC with the Chief Justice being jointly recommended to both campus specific senates as a means of having the Court's leadership remaining neutral towards the campus specific egos that Ex Parte Velez has brought forth to the public eye.

A single Supreme Court, with knowledge of both campus' government documents, would be the needed impartial presence in legal matters.

Even though the University is divided into two campuses and multiple centers, they still form FIU. Court rulings should be handled the same way; as a unified voice.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Petition approval opens way for change

On Feb. 4, 2012 the Student Government Council - Modesto A. Maidique Campus Supreme Court released its decision on the Ex Parte Velez SC 001 case.

In it, it sided with our argument as the petitioner that the Activity & Service Fee approval process was contrary to Florida Statutes, and therefore struck the unlawful provisions in question from the SGA Constitution.

What this landmark decision implies is that for the first time, the Senates from each of our campuses are going to be able to exert their legislative power to allocate and approve the budget.

This means that the process by which \$12 million in Activity & Service Fee funds are allocated is going to be more open and accessible to students.

Now, we can have our directly elected student representatives make the decision as to where the money we pay is

going to go.

Instead of the same officials drafting a budget, and then approving it themselves, we can have a more respectable, logical and democratic procedure.

The funds in question determine how much money student organizations receive, how much the Homecoming Council can spend for the Homecoming Concert, and how many allocations can be given to graduate students for their research and conferences.

Because of this reason, it is essential for students to engage and pay attention. We can all do our part to make sure these funds are spent more efficiently, addressing the priorities that we as a student body have.

We may want more events at the Engineering Center, more study areas around campus, or better services at the Biscayne Bay Campus; getting involved is

the way to make sure that these become a reality.

It is up to us to ensure that SGA represents us, our interests and needs, by running for office, voting and holding our officials accountable.

In order to make that a reality, the Coalition of Students for Reform is here to serve as the mechanism for students to engage with and lobby their student government, making sure all government officials represent the collective interests of our 44,000 strong student body.

This case, addressing the budget approval process is one way of reaching that goal.

The decision by the Supreme Court presents SGA, and particularly the two Senates with an opportunity.

Let's take advantage of that new potential, and adopt a process by which there is direct

student input about the budget proposals. Both Senates should have their Operational Review Committees hold public hearings where students can directly express their thoughts on the draft budget for the following year, before it is considered by each Senate. CSR will be proposing a new approval course, that incorporates this idea, to be posted at our website at go.fiu.edu/csr. This should be the first step towards a truly transparent and open government.

The budget hearings and SGA Elections are right around the corner, so the timing is ideal for those who want to step up and shape our reality. If you want to change our student government, lead; if you want to change our university, lead. It's time to take a stand, to take action.

-William-Jose Velez, President of FIU Coalition of Students for Reform



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STUDENT LIFE

Shoppers weigh in on the possibility of a state online sales tax

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According to a global report by the Nielsen Company in 2010, 85 percent of Americans have shopped online before. The same report states that books and clothing are the two most purchased items online, followed by airline tickets.

In most states in America, there is no taxing on online purchases, as opposed to going to a physical store and buying the same product. Customers are usually looking for the better bargain.

"I've bought a few things online, mostly books, usually because they're hard to find," said Dr. Charles G. Macdonald, a professor of International Relations.

But this could change this year, as Florida State officials are considering adding a six percent tax on online transactions in the state of Florida, hoping to help small businesses compete with large retailers that have a bigger selection of goods online.

Online shopping has gained popularity due to the convenience and the bigger selection of products. Using the Internet to shop is a trend which could become the de facto way to do shopping.

Gena Zapata, a sophomore and psychology major at FIU, is one of those who prefer doing her shopping online.

"I hate shopping malls. I hate going in crowded places," Zapata

said. "I would much rather just use my computer. There's better selection than at a mall."

New York was the first state to implement this policy and since, eight states have followed suit, with officials in Florida hoping the Sunshine State becomes the ninth.

Reaction to the proposed bill has been mostly negative among those who frequent online website to buy goods. On the Internet, a consumer can buy anything from concert tickets, to services and even grocery foods.

"No one likes getting taxed. I think that when people hear that they're being taxed online, they will rather go to a store instead," Zapata said.

"I shop usually twice a month, but I spend close to \$300 in that month," said Amelia Gutierrez, senior, a journalism major and a self prescribed online "shopaholic."

While she doesn't really like the idea of being taxed, Gutierrez doubts she, or many of those who do use the Internet to purchase products, would stop because of the tax.

"I'm smaller, so buying clothes for me can be a pain when I go to a store," Gutierrez said. "Online, I know which size I am, and I can choose exactly what I want. I would say I only go the mall when I need to return something," she said.

This feeling is shared by her friend, and fellow journalism major Madeline Szwed, senior.

PICTURE PERFECT



ANDRES BEDOYA/THE BEACON

Although their legal status might have been in limbo, members of the Student Government Council at the Biscayne Bay Campus posed for their annual portrait pictures in the Wolfe University Center's Panther Square.

"I'd say I shop online once a week, but I do it more for the convenience, not the fact that I get charged taxes," Szwed said. "So I don't think it would make much of an impression on me if they added the tax."

But then, there are those who usually do not shop online.

"I still like to see, touch and feel whatever I'm buying," said Mabel Abreu, office manager for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

She says she prefers buying technology online, such as

printers, hard drives and such. But also agrees that such tax could instead drive customers away from buying online. "If they want to kill online shopping, by all means they should pass it," Abreu said.

"I'm not really an Internet person, so I don't do my shopping online" said Danny Munoz, a freshman, Music major. "However, I wouldn't want the bill passed, because there are many small businesses that are only online, and putting taxes on their stuff would probably drive

customers away from them."

Now, the question remains, would this tax drive customers away if it is indeed passed?

"In a way, yes, unless of course they come up with better deals," Abreu said. "But we'll have to see what happens."

Whether the bill passes or not remains to be seen, but a bill like this has been proposed for years, slowly gaining more momentum, and if it does get passed, it would make choosing that birthday gift for that friend or family member a little more difficult.

CAMPUS LIFE

Professional sports have an effect on students, even in their fantasies

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Nylon or Pigskin. Hardwood or the gridiron. A fast break dunk or a touchdown bomb.

As both leagues are cash cows, the National Football League and the National Basketball Association both entered lockout ending seasons. There are many desires to the casual sports fan such as having their respective team win a championship and wanting their favorite player to win an MVP. But besides those wants, fans are looking to win their individual fantasy basketball or football leagues, and in many cases, with multiple teams.

Fantasy sports, a game where participants build a team of players to compete with other teams, have engaged fans in a unique way.

"It helps media coverage because when games are being played there are more people watching," said Jesus Cruz, a junior biology major. "When Dwyane Wade is playing

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Langston 'Stone' Teijeiro,
Senior
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against Kobe [Bryant], it creates a greater atmosphere around the game and it takes the competition to another level."

In fantasy sports, owners gain points from their player's performance and the team with the most amount of points wins. The points are accumulated by the statistics players compile.

Although Florida is known for its football from the prep to professional level, some FIU students enjoy playing fantasy basket-

ball more.

"I enjoy basketball more because I am a Miami Heat fan," said Langston 'Stone' Teijeiro, a senior criminal justice major. "I would like to put some of the players, such as LeBron James and Dwyane Wade on my team. I'd rather play fantasy basketball because [The Heat] are better than the Dolphins."

Although football is the most popular sport in North America, one of the biggest

perks to being an owner in a fantasy football league is time.

"It's more popular to play and more of my friends play it. It only two days to keep up with," said Danny Ghanem, a junior finance major, about the fact that the majority of football games are played on Sundays and Mondays. "In a week for basketball there could be a lot of games being played so it's more difficult to keep track with."

To die hard basketball junkies, the inspiration of playing fantasy basketball only helps progress their knowledge in the game.

"We get to see the players develop as the season progresses and it helps the focus on one sport more in general." Cruz said, "It's competitive against friends and also co workers, it creates a fun environment to be around."

Football and basketball are both popular North American sports, but since the last decade, fantasy sports were introduced online as the new way to interact and engage with one particular sport at FIU, and the new king may be basketball.