

## NO MORE BEEF



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The Panthers held Marshall in check defensively for more than three-and-a-half quarters, but fell short to the Thundering Herd 20-10 in the Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl in St. Petersburg on Dec. 20.

## FINANCIAL AID

# Pell grants avoid government cuts

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The battle for Pell Grants has come to a close, and concerned students can breathe a sigh of relief.

Congress has enacted only "minimal changes to Pell Grant," according to an article in *St. Louis Today*. They have decided to leave the maximum award amount intact and make eligibility requirements more stringent.

Congress has decided to adopt many of the tenets of the House proposal from November.

Starting this July, Pell Grant eligibility will be reduced from 18 semesters to 12 semesters; meaning that once students use a Pell Grant for six years, they will cease to acquire funding. Moreover, only students who possess a high school diploma or GED certificate will be eligible for Pell Grants from here on out.

There has also been a change in how aid is calculated for some low-income families. As of now, families with an adjusted gross income of \$30,000 or less are not expected to contribute towards the costs of education.

Starting July, the maximum adjusted gross income to be qualified

for an Expected Family Contribution of 0, and thereby the maximum award, will drop to \$23,000.

Students within the bracket from \$23,000-\$30,000 will see cuts as significant as \$1,500 a year, explained Mark Kantrowitz, publisher of *FinAid.org*, to *St. Louis Today* reporter Tim Barker.

Besides these changes, student

on FIU," said Carlos Becerra, director of Federal Relations for FIU in Washington, D.C., "losing Pell Grants for many students may make the difference between taking classes one semester."

According to some preliminary calculations devised between the Federal Relations Office and the Financial Aid Office of FIU, 1,015

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Carlos A. Becerra  
Director of Federal Relations

loans have also experienced a change wherein interest begins to accrue from the date of graduation.

There will no longer be a six month grace period after students complete their studies.

Currently, the University has 17,032 student recipients of Pell Grants. This number comes to about 45 percent of the total student body.

"Pell Grants have a huge impact

current FIU recipients would potentially lose their current eligibility, and thereby their existing grants.

Approximately, another 5,088 would see a reduction of their grant awards based on the proposed changes.

"The changes are geared to tackle students who have been here too long," he continued, "the reac-

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## PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

# University adds new spaces and updates shuttles

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Students returning to the University's Modesto Maidique campus this spring semester will encounter new classmates, new professors and new parking spaces – at least for the first two weeks.

In order to accommodate the campus parking areas to manage the congestion between Jan. 9 and Jan. 20, a time period in which students meet with their advisers, purchase class supplies, or adjust their schedules, among other activities, the Department of Parking and Transportation has temporarily added 1,500 parking spaces, according to Kenneth Jessell, senior vice president of Finance and Administration, in a memo sent to faculty and staff.

"In addition to new faculty and staff, we will have almost 4,500 new undergraduate and graduate students calling FIU home for the first time. We believe these temporary changes will help accommodate the additional traffic and parking demands that normally arise during the first two weeks of the spring semester," he said.

Out of the 1,500 new temporary parking spaces, 300 of those can be found east of PG5 Market Station. Tamiami Park will be host to 1,000 parking spaces, near the FIU Stadium and Lot 6. Two-hundred parking spaces will be available at the Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition location, which is near the bus terminal.

The Student Government Association and FIU Police are working closely together the next two weeks to ensure safety to students wishing to park outside of the regular on-campus parking areas, like Tamiami Park, according to Sanjeev Udhani, SGA vice president.

Several students had

difficulty finding parking during the first two weeks of the previous fall semester, including freshman business major Danny Galvez.

"Finding parking in the first couple weeks of school is like finding food in the Sahara. You have students aimlessly driving in circles all over campus, stopping at each and every parking garage," Galvez said. "[So] I'm relieved to hear about the addition of temporary spaces in the first two weeks, and I believe they will be exceptionally helpful."

For students, faculty and staff who decide to make use of these temporary parking spaces, additional shuttle service will be provided.

Along with the Panther Mover, which provides transportation between the Primera Casa building and the Panther Garage, there will be several pick-up and drop-off locations at the Tamiami Park and Fair and Exposition locations.

These additional shuttle services will be available from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. during the first two weeks only.

Tamiami Park will have a pick-up area on the western side, which provides a round-trip service to the Primera Casa building, including the Health and Wellness Center.

A pick-up location can be found in the center of the parking area at the Fair and Exposition, which will provide transportation between the Frost Art Museum and the Blue Garage.

A golf cart shuttle service will transport students, faculty and staff from the PG5 Market Station overflow parking area to the Chemistry and Physics building.

"I do not think the addition of permanent spaces to be unduly important. Maybe in the long run, but for now, the problem is at least easily defined – I just need to find somewhere to park my car," said Galvez.

## COMING UP | Life!

Check out the Jan. 11 issue for a feature on the FIU alums behind the new internet blog [dearmiamigirl.com](http://dearmiamigirl.com)

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## CAMPUS EVENTS

# FIU honors the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



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This year marks the 21st annual commemoration of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at FIU.

A two-week program has been organized by the Office of Multicultural Programs and Services and committee members that come from different departments of the University including the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Medicine, the

Honors College, the Center for Leadership and Service, among many more.

“I think people walk away energized and wanting to make sure they are contributing to the ideals of Dr. King and that we can somehow make sure we’re keeping his dream alive and keeping his legacy alive and moving in the right direction,” said Dorrett Sawyers, MPAS Director and committee chairperson.

MLK Commemorative

Breakfast, which is serving as the premiere event of a series of celebratory activities held in Dr. King’s honor, is being held on Jan. 13.

The event will take place from 8:00 to 10:30 a.m. in the Graham Center Ballrooms and has an expected turnout of 550 attendees with a current waiting list.

These attendees, by ticket or invitation only, will range from different members of the FIU community to the outside

community, such as students from different high schools.

With funding from Student Government, the College of Medicine, the Honors College, and other sponsors in and out of campus sought out by the fundraising committee, the event was planned with a budget of \$42,000.

Six months of planning led the committee to choose the program’s overall

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## TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION

**Tuesday, January 10 – 29, 2012** – [Free to Public]

Opening Reception, **Wednesday, January 11, 2012, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.**, MLK@THE FROST  
Modesto Maidique Campus – The Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum

**Thursday, January 12, 2012, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** [By invitation only] MLK Speaker’s/Awards Reception  
Modesto Maidique Campus – The Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum

**Friday, January 13, 2012, 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** [By invitation or tickets]  
MLK Commemorative Breakfast  
Keynote Speaker: Alvin F. Poussaint, MD, Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School  
Modesto Maidique Campus – Graham Center Ballroom

**Saturday, January 14, 2012, 8:00 a.m.**  
– [Free to Public]  
MLK Day of Service – Miami-Dade Parks and Recreation  
Location: Gould’s Park, Cutler Bay

## COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

## Medical students open clinics in Jamaica for 10 days

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Every day there are people who strive to make a change. Some plan it out days in advance.

The Non Profit and Global Health Interest Group is doing just that. The students from the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine are preparing to hold clinics in rural Jamaica, from June 13 through June 22.

The clinics are designed to allow students to learn how to take physicals and treat patients all while being under supervision of licensed physicians.

From the data that the group has gathered from previous trips, they have learned that the people

of rural Jamaica suffer from chronic illnesses like diabetes and hypertension. Unfortunately, as Sang puts it, it is difficult to prevent those types of diseases.

“Non-profits pick up the slack for the government in most of these countries,” said Yoko Young Sang who is the secretary of the Non Profit and Global Health Interest Group.

Sadly, in many countries like Jamaica there is no serious medical infrastructure in place to help people.

Although the clinic is done with the intent of teaching students the nuances of being a physician, Michaela Gaffney a first year medical student and president of the Non Profit and

Global Health Interest Group believes there is something else students can learn.

a representation of what is happening from a medical standpoint in America.

medical care in the country at the moment,” said Gaffney.

Currently there are premedical students, public health students and medical students involved in the Non Profit and Global Health Interest Group. However, most of the students that will attend the clinic in Jamaica will be graduate and medical students.

Gaffney credits much of the support to the organization’s faculty advisor Dr. Bruce Peters, who helps out with planning and other local clinics that the group holds.

Funding for this trip will be made in part from money received in fundraising and

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Michaela Gaffney,  
President  
The Non Profit and Global Health Interest Group

“We want to get more out of it then we give,” said Gaffney. To Gaffney this clinic is

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## New eligibility requirements to affect 6,103 students

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tions from students towards what has been discussed with regards to Pell over the past few months are overall positive. The cuts have to come from somewhere.”

Phillipa Valencia, a junior studying business and communication, displayed just the opposite; she explained that the losses she sustained earlier this year were sufficient to push her to spend more of her energy on finding resources than focusing

on school.

“My budget was tighter. Even having Bright Futures and Florida Pre-paid, I’m in college, and it’s never enough,” she explained, “It became tougher when my mom got into a car accident.”

“She’s back at work, but she has a special schedule due to some complications and her therapy schedule,” she went on to say, “so she’s spending less time at work, meaning less money; I had to get a job and now I have to depend on myself

for everything.”

Another student, Yenny Laura, will begin her first semester this term just prior to the changes taking effect.

“I’m upset because I feel the government should be focusing a larger percentage of their resources on getting people into college and not just by maintaining, or possibly increasing, the available aid for higher education but also by improving public education across the country,” she said, “Education in America

is continuing on a downward spiral and reform doesn’t happen overnight.”

Becerra expressed his concerns about the cuts, however, noting, “Most of our students are working class, drastic cuts to the Pell Grant program will directly affect graduation. If students cannot pay for classes one semester because their grants have been cut, they may lose out on the program altogether seeing as the semesters it is applicable are also being reduced.”

## NEWS FLASH

## LOCAL

## Some cancer rates higher in Miami's Little Haiti

Medical researchers are working with community leaders to improve cancer screenings in Miami's Little Haiti where cervical cancer rates are higher than in neighboring areas.

Researchers found that women in Little Haiti had cervical cancer at a rate four times that of non-Haitian black women in Miami-Dade County and twice the rate of women in heavily Hispanic Hialeah.

They also found that breast cancer cases tended to be more advanced by the time they were diagnosed in women in Little Haiti than in women from other Miami-Dade County communities.

University of Miami researchers and community leaders tell The Miami Herald that fears about alerting immigration authorities and language and cultural barriers keep many Haitian women from getting the cancer screenings that have led to declines in U.S. cancer deaths.

## NATIONAL

## Titanic items for auction 1 century after sinking

Salvaged items as small as a hairpin and as big as a chunk of the Titanic's hull are among 5,000 artifacts from the world's most famous shipwreck that are to be auctioned April 11 in New York.

The sale of the Titanic collection will nearly coincide with the 100th anniversary of the April 1912 sinking of the ocean liner, which hit an iceberg in the North Atlantic.

Guernsey's auction house president Arlan Ettinger tells The Associated Press it has sold Beatles photos and other treasures, but this is its most significant auction planned.

## WORLD

## Israel and US to stage major defense drill

The Israeli military is gearing up together with U.S. forces for a major missile defense exercise, the Israeli military announced Thursday, as tension between Iran and the international community escalates.

The drill is called "Austere Challenge 12" and is designed to improve defense systems and cooperation between the U.S. and Israeli forces. It follows a 10-day Iranian naval exercise near the strategic Strait of Hormuz.

Israel's military said the drill with the U.S. was planned long ago and is not tied to recent events.

— Compiled by Melissa Caceres

## IMMIGRATION

## Potential DREAM Act recipients wait for chance to attend college

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Facing political turmoil and economic hardships, Lorena Sanchez and her family escaped an uncertain future in Uruguay to come to America.

Her brother, Matias Alvarez, 14, is now facing the bleak perspective of being deported when he turns 21.

"Matias has been in America since he was 2 years old," she said. "He speaks English with his friends, and he tells my mom that he knows he will get deported when he turns 21. He is such a smart and talented boy, he wants to go to medical school."

Sanchez, who recently married an American citizen and probably can stay, fears the rest of her family could get deported any day.

"My parents brought us to this country for a better future," Sanchez said. "They think that even if they can't make it, they want us to be able to stay, and succeed."

The Sanchez family is among thousands in Florida that are pinning hopes on passage of the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act.

The DREAM Act, a politically charged piece of legislation that has not passed Congress, would benefit students who are undocumented by no fault of their own.

Each year, about 65,000 students graduate from U.S. high schools in this same predicament.

"This program is for the people that

have been in this country since they were very young, have completed high school or gotten a GED and they must not have any criminal record," said Sharon Ginter, administrative assistant at the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center.

"We have so many cases of individuals

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Lorena Sanchez,  
First generation immigrant

who qualify for the [proposed] DREAM Act right now that we are not accepting any new cases for the rest of the year," Ginter said, noting that even those cases accepted won't qualify under DREAM until it is passed by Congress and signed into law by the president.

This citizenship void forces families to forgo health care because escalating costs make it impossible to seek treatment and Medicaid only covers U.S. citizens.

## Harvard dean to speak on Dr. King

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theme as "Health Equity: A Lasting Legacy."

From a narrowed-down list of five qualified candidates, keynote speaker Alvin F. Poussaint, MD, professor of Psychiatry,

associate dean for Student Affairs, and director of the Office of Recruitment and Multicultural Affairs for Harvard Medical School was selected from a series of candidates by the committee to address this year's theme.

Dr. Poussaint has authored several books on the subject of mental health and has become an authority on race and ethnicity in today's society.

This breakfast will be the precursor to the MLK

day of Service at Gould's Park in Cutler Bay, the MLK Parade in Liberty City, among many others.

More information for these events can be found on the web on news.fiu.edu or on the FIU Mobile App.

## Students will treat patients

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grants they hope to apply for through the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine. However, most of the funds will come from "personal funding." They have embraced the challenge that time will impose on them in getting the funding.

At a previous fundraising for Doctors Without Borders held by the Non Profit & Global Health Interest Group, Gaffney said that they screened a documentary titled Living In Emergency. Gaffney believes the documentary captures what it means to give back.

"I thought 'wow I have to give back,' I've never thought about what it means to be a professional, society is counting on you to help and you're the only one that can fill that role,"

said Gaffney

Working for a nonprofit, according to Sang, "has to deal with what you as a human can contribute to

society."

As Sang notes this clinic will teach everyone that taking a small step to help people can go a long way.

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## VOLLEYBALL

# TOMIC OUT

## Danijela Tomic leaves FIU, heads to Bowling Green

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In late December, hundreds of Panther fans were packing their bags in anticipation of heading north to cheer on their team against Marshall University in the Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl. Former head volleyball coach Danijela Tomic was packing her bags too.

She was not, however, going to Tampa to cheer on the Panthers. In fact, she was not coming back to FIU at all.

The seven-year coach flew to Ohio and accepted a position as the head volleyball coach at Bowling Green State University and was formally introduced as a Falcon on Dec. 20, the same day as the Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl. By far the most difficult experience of it all was breaking the news to her players, many of whom were on vacation at the time.

"I had to make the toughest phone calls of my life to my kids to tell them I wasn't their coach anymore," said Tomic. "It was very tough emotionally for me and for them. They were shocked. This happened unexpectedly."

Tomic's FIU résumé no doubt impressed the faculty at BGSU. She compiled an impressive 158-61 record in her seven years as a Panther. Her .721 career winning percentage ranks top 20 among active NCAA Division I coaches. She was also named Sun Belt Conference Coach of the Year three times in 2006, 2008 and 2009. Her pinnacle in FIU was undoubtedly the 2009 season in which the Panthers went 32-4 overall with a spotless 17-0 record in conference play.

"2009 was a magical year," said Tomic.

When it came to success, Tomic made it her priority to extend it to her players as well. During her tenure, her players earned six AVCA All-American awards, two Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year honors and 24 All-Sun Belt Conference awards.

"I really, really feel blessed having all my players for seven years in FIU and all the coaches that worked with me and all the fans and support," said Tomic. "That's priceless. Relationships you build with people are something that enriches us as human beings."

So what prompted her to leave the program she built from the ground up?

"I couldn't grow anymore at FIU. I'm not okay to be average in anything," she said boldly.

Tomic stated that BGSU reached out to her as early as in the beginning of December and showed that they really wanted her. She mentioned that BGSU treats volleyball as a priority sport and that they have the best volleyball facility in the Midwest. In addition, Tomic said that the region is very rich in volleyball talent.

"The combination of everything was just a good thing for me," said Tomic.

So with a vacant position as head coach of indoor volleyball, newly assigned Assistant Athletic Director and Director of Volleyball Operations Rita Buck-Crockett is tasked with finding a viable candidate to continue building upon the success that Tomic had.

According to Buck-Crockett, the posting for the job was published as early as Jan. 6. She did mention, however, that there have already been inquiries into the position.



BEACON FILE PHOTO

Danijela Tomic was 158-61 in her career as head coach of the FIU women's volleyball team.

"We want somebody that is going to lead the program and go to the national championship," she said. "Bottom line is, you have to know what you're doing to take a position like this. There are some big shoes to fill."

## SPORTS ROUND-UP

# FIU captures 13th Sun & Fun Classic

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Sophomore Jerica Coley, the third leading scorer in the country with 24.2 points per game, continued to rack up double-digit scoring numbers during the break leading the Panthers to a 10-5 record overall, 0-2 in conference.

Coley scored 18 points on Delaware State and a career high 35 points against Jacksonville State in the Comfort Inn Holiday Classic to earn her MVP of the tournament. Fanni Hutlassa made the all-tournament team, averaging 13.5 points and eight rebounds.

Coley also became MVP of the Sun & Fun Classic held at FIU and scored 28 points in the win versus Auburn as the Panthers won

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## FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

# Hilton signs with Rosenhaus Sports

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T.Y. Hilton reached the peak of the mountain top at FIU. Now, he is starting over at the bottom to begin his climb into the National Football League.

His collegiate career started at FIU in 2008 by being named Sun Belt conference freshman of the year. In the span of four years, Hilton holds multiple program records and helped lead the Panthers to two consecutive bowl games while being named MVP in both of them.

Hilton completed step one of his NFL journey by hiring Drew Rosenhaus, owner of Rosenhaus Sports Representation in Miami, to be his agent.

Rosenhaus started RSR in 1988 when he was only 22 years old. He now represents around 150 NFL players, 22 of which were first round picks. Some of the big names he represents are Chad Ochocinco, Terrell Owens, Frank Gore, DeSean Jackson and Anquan Boldin.

He also represents former Panther Antwan Barnes, who now plays for

the San Diego Chargers. Barnes was selected in the fourth round of the 2007 NFL draft by the Baltimore Ravens with the 134th pick.

Other players to have already signed with Rosenhaus for the 2012 draft include University of Miami quarterback Jacory Harris, running back Lamar Miller and outside linebacker Sean Spence.

The next time Hilton will get a chance to go on the field and showcase his talents to the NFL is in the 2012 Senior Bowl on Jan. 28 in Mobile, Ala. Hilton is the first FIU player to be invited in program history.

According to many online mock drafts, Hilton is projected to be a third round draft pick, but a good showing at the Senior bowl, the NFL combine and the right amount of convincing from Rosenhaus could push him up to the second round.

## RECRUITING

FIU added three new Panthers to the roster in defensive lineman Fadol Brown, offensive lineman Delmar Taylor

and running back Lamarq Caldwell.

Brown, who measures in at 6'5", 265 pounds is from Charleston, S.C. and played at Burke in high school and North Carolina Tech Prep, which is Division 1 AA. He played both inside and outside defensive lineman and had 15 sacks and 107 tackles in his senior year. He was also named the 2010 Region Defensive player of the year.

Taylor, who was a three-star recruit

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## PATH TO THE NFL DRAFT

- Senior Bowl**
  - When: Jan. 28.
- NFL Combine**
  - When: Feb. 22-28
- NFL Draft**
  - When: April 26-28.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL UPCOMING GAMES



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THU



JAN. 14  
UL  
6 p.m.  
SAT



JAN. 18  
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8:05 p.m.  
WED



JAN. 21  
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4:30 p.m.  
SAT

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Coley credits her family for basketball success

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Jerica Coley is a special type of athlete. She ranks third in the nation, scoring at 24.2 points per game. Coley displays the quickness, strength and leadership that would not be expected of every sophomore who steps onto a college basketball court. However, she is not even the best athlete in her own family.

Her aunt, Tamika Coley, is the career record holder at Central Florida in basketball for points (2,006) and rebounds (1,211). She was inducted into the UCF Hall of Fame in 2001. Coley credits her for teaching her what she knows about the game.

"My aunt [also my AAU coach], taught me most of the game," Coley said. "Because before, when I played in middle school, it was just for fun and I didn't have that much skill."

Coley first picked up a basketball when she was four years old in the backyard with her father, Jerry Coley, and her cousin. But she never played competitively until she reached middle school and joined the team.

That's because growing up in St. Petersburg, Coley's main sport was tennis. She admits that when she first started to



BEACON FILE PHOTO

Coley leads the nation in points scored (363) and is third in the country in points per game (24.2)

play basketball, she didn't know much of the game.

"I didn't know much about basketball because my game was tennis," Coley said. "But once I started playing on my aunt's team, she got me a lot better."

Not only did she pick up basketball quickly, her tennis skills were already at the peak. She remembers starting at an early age.

"I love tennis," Coley said. "It started as just an after school program, but then

I continued to play through high school. My doubles partner and I went to the state finals one year."

Her father knows that she still enjoys playing tennis from time to time.

"(Jerica) and her cousin still go to the tennis court and hit whenever they are back home," Jerry Coley said. "She is always staying active."

When she attended St. Petersburg Catholic school, Coley remembers a game where her team was tied with a rival in the waning seconds.

"I made a last second shot against one of our rival schools," Coley recalls. "Our team was running through a play. I made [the game-winning shot] and then my teammates picked me up and carried me off the court on their shoulders."

She admits that it was a bit embarrassing.

When it came time to start thinking about college, Coley had to first decide on what sport to play. It was never a tough choice for her. She never considered any collegiate offers to play tennis, Coley had her mind set on basketball.

"I knew that I didn't want to play two sports in college," Coley said. "And basketball had a better scholar-

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## A few lineup adjustments could lead to championship

If there is one thing that can be said about the current Panthers' season, it is that sophomore Jerica Coley is a star.

### COMMENTARY



**RICO  
ALBARRACIN**

Coley is currently the team leader in points and rebounds, averaging 24.2 points and 7.6 rebounds per game. With her current scoring output, Coley is in the top five in the nation. FIU is 10-5 on the season, although they are 0-2 in Sun Belt conference play.

Things seem to be pointing up for the team. If the Panthers want things to continue to improve, as well as make a run at the SBC title, there will need to be some improvements to make.

The way the team is currently built, the Panthers will most likely finish in the top three in the conference, with Middle Tennessee possibly winning the East division and North Texas winning the West division.

The teams are so close in terms of talent that the title is up for grabs to any team that can make the right adjustments, which brings the issues that the Panthers face.

Outside of Coley, only two other Panthers average double figures in points; redshirt senior Fanni Hutlassa and junior Finda

Mansare. Hutlassa and Mansare are currently averaging 13.6 points and 10.6 points per game, respectively.

With an 11-point differential between Coley and the next best scorer, Hutlassa, it shows that the offense goes exclusively through Coley.

It may not necessarily be a bad thing, since Coley is such a prolific scorer, but the ball must be spread around between different players.

The Panthers can't count on Coley to score 24 points every single night. There needs to be higher production from the rest of the starting line-up, such as Mansare, Hutlassa, Zsafia Labady and Carmen Miloglav.

Although there is points coming from Mansare and Hutlassa, almost nothing is coming from the shooting guard and small forward positions.

Labady is currently playing 31.1 minutes per game, yet only averaging 4.1 points per game. Adding to that, she only puts up roughly four shots per game, making it seem as though she does not do much on the offensive end on most possessions.

The weakest link in the starting lineup is Miloglav. Averaging 30.5 minutes per game, Miloglav is averaging 3.3 points on four shots per game while shooting 31 percent from the floor, her assist-to-turnover ratio is at an even

one, averaging 2.9 assists and 2.9 turnovers, and she has committed the second-most turnovers on the team this season with 43, second to Coley's 54.

Although most of what Miloglav does, such as sacrificing her body for loose balls and taking charges, is not measured by stats, there needs to be an increase in production from multiple positions to make it easier to win games.

What may help her is having her move to the point guard position and let Coley focus on the shooting responsibilities. It would give Miloglav a chance to contribute more often when FIU has the ball.

Not all is bad for the Panthers. FIU is first in the conference in multiple categories, including scoring, field goal percentage, free throw percentage, rebounding defense and blocks, while being ranked second in defense, defensive field goal percentage and assists. Hutlassa is tied for third in the conference in steals, while Coley is first in blocks with 2.6 per game.

The team has the capability of being the best in the conference. A few adjustments can be the difference between finishing in the top three in the conference to winning the championship.

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BEACON FILE PHOTO

Miloglav notched six rebounds to help FIU win the Sun & Fun Classic.

# Cristobal to stay for now, in talks for contract extension



KRISTI CAMARA/THE BEACON

Cristobal is set to remain as coach despite interviewing for the same position at Pittsburgh.

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the title for the 13th time. Coley and Hutlassa made all-tournament team as well.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

The men's basketball team started the winter break by traveling to Texas for the Lumberjack E-Tech Classic.

The team saw a familiar face, former Panther Eric Frederick, who transferred out of FIU to Texas Wesleyan.

Frederick's team got

the best out of his old club, defeating FIU 72-68. The Panthers almost came up with the biggest upset in school history at Maryland on Dec. 14, coming four points short, 65-61.

In that game, leading scorer DeJuan Wright injured his knee in the first half and has not been back since that game.

Isiah Thomas' team added some height during the break, as 6-10 Brandon Moore returned against Bowling Green to notch a career high 10 points in the loss. Also, new big man Joey De La Rosa, 6-11, made his debut against Middle Tennessee where he put in four points and four rebounds and followed it with nine points and three rebounds in a win against Western Kentucky.

## FOOTBALL

The prize for the most successful season in FIU history was a trip to the Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl to play Conference USA opponent Marshall in St. Petersburg. It was a defensive battle for most of the game, and T.Y. Hilton scored the Panthers lone touchdown with 1:31 remaining in the first quarter.

FIU did not reach the

endzone again. With the score tied 10-10 late in the fourth quarter, Josh Brisk had his punt blocked, setting up the Herd to kick a 39-yard field goal to take the lead.

Ensnuing FIU possession, Hilton coughed up the ball back to Marshall, which set up freshman quarterback Rakeem Cato to find Aaron Dobson for a 31-yard touchdown with 23 seconds left in the game to seal the FIU loss 20-10.

After the game, head coach Mario Cristobal did not comment on his future as the FIU head coach, despite rumors circulating that he was a top candidate for the University of Pittsburgh coaching job. According to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Cristobal interviewed for the Pittsburgh gig, but two days later, former Wisconsin offensive coordinator Paul Chryst was hired for that position.

Cristobal is currently in talks of another contract extension, only four months after receiving a five-year extension in August of 2011.

## SWIMMING AND DIVING

FIU won the UALR Christmas invitational on

Dec. 2 by scoring 902.5 points, with second place Henderson State scoring only 676.5 points.

Both Sonia Perez Arau and Sabrina Beaupre had career days by breaking multiple records.

Arau broke the previous FIU record she once held in the 200 back with a time of 2:02.53 and the 400 Individual Medley record at FIU with a time of 4:25.97. She also posted the best time of the holiday event at 2:05.29 in the 200 Individual Medley.

In diving, Sabrina Beaupre broke two FIU and Sun Belt records that she had held and qualified for the NCAA Tournament. Beaupre posted a score of 323.85 in her 1-meter and 356.0 in her three-meter dive.

On Dec. 20 the team notched six victories against North Texas and five against Alabama while Beaupre took first in the 1-meter and three-meter again, making it 10 wins on the season. Arau was able to capture gold in the 500-Freestyle event with a time of 5:01.94.

The team also captured victories in the Orange Bowl Classic on Jan. 4 and FIU relays on Jan. 5 over the break.

# Coley on pace to set school records at FIU

## COLEY, PAGE 5

ship deal. Basketball also gave me the team atmosphere, which I enjoy to be around."

Then the sophomore had to decide on what school she was going to attend. According to Coley, she had offers from a school in New Jersey, Florida Gulf Coast and Jacksonville in addition to FIU. But her desire to play in front of her family made Coley's decision easier.

With only so many games in her college career, her parents wanted to make sure they did not miss a minute, traveling down to Miami from St. Petersburg for nearly every game Jerica plays in.

"It's about three and a half hour's drive," Jerry Coley said. "But we enjoy watching her play. It just goes so fast. Last year went so quick that we want to make sure we are there for every game."

The sophomore enjoys

having her parents there for the game, even though she worries about them traveling.

"Sometimes I feel bad because they come down and then go right back," Coley said. "But I do enjoy having their support there at the games."

Her family support stems through her aunt who, she admits, beat her in a game of one-on-one once in her backyard.

"We have only played against each other one time and she beat me," Coley said. "I try not to bring it up because I lost."

## NCAA LEADERS Scoring Averages

	PTS	AVG
Henna Delle Donne, UD	354	29.5
Kevi Luper, ORU	347	24.8
<b>Jerica Coley, FIU</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>24.2</b>
Kristina Santiago, Cal Poly	288	24.0
Nnemkadi Ogwomike, Stanford	285	23.8
Courtney Hunt, VCU	303	23.3
Tavelyn James, EMU	313	22.4
Heather Butler, UT Martin	307	21.9
Taylor Hill, OSU	325	21.7
Brittney Griner, Baylor	302	21.6

# Hilton ready for draft, Satterfield out



KRISTI CAMARA/THE BEACON

T.Y. Hilton signed with Drew Rosenhaus Sports Representation as he prepares for the NFL Draft in April.

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coming out of Miami Beach High in the class of 2010, played last year in Texas at Navarro Junior College. He stands 6-4 and weighs 265 pounds. He had originally signed with UM before going to Junior College.

Caldwell is from Tampa Bay Tech, where current Panther Gregory Hickman graduated from, and comes

in at 6-0, 210 pounds. In his senior season, he rushed for 5.44 yards per carry and five touchdowns.

## SATTERFIELD

Offensive coordinator Scott Satterfield left FIU to go back to Appalachian State University, where he was a coach from 1998-2008. He will be the new assistant head coach, offensive coordinator

and quarterback coach. Satterfield leaves FIU after just two years. He also spent one year at Toledo as the coordinator/quarterback coach from 2009-2010.

"My family and I are thrilled for the opportunity to come back home to Appalachian," Satterfield told the Appalachian State website. "I am extremely excited to start working with our 2012 team."

## STUDENT THOUGHTS

# New Year's resolutions

## Students share their goals for self-improvement

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"I want to lose 10 pounds. I want to get straight A's this semester. I need to edit that Timeline feature and stop Facebook from ruining my life."

New Year's resolutions are the most consistent, short-lived fad in recorded history, dating back as far as the ancient Babylonians renewing their annual vows to return borrowed items and pay off debt.

Even so, absolving oneself of financial woe is not the only incentive prompting University students to make a fresh start in 2012.

"I think the last decade has showed us the importance of the online persona," said Bianca Calimano, a senior English literature major. "Some people scam at the beginning of the year and deactivate their Facebook profiles, only to find themselves succumbing to the ol' blue and white monster within a week."

A lighter tone follows students who wish not to make such a brazen move with their Internet lives.

Janine Toledo, a junior education major, remarked: "I want to polish my profile this year — and stop uploading photos of what I thought, drunkenly at the time, were too funny to pass up online."

"There are times when I want to get off the computer and lose my iPhone for a few days," Toledo continued. "But trial and error has showed that it's best to just limit myself."

According to [livestrong.com](http://livestrong.com), the official website of the Lance Armstrong Foundation, 20 percent of people break their New Year's resolutions within a week, and over 60 percent leave them within the course of the year.

**40-50%**  
of Americans make resolutions each year.

**40-60%**  
of those who make resolutions are successful six months into the new year.

**20%**  
of Americans break their resolution in one week.

[www.livestrong.com](http://www.livestrong.com)

"We're at that point in our lives when we have experienced this type of self-defeat in not fulfilling these hefty goals," said senior Tony Lozano, a programming major.

"We quietly sweep that plan to lose weight or gain muscle under the rug, only to dust it off every year," he added. "That doesn't work."

Lozano, among other students, has proposed that the feasibility of New Year's resolutions can be reached by setting more realistic standards

"We can start by tackling the small things," he said.

Michael Loy, a sophomore Asian studies major, has a suggestion: "Instead of saying you want to lose the 15 pounds you packed on during the second semester of your freshman year, promise to drink more water so you can avoid consuming unnecessary calories."

Time management and academic

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## IN THE CLASSROOM

# Scheduling woes: online versus in person classes

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Students have a lot to consider when picking classes: instructors, time, and difficulty all weigh in before schedules are finalized. In addition to those factors, now, more than ever, students face the decision of taking courses in person or online.

The University's plan to expand to 52,000 students by 2015 is making class selections more complicated and forcing students to consider the option of taking classes online. As much as this generation is acquainted with technology, when it comes to online courses, students seem to be more prone to go with the traditional choice — attending the class physically.

"I hate online classes," said freshman Kristie Reyes, a business major. "Traditional is better because it allows you to meet new people and help each other so that you can do better in the class, but with the online course, you just have to rely on yourself and the teacher's email responses."

However, avoiding driving to campus and being able to attend the class lecture in the comfort of your own home does pose its advantages.

"You can manage your class around your

schedule," said senior Adolfo Sardi, a criminal justice major.

As far as level of difficulty, Sardi explained that it depends on the student's personal preference, but he finds online classes easier to pass.

"It depends on the person, really. Some people do better in a classroom environment, and others like myself, prefer to teach themselves. In my opinion, it's easier online," said Sardi.

The pace of the course is the most notable difference between online and on-campus courses. In an online course, students can work at their own pace and

the cost of managing and maintaining the learning management system, along with the tools, additional software, and technical support. The fee, which is \$174 per online class taken, may be a deal breaker for students who are trying to save as much money as possible.

The question of which option is better is not an easy one to answer. Students agree that there are pros and cons for both class-taking styles, yet there does seem to be a preferred choice in the end.

The deciding factor among many students seems to be the advantages of in-person inter-

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Freshman, Business Major

can choose to complete the material anytime and anywhere. With this in mind, self-discipline and more motivation is essential to ace an online course, since some much freedom is allotted to the student.

Taking online courses requires an additional fee along with the regular tuition price, which covers

action. Whether it is with other students or the professor, having the face-to-face contact for many students seems to be the deal maker.

"When you're right there in the class, you get to ask the teacher whatever questions you want, whereas in

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## TOP 5: FASHION TRENDS ON CAMPUS

# 1



**Sperry Top-Siders:** These comfortable shoes are no longer just a staple for sailors. Students, male and female, strut around campus in the classic boat shoes.

# 2



**Ray-Ban Sunglasses:** Whether it's the traditional Wayfarers, Aviators, or any of the new styles, these shades are one of the most prominent around FIU.

# 3

**Toms Shoes:** This shoe trend has a good cause behind it. These canvas style kicks became popular for more than just their style; for every pair purchased, another is donated to a child in need.



**Michael Kors watches:** When it comes to glamorous watches, Michael Kors has it covered. From gold stainless steel to simple rubber bands, these watches can be spotted on all sexes.

# 4

**Longchamp Le Pliage bags:** Simplicity and function trumps aesthetic with this perennial classic. Whether you're going to the gym or class, these bags have been popular.

# 5

Here are five of the most prominent fashion items seen on students around campus. Vote for next week's Top 5 on [www.facebook.com/fiusmlife](http://www.facebook.com/fiusmlife)

FIT FOR LIFE!

# “Bender Ball” work out regimen is Ab-solutely Amazing

Big things come in small packages — so they say.

Recently, I attended a strength training workshop to learn how to incorporate the Bender Ball into my group fitness classes. Though seemingly harmless, the Bender Ball Method of Core Training proved to be ab-solutely amazing.

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Developed by Leslee Bender, the Bender Ball Method uses a small green ball to target your core muscles. The method involves combining everyday exercises with the Bender Ball for an added challenge of stabilization, causing you to reach the upper, middle and lower abs — including the oblique muscles.

Janette Janero, Fitness Program graduate assistant, said that the Recreation Center decided to bring in the Bender Balls because exercises can get monotonous. By adding the Bender Ball to your workout, a new challenge is created, making exercises that you are already familiar with fresh again.

In addition to the great workout you will achieve by using this tiny green wonder, the Bender Ball also helps prevent lower back pain. However, Janero warns that because the Bender Ball increases the intensity of the exercises, the risk for injury is also increased.

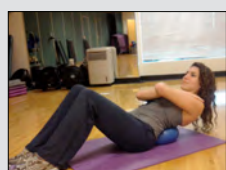
To grant you the benefits of both safety and a gratifying workout, I had Janero demonstrate a few Bender Ball exercises that you can do on your own.

**Crunch**

Start off with 20 reps.

To begin, sit down on a mat and bend your knees with your feet positioned next to each other. Place the Bender Ball behind your

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lower back and stabilize it. Make sure that your ears are in line with your shoulders and cross your arms over your chest; lay your hands on your shoulders. On the way down, extend your back fully and inhale; exhale on the way up.

Jenaro said that the Bender

Ball crunch is her favorite exercise because it allows the spine to fully extend, which

enables you to reach your core muscles at a deeper level.

**Bird-Dog**

Once you find balance, hold for 10 counts.

While this exercise may require a balancing act in the beginning, the bird-dog can become easy after much practice. To recreate the challenge in this exercise, put your hands and knees on the floor. Set the Bender Ball underneath your left hand and check

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that your hand is in line with your shoulder. Make sure that your pelvis is parallel to the floor and that your hip does not turn up.

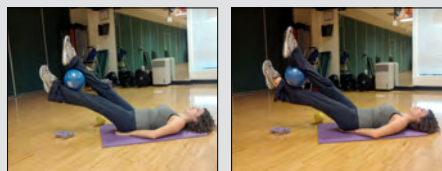
Draw your belly button in toward your spine, engage your abs, raise your left leg back behind you and extend your right arm forward. The purpose of this exercise is to keep your spine in alignment, from the tips of your toes to the front of your arm. Remember to breathe throughout this exercise.

**45 Degree Hold**

Start off with three reps and hold for seven seconds on each side.

Lay down flat on the mat with hands underneath your lower back to support your spine. Place the Bender Ball between your legs, just above

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your ankles and cross your right leg over your left leg. Tighten your abs and lower legs until you feel an effort to engage the abdominal muscles.

Make sure that your lower back does not get raised off of the mat and hold this position at a 45 degree angle. Bring your legs back up and switch so that the left leg is over the right leg. Repeat and make sure you breathe throughout the exercise.

**Side Bridge and Reach**

Start with 20 reps.

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There are two variations to this exercise. For the first modification, sit on your side. Bring your feet in close to your thighs and align your elbow underneath your shoulder.

With the Bender Ball in your opposing hand, reach overhead, raise your hips off the floor and come back down. For a more



challenging approach, try the second modification. Extend your legs and keep yourself supported by your elbow. For added difficulty, support yourself with your hand.

Exhale on the way up and inhale when you come back down.

The Bender Ball caters to all fitness levels, from beginner to advanced, and it is available for purchase on the Bender Ball website with a free fitness DVD at just \$10, plus shipping and handling.

It is time to get bent into shape. Be on the lookout for the Bender Ball at my Ultimate Abs and Cardio class this semester.

*Fit For Life! is a biweekly fitness column. Look for it every other Monday. All photos by columnist. Email at ratasha.iritbarren@fiusm.com*

## CALENDAR 2012 WEEK OF WELCOME

### 9 Monday

**SPC COMEDY SHOW FEATURING D'SEAN ROSS**

Kick off the new semester with some laughs courtesy of D'Sean Ross. Ross has been seen on MTV's Yo Mama and BET's Comic View.  
WHEN: 5:30 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: MMC GC Ball-rooms

**YOGA**

Wellness Activities invites students to do yoga with Michelle Alva. Bring your yoga mat.  
WHEN: 1-2 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: MMC GC 243

**LIVE BLUES MONDAY**

Start the week off right with live blues at Miami's oldest bar Tobacco Road.  
WHEN: 9 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Food and drink prices vary.  
WHERE: Tobacco Road, 626 S. Miami Rd. 33130

### 10 Tuesday

**SPC PIT EVENTS PRESENTS: MAKE YOUR OWN CUSTOM CORKBOARD**

Get organized with a customized corkboard. SPC will be providing students with corkboards and supplies.  
WHEN: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: MMC GC Pit

**EOPD TRAINING: SEXUAL HARASSMENT - IT'S A MATTER OF RESPECT**

Equal Opportunities Programs and Diversity presents a seminar on how to prevent sexual harassment in the workplace.  
WHEN: 10-11:30 a.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: MMC GC 314

**CSO-OPOLY: CSO CLUB FAIR**

The Council of Student Organizations will be giving away free food and drinks.  
WHEN: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: MMC GC Ball-rooms

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HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: MMC GC Ball-rooms

**CAMPUS LIFE BONANZA**

Campus Life will be reaching out to students to get more involved in the new semester.  
WHEN: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: MMC GC Lawns

**BSU PRESENTS: SPEAK YOUR HEART OUT**

The Black Student Union invites students to "Speak Your Heart Out"  
WHEN: 7:30 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: MMC GC Faculty Lounge

### 12 Thursday

**SPC PRESENTS: WINTER WONDERLAND**

Enjoy hot cocoa and cookies while watching your friends snowboard on an inflatable snowboard ride.  
WHEN: 12-3 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: MMC GC Lawns

**STUDENT ACTIVISM: WHAT ARE YOU FIGHTING FOR?**

Campus Life invites students to their student activism panel.  
WHEN: 12:30-2 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: MMC GC 150

**BASKETBALL DOUBLE-HEADER**

Come out to see both men's and women's basketball play against Middle Tennessee University.  
WHEN: 5:30-9:30 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free with student I.D.  
WHERE: MMC US Century Bank Arena

### 13 Friday

**MLK COMMEMORATIVE BREAKFAST**

The annual commemoration breakfast will honor the American legend.  
WHEN: 8-10:30 a.m.  
HOW MUCH: Contact Barbara Douglas at 305-348-2436  
WHERE: MMC GC Ball-rooms

**SPC MOVIE: "50/50"**

Joseph Gordon-Levitt plays a 27 year-old battling cancer. Also starring Seth Rogen and Anna Kendrick.  
WHEN: 5 & 8 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free with student I.D.  
WHERE: MMC GC 140

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## BODY IMAGE

# Photoshop creates unrealistic expectations for products

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Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, especially when it comes to advertising. Models in many fashion and cosmetic ads are enhanced with Photoshop, but advertisers have taken the technique so far that action is being taken to regulate its use.

After agreeing to never run a mascara ad again because of unrealistic post-production enhancement, Procter & Gamble became the latest target of a move by U.S. and international advertising regulators to ban Photoshop from advertisements when it is misleading to consumers. The aim of NAD (National Advertising Division) is to make cosmetic ads more honest for the consumer. The debate about Photoshopping ads has been around for a long time, and NAD has begun taking

baby steps to remedy the situation after recent successes on similar issues in the U.K.

NAD, which has close ties to FTC (Federal Trade Commission), is accountable for holding advertisers responsible for their ads.

There are many laws in place to limit false advertising, and NAD has the power to fine or bring injunctions against any advertisers using misleading ads.

Procter & Gamble's retracted ad involved mascara that promised "2X more volume" and a model with digitally enhanced eye lashes. Although the ad noted that the model was enhanced, the ad failed to depict accurate results of the product's use.

NAD director Andrea Levine said, "You can't use a photograph to demonstrate how a cosmetic will look after it is applied to a woman's face and then – in the mice type – have a disclosure that

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**When the ad portrays a certain result and the product doesn't deliver, it is hard not to feel ripped off.**

Lauren Gomez,  
Sophomore, Business

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says 'okay, not really.'" Most, if not all, cosmetic ads use some form of post-production enhancement and many do note it in the fine print.

Lauren Gomez, a business major, said, "I don't really care too much that they enhance the ads because I don't try to live up to those ridiculous standards, but when the ad portrays a certain result and the product doesn't deliver, it is hard not to feel ripped off."

But this is not to say that Photoshopping in ads will be banned all together, as there is a difference between fixing a model's natural flaws and drawing on completely new features.

If the ban goes through, we may see a more honest generation of cosmetic advertising, and the consumer will no longer be subjected to inaccurate depictions of how a particular product should deliver. "If ads are more honest, companies may even sell more products," Gomez said.

College-aged women make up a large share of the consumer base for cosmetics and are targeted by many ads. Katherine Merlo, a psychology major, said, "I would like to see all Photoshopping banned from cosmetic ads.

Not only will it give [a] girl's self-esteem a break by not being bombarded by images of impossibly good-looking models, but the ads will also give an accurate description of the product." Advertisers are taking the misdirection and manipulation present in almost all ads a bit too far, and it should stop for the benefit of the consumer.

Rulings in the U.K. and U.S. found that Photoshopping images in ads makes them misleading. In addition to banning misleading Photoshopping in ads, FTC has also tightened regulations that hold celebrities accountable for making claims in ads that they know cannot be true.

## New year, new chances

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improvement are two other facets of college life best addressed in moderation.

"Before you swear to yourself to get straight A's this semester, look back at the grades you earned during the fall," Lozano advised. "Perhaps it would be better to aim for nothing lower than a B, or better yet, to set a rational grade for each class instead of the semester as a whole."

He added: "Find the ways in which you can use downtime for something productive — even if it means using those 30

minutes you have to wait to use Megavideo to back up your photos on an external hard drive."

The upkeep of our "online persona," nevertheless, remains unusually important among college and graduate students.

"I don't think it's bad to expose your life and thoughts online," Calimano argued.

"In fact, the Internet has become one of the most efficient mediums in getting your ideas across, with your name attached to them."

The success of online social platforms like

Facebook and Twitter has spurred the launching of business and professional networking sites like Academia.edu and LinkedIn.

"You can risk a job offer by having no profile online just as you can by having too much of an infamous one," she said.

"I've already begun to clean out my inbox," Calimano continued. "My advice is to create a profile that shows you're serious about your business image, and I can guarantee you'll have a leg up over those still boozing up theirs."

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## BORDERLESS WITH BROOKLYN

# NDAAs disregards constitution and civil rights

On December 31, 2011, as President Barack Obama signed the National Defense Authorization Act into law, America experienced a collective déjà vu; an overreaching, unconstitutional piece of legislation was being enacted à la Bush circa 2001.

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BROOKLYN MIDDLETON

Our current President, whose ideology during election time seemed almost antithetical to that of former President George W. Bush's, signed a law that not only has the potential to threaten constitutional rights, but actively disregards them entirely.

Think—Patriot Act meets limitless, physical detainment.

The most problematic part of the NDAA is that it codifies into law the justification for holding American citizens, domestically and overseas, for an unspecified, indefinite time.

Furthermore, there has been mass confusion evidenced by a myriad of conflicting media reports that this bill does not allow or pertain to the detainment of American citizens.

The American Civil Liberties Union debunks

this claim, "Don't be confused by anyone claiming that the indefinite detention legislation does not apply to American citizens. There is an exemption for American citizens from the mandatory detention requirement (section 1032 of the bill), but no exemption for American citizens from the authorization to use the military to indefinitely detain people without charge or trial (section 1031 of the bill). The military has the power to indefinitely imprison American citizens, but it does not have to use its power unless ordered to do so."

It is important to point out how flawed it is that there has to be clarification of government legislation. The law's language is so inherently confusing that it has to be interpreted by an external third party.

Anthony D. Romero, ACLU's executive director stated, "President Obama's action is a blight on his legacy because he will forever be known as the president who signed indefinite detention without charge or trial into law. The statute is particularly dangerous because it has no temporal or geographic limitations, and can be used by this and future presidents to militarily detain people captured far from any battlefield."

*"If the President has 'serious reservations' about this bill, he should have acted as the ultimate commander and demanded revisions."*

The intentionally vague language of the bill combined with President Obama's statement that he had "serious reservations" about the legislation make his decision to enact the legislation either perfunctory, cowardly, or intentionally misleading.

If the President, who we believed would bring honesty and illumination to eight years of flat out lies and darkness, has "serious reservations" about this bill, he should have acted as the ultimate commander and demanded revisions.

During the signing of the bill he released a statement, "Moreover, I want to clarify that my Administration will not authorize the indefinite military detention without trial of Amer-

ican citizens."

President Obama's assertion that he does not plan to use the bill during his term illustrates a reluctance to stand by this legislation.

It is unfortunate that President Obama is ignoring the fact that future administrations could capitalize on the civil rights abuses this bill allows for.

Furthermore, his addendum to the bill, that essentially attempts to ease concerns about civil rights violations, is a careless afterthought; this bill needs more explanation than a wordy public relations spin that ultimately says nothing at all.

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## Kaplan courses should be required

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Kaplan Test Prep is exactly what the title suggests; a program intended to prepare students for all major standardized exams such as the GRE, GMAT, LSAT, and the MCAT.

FIU partnered with Kaplan Test Prep in order to further prepare students for their exams for graduate school, making it the official test-preparation program of our University.

The program offers "...on-campus classes, expert advice, [and] free events and seminars on the graduate school and university admissions processes..."

The program is located within the Graham Center at the Modesto Maidique Campus and within the Wolfe Center at the Biscayne Bay Campus.

The presence of the Kaplan Test Prep program beyond GC, however, seems to be scarce, which presents a flaw in the promotion of the program to all students on campus.

All of which could be solved by making it a requirement for students to enroll in the program.

Such an important and useful program should be advertised as much as possible, yet its existence is near extinction outside the program's location.

The advertisements themselves are

quite simple but succeed in stating the purpose of the Kaplan Test Prep program.

Some flyers might be found on the

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many bulletin-boards located within buildings all around campus, but it will always be a matter of whether the students even have time to look. Not only that, but whether the students even have intentions of looking for something on the boards.

As students, we are always on the move to our next class and can barely

afford to be distracted. This problem is even more prevalent within the Graham Center itself.

The Graham Center is, by far, one of the busiest buildings on campus and is not necessarily the best place to focus on one thing, considering that there is almost always a lot of ongoing traffic there.

There are more Kaplan ads there, considering that is where the program is located, but it still is, and will always be, a matter of the students' time and intentions.

I sought information to somewhat determine where students' intentions lie based on the number of enrollment and their way of discovering the program but Kaplan would not release such information to me.

In order to eliminate the need of promoting the Kaplan Test Prep program on campus, as well as eliminate the students' time and intentions factor in this situation, I propose that the University makes it a requirement for all students to take a Kaplan Test Prep course in accordance with the exam they will eventually need to take to move onto graduate school.

Making it a requirement benefits the Kaplan Test Prep program because it obviously rules out the need to promote their program, but it will also benefit students in their preparation to excel.

### VERBATIM

*"I've never met a genius. A genius to me is someone who does well at something he hates. Anybody can do well at something he loves - it's just a question of finding the subject."*

-Clint Eastwood,

*"Either write something worth reading or do something worth writing."*

-Benjamin Franklin

*"I want Congress to pass the International Violence Against Women Act. It wouldn't solve all the problems, but it would encourage countries like Sierra Leone to take sexual violence more seriously. And shining a light on oppression helps overcome it."*

-Nicholas Kristof

*"The bigotry expressed against Muslims in this country has been one of the most disturbing stories to surface this year."*

-Katie Couric

*"Even in the face of truth, you continue to ignore it."*

-Brent Bozell

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## Dean Hampton makes changes to magnify CSHTM

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Mike Hampton, Dean of the Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, moved his desk right near his open office door so students can see whether he is available with a slight peek. Appointed dean of CSHTM as of spring 2010, Hampton constituted changes to the school to assist students in becoming productive graduates as soon as they receive their diploma.

"In a year, we've made high progress," Hampton said.

According to Kathie A. Alexander, director of Budget and Human Resources, four new professors with Ph.Ds have been hired to teach in the CSHTM program from fall 2011. Two more are being hired for fall 2012.

Among these new professors are Miranda Kitterlin, graduate of University of Nevada, Las Vegas with a Ph.D in Hospitality Management and Michelle Yoo, who has a Ph.D in Hospitality Management from UNLV. Kitterlin teaches Organizational Behavior, Facilities Management and Fundamentals of Management.

According to Hampton, Kitterlin and Yoo create an interesting environment for students.

"The new faculty make the theoretical constructs of management come alive with real world application," Hampton said.

With more study abroad programs created in Peru for spring break and



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Dean Mike Hampton and Richard Lopez, assistant director of Student Associate Programs, work out the fine points for the South Beach Wine and Food Festival, set to take place in February bringing an array of Food Network personalities to South Florida.

summer, Hampton has been working to broaden students' minds.

Currently, plans are in progress for an academic agreement with DCT University Center School in Switzerland. DCT, located near the city of Lucerne, prepares students for international careers in the fields of hotel and restaurant management or to become chefs in specific food areas.

Hampton's advising plan encour-

ages students to turn their résumés into portfolios integrated from coursework activities.

Students weave together academic and professional experiences in order to become more attractive to prospective employers.

The Career Development office has become more centered inside the building to HTM 260 A for better access to students to stop by and

receive help. With advising, Hampton hopes to assist students reach out to industries and gain exposure to areas they are interested in concentrating upon. By aligning students with associations, they get professional affiliation.

Saturday excursions are designed to give students a behind-the-scenes tour of hospitality programs across Florida including Canyon Ranch, Monkey

Jungle, and the Oasis of the Seas. Students get to meet with management of these programs and gain more insight into the industries. Roundtable series are every Wednesday. In the roundtable series, CEO's of high level industries come to the Carnival Student Center and meet informally with the students. Students then have a Q&A session with the employers.

"It's important for students to have a broad perspective for career opportunities. Demand is there," Hampton said. "The vision I have is to prepare students to function at high levels. We are producing company executives so they can make the decisions to operate internationally."

Construction has begun for a new teaching restaurant, food production lab, and a new brewing science center for beverage management. Fundraising has also begun for the funding of the construction of a finance epicenter and a graduate research building.

Hampton, along with the rest of the executive team members, do a daily walk around the school while classes are in session to speak to students. He is open to suggestions from students that he receives via Facebook, in person, and through text messages.

"He's an abundance of energy. He is always open to new ideas and differing viewpoints," Alexander said. "I am very fortunate it has been an amazing experience because of the professional and career development I am gaining under his leadership."

## INSTANT RELAY



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The FIU swimming and diving team won back-to-back meets in a span of a week. On Jan 3, the Panthers won seven events to capture the Orange Bowl Classic in Key Largo. FIU defeated George Mason 186-160. FIU also edged out Eastern Michigan 376-364 on Jan. 5, to win the FIU Relays at the Biscayne Bay Campus.

## WOW set to kick off spring semester

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After a month long winter break, campus organizations are coming together to keep students from falling into the start of the semester blues.

The Office of Campus Life at the Biscayne Bay Campus, along with the Student Programming Council, Student Government Association, Office of Orientation and the Recreation Center are hosting a number of events throughout the first week of the Spring semester to welcome back students to BBC.

Kicking off the week is the "Welcome Back Beach Party" hosted by the Office of Campus Life on Jan. 9 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Wolfe University Center's Panther Square. The beach party will consist of activities with caricature artists, mosaic art, Caribbean themed music and food being given out on a first come first serve basis.

Following the beach party, the "SPC Square Day: Mindfreeze Game show," held on Jan. 10, will also be located in Panther Square from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The students in attendance will take part in a real-time game show and be eligible for cash prizes.

SGA will be hosting a "Book Buy Back Day," to allow students to buy,

sell or exchange their old textbooks at a reasonable price on Jan. 11 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you are not looking to choose architecture as your new profession of choice, take down your mile high tower of books and bring them on down to the event in WUC 221.

The Office of Orientation will be hosting a Peer Advisor Announcement in Panther Square at 12 p.m. on Jan. 11 to assist returning panthers with the new semester.

Even as the week comes to an end, the parties live on.

On Jan. 13, students walking past WUC 221, can grab some food at "Brunch at Biscayne Bay" from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The brunch, hosted by the Office of Campus Life, will be provided, as usual, on a first come first serve basis.

Making a splash at the end of the week is the "Game Day" event hosted by the BBC Center on Jan. 13 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Panther Square. It is a pregame event designed to get the students riled up for the FIU vs. Connecticut State Swim Meet which will be Jan. 14 at 12 p.m. in the recreation pool area.

More information can be found at the Biscayne Bay Campus Life office in WUC 141 or by calling (305) 919-5804.