

<p>LIBYA</p> <p>Libyan army shells mountain towns</p> <p>Moammar Gadhafi's loyalists shelled a mountain town with opposition forces in a coastal city, as he sought to quell resistance in the western part of the country that is largely under his control.</p>	<p>FRANCE</p> <p>France to step up strikes in Libya</p> <p>France vowed on April 20 to step up airstrikes on Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi's forces and acknowledged it has military officers already working with Libyan rebels on the ground.</p>	<p>KENYA</p> <p>Kenyans protest maize prices go up</p> <p>Food prices are rising across the globe, driven in part by the higher transport costs that accompany rising oil prices. The World Bank said that food prices are 36 percent higher today than a year ago.</p>
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College of Business dean to step down from position

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After 14 years with the College of Business, Joyce Elam announced her decision to have the 2011-2012 academic year be her last as executive dean.

Elam, who is also the professor of management information systems and vice provost of FIU Online, will remain in her position as Dean of University College and continue to serve as a faculty member in the College of Business. She will have been the longest-serving Dean in the history of the college.

"The President and I want to thank Dr. Elam for being an energetic, entrepreneurial, inspired and visionary Executive Dean of the College of Business Administration," said Douglas Wartzok in a University wide email. "We want to congratulate her and the College faculty on the outstanding accomplishments they have achieved during the fourteen years under her leadership."

Wartzok also added that he has appointed John Rock, dean of the college of medicine, to head the search committee and work with a national search firm to hire a new dean by July 2012.

Previously an associate professor at the University of Texas and an assistant professor at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School, Elam earned both her Ph.D in operations research and her bachelor's in mathematics from the University of Texas.

She is known to be a recognized expert in the strategic use of information technology, the management of the information services function, and the use of information technology to support both individual and group decision-making and learning.

Her prominent role in the study of women in leadership is seen through her efforts in an annual research study, which surveys women-led businesses in Florida. She is also the faculty leader for a women leadership development program, Women on the Move, which is offered twice a year through the FIU Center for

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FI-ART



ESRA ERDOGAN/THE BEACON

BFA students painted on a donated Fiat 500 by the Italian carmakers for the Philip & Patricia Frost Art Museum, where the car is displayed outside of the entrance of the museum. The students worked together to paint on and in the car with acrylic paints and were inspired by Italian art, architecture and iconography.

Athletic fee to increase three percent, agreement reached

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As the 2010 to 2011 academic year comes to an end, the Student Government Association worked to make significant agreements with Athletics.

Asking "for a true collaboration with Athletics in terms of facilities operated" by the department, Student Government Council Presidents for the Modesto Maidique Campus and Biscayne Bay Campus, Helena Ramirez and Christin Battle signed off on the agreement as a response to the Athletics Fee increase.

According to SGC-MMC Pres-

ident Helena Ramirez, the University Fee Committee voted to propose a 3 percent increase to the fee. The increased proposal now goes to the office of University President Mark Rosenberg and then to the Board of Trustees for final approval.

Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Rosa Jones, Executive Director of Sports and Entertainment Pete Garcia and Head Football Coach Mario Cristobal signed off on the agreement on April 12.

In the agreement, SGA requested access to facilities and amenities under Athletics' jurisdiction. As part of its appeal, SGA asked to maintain

the Skybox for football games and usage throughout the year. The Division of Student Affairs and Athletics agreed upon outlined usages of facilities such as the Skybox as a renewal of the April 2008 agreement between Garcia, Cristobal and Jones.

The recent agreement also requests that students only pay the "actual cost" on usages of facilities. According to the appeal this would mean "not paying for staff who are already working or equipment that is already in the inventory." Payments would only go towards costs incurred for overtime work or extra equipment needed—which would be listed in

usage inventory.

Along with these payment inquiries, the agreement also requested use of facilities such as the Stadium, Stadium Club, Baseball Stadium and Arena a certain number of times per year provided that they are not in use.

SGA also requested that Athletics provide at least seven shuttles buses for BBC students to attend sporting events per year.

The April 12 agreement renewed a previously established appeal between the Office of Student Affairs and Athletics. In accordance with it, Student Affairs continues to have access to the Stadium Club and suites

for student club and SGA meetings for a minimum usage of three days per week.

The Athletics Department will provide Field House Space and locker room availability for student club and organizations through the Division of Student Affairs and SGA.

The last thing the agreement touched upon was the accessibility of the stadium field through the approval of Cristobal and in direct relation to the football program.

Ramirez and Battle worked in coordination with the respective departments to get this agreement done before the academic year ended.

NEWS FLASH

Bahraini man on trial for alleged ties to Iran

Bahraini man is on trial in the tiny Gulf kingdom for alleged ties to Iran.

Bahrain's state-run news agency says the defendant, Ibrahim Ghuloom

Abdulwahab, is suspected of passing classified military information and sensitive economic data to Iran's Revolutionary Guard, a powerful armed wing of the Shiite theocracy.

Although Iran has no history of political ties to Bahrain's majority Shiites, the island's Sunni rulers accuse it of inciting dissent among their Shiite population.

Abdulwahab was due in court on Wednesday.

Malaysia orders Indian to hang for drug smuggling

A Malaysian court has sentenced an Indian man to death by hanging for drug trafficking.

An official in a court outside Kuala Lumpur says a judge convicted and sentenced Khader Waheed on Tuesday.

National news agency Bernama reported that Waheed was convicted of smuggling more than three kilograms (6.6 pounds) of ketamine at an international airport outside Kuala Lumpur in January.

Malaysia hands down mandatory death sentences for crimes including drug trafficking and murder. The government said recently that it has hanged more than 440 people in the past 50 years, while some 700 are currently on death row.

Mullen visits Pakistan amid tensions over drones

The top U.S. military officer is visiting Pakistan at a time of tensions over America's role in the region.

The U.S. Embassy says Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will spend Wednesday and Thursday meeting with Pakistani leaders.

Mullen is a frequent visitor to Pakistan, and reportedly has a good relationship with Pakistan's army chief, Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani.

The United States needs Pakistan's cooperation to help end the war in Afghanistan.

But tensions between the two allies have spiked this year after an American CIA employee shot and killed two Pakistanis he said were trying to rob him.

– Compiled by Nicole Castro

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Deepwater Horizon relatives return

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Relatives of some of the 11 men who died aboard the Deepwater Horizon oil rig are flying over the Gulf of Mexico on Wednesday, back to the epicenter of the worst offshore oil spill in the nation's history.

Meanwhile, on land, vigils were scheduled in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida to mark the spill.

On the night of April 20, 2010, the Deepwater Horizon, a rig owned by Transocean Ltd., burst into flames after drilling a well for BP PLC, killing 11 workers on or near the drilling floor. The rest of the crew evacuated, but two days later the rig toppled into the Gulf and sank to the sea floor. The bodies were never recovered.

Over the next 85 days, 206 million gallons of oil — 19 times more than the Exxon Valdez spilled — spewed from the well. In response,

the nation commandeered the largest offshore fleet of vessels since D-Day, and BP spent billions of dollars to clean up the mess, saving itself from collapse.

"I can't believe tomorrow has been one year because it seems like everything just happened," Courtney Kemp, whose husband Roy Wyatt Kemp was killed on the rig, wrote on her Facebook page Tuesday.

"I have learned a lot of things through all of this but the most important is to live each day as if it were your last ... what matters is if you truly live."

Natalie Roshto, whose husband Shane Roshto also died on the rig, posted a message on Courtney Kemp's Facebook page on Tuesday evening: "Can't believe it's been a year.. It has brought a lot of tears and a great friendship I'm Soooo thankful for.. We are a strong force together!! Love u sista."

In a statement, President Barack Obama paid tribute

to those killed in the blast and thanked the thousands of responders who "worked tirelessly to mitigate the worst impacts" of the oil spill.

"But we also keep a watchful eye on the continuing and important work required to ensure that the Gulf Coast recovers stronger than before," Obama said in the statement.

The president said significant progress has been made but the work isn't done.

Transocean invited up to three members of each family to attend the flyover.

They were expected to circle the site a few times in a helicopter, though there is no visible marker identifying where their loved ones perished. At the bottom of the sea, 11 stars were imprinted on the well's final cap.

Several families said they didn't want to go on the flyover, and Transocean decided to not allow media on the flight or at a private service later in the day in Houston.

The solemn ceremonies marking the disaster underscore the delicate healing that is only now taking shape. Oil still occasionally rolls up on beaches in the form of tar balls, and fishermen face an uncertain future.

Louis and Audrey Neal of Pass Christian, Miss., who make their living from crabbing, said it's gotten so bad since the spill that they're contemplating divorce and facing foreclosure as the bills keep piling up.

"I don't see any daylight at the end of this tunnel. I don't see any hope at all. We thought we'd see hope after a year, but there's nothing," Audrey Neal said.

"We ain't making no money. There's no crabs," said Louis Neal, a lifelong crabber.

"I'm in the worst shape I've ever been in my whole damn life. I'm about to lose my whole family," he said. "I can't even pay the loans I have out there. That's how bad it's gotten."

Elam longest serving dean for college

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Leadership and the College of Business Administration.

During her tenure, the college has gained national ranking recognition and grown in the number of undergraduate and graduate students it serves.

According to Wartzok "between 1997 and 2010, the number of undergraduate degrees doubled to 1,963 and the number of graduate degrees tripled to 941."

The Chapman Graduate School's program portfolio has grown in size and

complexity to include a full-time MBA program and several MBA programs specifically designed for working professionals and executives.

With an MBA program focused on Healthcare Management that is delivered entirely online, the college has developed seven specialized Master's programs offered at numerous FIU campus locations. Graduate programs have extended overseas with classes offered in Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Panama and Mexico.

"Dual degree seeking students from partner business schools around the world

are now a regular part of the college's graduate enrollment," said Wartzok.

Every year since 2005, "US News & World Report" has listed the college's undergraduate international business programs among the 15 best in the nation; three times in the top 10. "BusinessWeek" has also ranked the college among the top 100 AACSB-accredited business schools.

"We want to congratulate her [Elam] and the College faculty on the outstanding accomplishments they have achieved during the fourteen years under her leadership," said Wartzok.

MUSIC MACHINE



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Senior Sara Fleming, who is earning her BFA, presents her final project to Professor Ralph Buckley in his 3D design class. The project was to build a mechanical sound instrument.

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GOLF

Golf team finishes fifth in SBC tournament

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The FIU women's golf team placed 5th in the Sun Belt conference tournament held from Monday, April 18th to Wednesday, April 20th in Muscle Shoals, Alabama at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail.

The tournament consisted of 72 holes for each individual, with 5 players on each team competing. It took place on the Schoolmaster Course, which is a Par 72 for 6,127 yards.

The Golden Panthers came into the championship tournament with the second best stroke average among Sun Belt teams at 74.67 through 24 rounds of play. This was just slightly over the first place North Texas, who came in with a 74.79 average.

Their impressive performance was helped by the fact that they had three golfers who finished in the top 10 amongst all other golfers in the conference. Chris-

tina Marin, Katie Mundy and Shelby Coyle all made the list, with Coyle being golfer of the month for February.

It was a tough start for FIU in the first round of play as they shot a combined 302 as a team to put them in seventh place out of the 11 teams participating. Mundy shot the best score in the first round of play with a 73, which put her tied in fourth overall.

The second day, FIU did much better, and were able to take down 12 strokes off their first round score, to bring their score after 36 holes of golf at +16 and put them in third place going into round three.

Marin led the way in the on the second day for the Golden Panthers with shooting a one under par with a 71. She went into a 12th place tie at the end of the second day with a +4. What was more impressive was Laura Stempfle and Mundy's play at the end of round two, as they both ended up in 6th place after two rounds with a +2.

On the third and final day of

play, the team shot a combined 300 to give them a combined score of 892 in all and a 5th place finish in the tournament. Coyle shot the best in round three with a 73, and Stempfle ended the tournament with the best score of all Golden Panthers at 221, finishing for a 9th place finish. Marin, Mundy and Coyle all cracked the top 20 with Marin and Mundy each finishing tied for 13th and Coyle tied at 17th.

If it had not been for the rough start on the first day that put the team in an immediate 7th place, they would have had a better finish than 5th place. Their score of 290 was the second best for the day two of play.

They could not take the momentum of the great second round into the third day though, where they shot a 300, which was 6th best for day three.

Denver ended up winning the tournament with a 875 score after three days, which is their 7th straight Sun Belt tournament

SUN BELT HONORS



Stroke Average: 75.48

Freshman of the Year

SHELBY COYLE

SUN BELT HONORS



Stroke Average: 74.93

SBC All-Conference Team

CRISTINA MARIN

FRESHMEN HONORED

Freshmen Cristina Marin and Shelby Coyle were named to the 2011 Club Glove Sun Belt Conference Team that was announced on April 20.

Coyle was also given the SBC Freshman of the Year for her performance during the 2011 season.

It is not the first time Coyle was honored by the conference this season, who earned Golfer of the Month in February for her strong performances.

TENNIS

Golden Panthers receive top seed in conference tournament

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The FIU Golden Panthers women's tennis team, ranked 63rd in the nation, received word on Tuesday, April 19 that they will be the number 1 seed heading into the Sun Belt Conference Tournament. With the No. 1 seed, the Golden Panthers will have a bye in the first round.

In the second round, the team will play the winner of Middle Tennessee and Denver.

In matches this season against Sun Belt opponents, the Golden Panthers went undefeated beating Florida Atlantic, Arkansas State, Louisiana, Troy, North Texas, and South Alabama all by large margins.

TEAMS TO WATCH

Although the Golden Panthers seem to be the heavy favorite, there are a few teams that could make a run to the Conference title.

The Louisiana Monroe Warhawks head into the Conference Tournament as the No. 2 seed, having won seventeen matches in a row, the second longest win streak in the nation.

The team is 18-1 on the season, with their only loss coming against No. 27 Southern Methodist in the second match of the season.

They are led by senior Claire Clark, who has won Sun Belt Conference Player of the Week honors four different times this season.

If ULM and FIU make it to the final, this could set up as a great match with Clark facing off against



MEGAN KELLEY/THE BEACON

Guiletta Boha [above] goes for a return during a regular season home match. FIU has now secured the top seed in the conference tournament.

Liset Brito, ranked No. 57 in the nation in the latest polls.

A team that could give the Golden Panthers some trouble might be the Louisiana Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns, who will be the No. 3 seed in the Tournament.

They are 9-8 on the season and 4-2 against Sun Belt opponents. The

two teams met earlier in the season and it was the closest Sun Belt match the Golden Panthers played all year (5-2).

Senior Julie Mazinova has carried the team with a 20-8 record on the season. She has won at least 20

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SOFTBALL

FIU preparing for road doubleheader at UNF

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Staff Writer

The Golden Panthers will travel to Jacksonville on April 22 to take on North Florida in a doubleheader to complete the season three game series. The doubleheader against North Florida will be the Golden Panthers final non-conference games of the regular season.

DOWN THE STRETCH

Including the doubleheader with North Florida, the Golden Panthers have seven remaining games on the regular season schedule. Five of those games will be against conference opponents Florida Atlantic and South Alabama.

The Golden Panthers feel they must make a strong push in the last five Sun Belt Conference games to improve their seeding for the conference tournament.

"We got to keep playing hard and finish strong." Alex Casals said after the Western Kentucky series. "Every lost [in the conference] hurts you, but we are going to keep working hard and hopefully it works out for the best for us."

The Golden Panthers also feel that they must be more consistent in the first two games of conference series in order to make up ground in the standings. "We've been kind of up and down," Gniadek said

after the series against Western Kentucky "I feel like we are good at winning the first game and we kind of lose it in the second [game of the series]."

ON THE BUBBLE?

As of April 13, the Golden Panthers are ranked 61 in the RPI. The NCAA softball tournament selects 64 teams. Of the 64 available slots, 30 are automatically awarded by winning the conference tournament. The other 34 slots are awarded by a selection committee who analyzes qualified teams against one another.

The Golden Panthers have three quality wins against teams in the top 25 as they defeated No. 22 Georgia Tech twice and defeated conference opponent No. 17 Louisiana on the road. The Golden Panthers also

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FIU SOFTBALL DOUBLEHEADER

FIU vs. UNF (DH)

- Time: 01:00 p.m.
- When: April 23
- Where: Jacksonville, FL

Golden Panthers looking to make late season push

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have had losses against North Texas and Western Kentucky. FIU has played quality teams which include No. 9 Florida, No. 14 Baylor and No. 16 Kentucky. Those games will help their strength of schedule profile for the committee.

Outside of winning the conference tournament, coach Beth Torina knows her team must continue to play consistently if they want to play in the NCAA tournament for the second consecutive year.

“We are still in a decent spot and we definitely got to make a big push here at the end of the season to make some things happen and then we got to play well through the [conference] tournament,” Torina said. That’s always the case. Your last 10 [games] is important, no matter who you are.”

PAST MEETING

Earlier this season, the Golden Panthers shut out North Florida by a 3-0 score. Junior Jenny Welch and sophomore Patty Zavala provided the two

key hits that drove in all three of the Golden Panthers runs on Feb. 13. Welch went 1-for-2 in the game, which included her single in the sixth inning that broke up a scoreless game.

Zavala went 2-for-3 in the ballgame with included a two run single that gave the Golden Panthers a 3-0 lead.

In the circle, Gniadek gave up two hits and struck out ten Ospreys as she pitched a complete game against North Florida.

North Florida struggled for much of the game at the plate. Only Alyson Bailey and Jackie Reese recorded hits off of Gniadek in the game.

Leadoff hitter Kaley Brosky had an effective day against the Golden Panthers at the plate as she was able to draw four of the team’s six total walks in the game.

Cortney Radke had one of her better outings of the season against the Golden Panthers. She pitched six innings giving up five hits, struck out four and gave up three runs in the game.

SCOUTING NORTH FLORIDA



KRISTI CAMARA/THE BEACON

Alex Cassals [13] has emerged as an offensive weapon for the Golden Panthers as of late as they look to go into the conference tournament on a high note.

The Ospreys enter the series with a 22-27 record and a 6-10 record in Atlantic Sun Conference play. Brittany Hendrix leads

the team with a .283 average. Mariah Reynolds is second on the Ospreys with 4 homers and leads the team with 28 RBI's.

In the pitching circle, Radke has been the anchor of the pitching staff. She is 20-18 with a 2.20 ERA with 241.2 innings pitched.

BACK IN ACTION



ALEX GARCIA/THE BEACON

Pablo Bermudez [right] is greeted at home plate after hitting his first home run of the season on April 15 against Louisiana. The Golden Panthers, after cancelling a weekday home game against Florida Memorial, will face off with UALR in a road conference series starting on April 22.

FIU awaits winner of first round matchup

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6-1. matches in each of the past three seasons. She and Milou Israel were the only two Ragin' Cajuns to pick up victories in the Feb. 26 matchup. Another team to watch might be the Arkansas State Red Wolves.

These two teams met during the regular season and the Golden Panthers swept the Red Wolves (7-0).

The Red Wolves finished the season with a record of 9-6 and were lead by Seniors Jenny Herring and Menna Kamal.

The two were a combined 21-7 on the season and each won ten consecutive matches at different points during the season.

These two players could pose problems to the Golden Panthers during the Tournament.

POSSIBLE FIRST OPPONENTS

The Golden Panthers will face either Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders or the Denver Pioneers. The Blue Raiders head into the tournament with some struggles, having only won two of their last seven matches.

The Pioneers are experiencing similar struggles, as they have lost three of their last four.

In their head-to-head match up this season, Denver defeated Middle Tennessee

6-1.

If Denver defeats Middle Tennessee again, it would set up a match between teams that have won six of the past seven Sun Belt titles, dating back to 2004.

SENIORS LEADING

Seniors Liset Brito and Maria Spenceley lead the Golden Panthers into the Sun Belt Tournament. Brito enters the tournament playing very well, winning nine of her last ten matches.

She has played a key role in leading the Golden Panthers to the No. 1 seed. Each time that the Golden Panthers won a match this season, Brito won in singles.

While Brito has been receiving a lot of recognition, Spenceley has been nearly as successful.

Winning nine matches on the season, Spenceley has been the unsung hero of the team. She is hoping to end her career with a third Sun Belt Conference Championship.

SUN BELT TOURNAMENT

FIU vs. Denver/MTSU

- Time: 10:00 a.m.
- When: April 22
- Where: Mobile, AL.

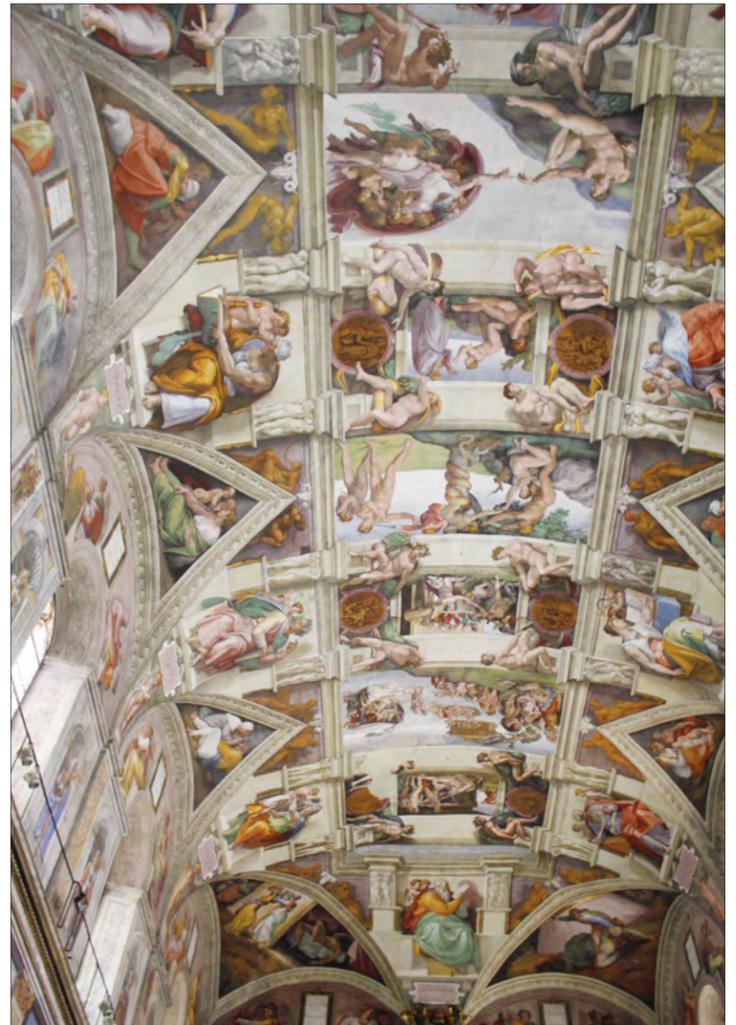
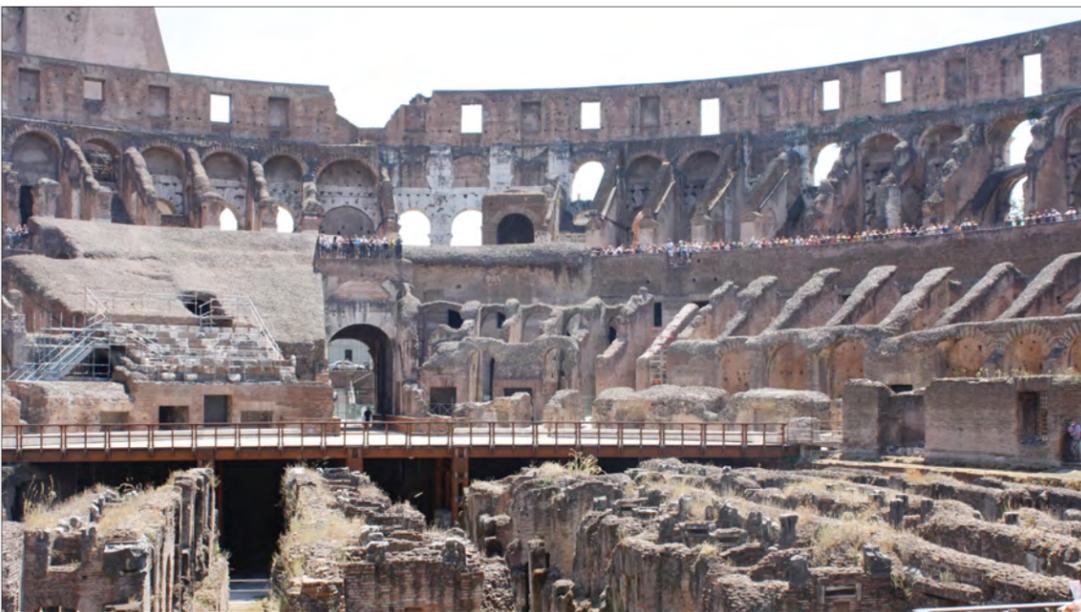


The Beacon will return to production for Summer Semester B.

Radiate FM will continue broadcasting, and you can keep up to date with updated FIU news and sports on fiusm.com.



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LOS ANGELES	7:45P	BRITISH AIRWAYS	208	F19 Departed 7:28P
LOS ANGELES	9:20P	American Airlines	397	D23 On Time
MADRID	9:15P	American Airlines	1351	D50 On Time
MEXICO CITY	7:55P	AirEuropa	098	F17 On Time
MEXICO CITY	7:55P	American Airlines	2115	D29 On Time
MONTEGO BAY	8:00P	American Airlines	503	D50 On Time
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ADRIANA RODRIGUEZ/THE BEACON

Students' plans for summer vacations include travels to Europe; to France, Italy and Spain. Other plans include trips to visit family across the U.S., volunteering, and weekend journeys to Orlando's various amusement parks.

Summertime brings trips to Europe and Disney

ALFREDO APARICIO
Staff Writer

Summer vacation: sun and fun. Three months of uninterrupted leisure after a hard year of study. For FIU students, however, the fun never seems to be enough before classes take over once again. Some students this summer will find themselves in the same places they have been all year: the classroom, even if it just for the first 6 weeks of the Summer A semester.

For John Garcia, 19, a freshman business major, summer will serve to fulfill some of the credits needed for his major. "I am going to be taking 6 credits in summer, one will be a math course and the other will be a global learning class."

The global learning requirement, first implemented last year during

Summer B, tries to get students more involved in global aspects of the world that are impacting many students' lives today.

"I look more at the economic aspects when thinking about my vacations," said Garcia. "I don't want to waste too much money especially since I don't have a job."

Garcia, during classes, will mainly hang out with friends and play video games as courses wind down once again. After finishing up classes, he will take a trip up to Georgia and visit his sister for a few weeks. "I plan to do a lot of site seeing."

Another student, Mercy Guillot, 19, a sophomore international relations major, will also begin her summer in class, taking 'Criminal Justice and the Constitution' in Summer A. Afterwards is when the fun will commence.

"I am taking a Europe vacation," laughed Guillot. "I am going with my boyfriend, his parents and his little brother."

The trip will begin by plane where Guillot will fly to Barcelona and stay for two days at a hotel before embarking on a seven day cruise on the Liberty of the Sea through some of the most famous cities in Europe.

"We're going to be going to places like Rome in Italy and Monte Carlo in France," said Guillot.

Weighing in at around \$3,000 per person and \$7,000 in total, not counting airfare and hotel prices, this trip might not be the most economic for many but promises to be the trip of a lifetime.

"We have been saving up for a year," said Guillot. "It's should be a lot of fun. I'm excited."

Katerina Vo, a freshman English

major, will spend her summer vacation more economically while also giving back to the community by teaching ballet to the younger classes at the South Florida Ballet.

"I have taught at the ballet school in my previous summers," says Vo. "I mostly look for a mixture of fun and economic. Once you start making money, you are more careful with it."

For Victor Guerrero, 20, a sophomore music major, the highlight of the summer will begin with a Pinback concert on May 4 in Atlanta.

"I'm taking the trip with my girlfriend and my best friend. It's a rare opportunity because the band doesn't tour that much and when they do they rarely come so far south," said Guerrero. "They also take a while to release any new material."

The Pinback concert will just be one of the stops on the road trip.

"Coming down we're going to stay in a hotel and sleep a little before going to the Wizarding World of Harry Potter in Orlando the next day."

The famous theme park, coming in at \$74 a person even with the Florida resident discount, has proven to be one of the more economic choices this summer. "Together, us three will each pitch in around \$200," says Guerrero, "So around \$600 in total, including gas and hotel prices."

Using Expedia, Guerrero was able to find hotels at as low as \$70 a night without them being too run down. "We're doing this to have fun and jam out and be wizards!" Guerrero said.

Whether you're saving up, studying up, spending all or spending some, summer is a time to enjoy. After all, when school is over and life begins, summer vacation will become but a distant memory.

SunFest Florida's answer to music festivals

KATHY PAZ
Staff Writer

Let's face it: Miami is not really considered one of THE cities when it comes to music festivals. You won't really find something like Indio, Ca.'s Coachella or Chicago's Lollapalooza here in terms of size or lineup.

Thankfully, all hope isn't lost for music junkies who can't afford to throw down major dollars in order to get to one of these major music staples. If you're willing to venture an hour and a half to two hours north, West Palm Beach's SunFest offers that festival atmosphere in an affordable manner that balances quantity and quality.

SunFest has been around for almost 30 years.

Established in 1982, it is the largest, waterfront music and arts festival in Florida and attracts well over 200,000 guests every year.

The festival is held in the downtown area of West Palm Beach, situated along the Intracoastal Waterway. The grounds cover Flagler Drive, from Banyan Boulevard to Lakeview Drive with multiple stages, vendor and sponsor tents, activity areas and food stations.

Putting together such a recognized and distinguished gathering requires intense planning. In fact, there's not much down time between the end of the past year's events and the brainstorming and research period for the upcoming one.

According to Melissa Sullivan, Marketing Manager for SunFest, the development for 2011 began shortly after the cleanup of 2010.

"We do assessments and review feedback, survey results and bottom line numbers, then start planning for the next year," she says.

One of the major aspects of the development process is putting together the best possible program-

ming schedule. That, of course, entails scheduling the impressive entertainment lineup SunFest has become known for.

"Booking acts is very complicated because of our geography, routing and touring scheduled. It's not common for an artist to come out and do a one-time show, so they need to be touring and somewhere near us to make it a possibility," said Sullivan. "There aren't that many baby boomer acts out on the road so this year, for example, it's very exciting to have strong acts such as Styx, Gregg Allman, Jeff Beck and Earth Wind and Fire."

"To stay current and stay relevant for years to come, we have to cultivate new audiences and new fans" said Sullivan. "We are receiving very good reaction to acts like Rhe Avett Brothers, MGMT, Neon Trees, Taking Back Sunday, Mike Posner along with Cee Lo Green and Jason Mraz."

In addition to the daily concerts, SunFest offers various other activities for festival-goers. The five-day event, which kicks off on Wednesday, Apr. 27, and lasts until Sunday, May 1, has something for everyone.

For the of age crowd, Captain Morgan will have their traditional "Floating Oasis" barges which will feature specially created drinks and a fun atmosphere. The Wine Garden at Trinity Park, located at the southern end of SunFest will hold special Constellation Wine tasting events.

The Juried Fine Art and Crafts Show will showcase the works of over 16 national artists from Friday to Sunday.

Tours and demonstrations will be offered, and the mediums featured in the show include painting, ceramics, photography, sculptures and jewelry. Youth Park at SunFest provides family-oriented fun and kid-friendly programming, and the Hair Cuttery

Booth offers hair painting, silly bands and giveaways.

This year's festival will also feature the debut of a new event.

"We have added a 5k," says Sullivan.

The TGI5K takes place on Friday, and the route begins at the intersection of Flagler Drive and Edmor Road. Pre-registration is \$45, but that fee includes a variety of perks including admission to SunFest that night and a special concert and award ceremony.

SunFest will go out with a bang, traditionally concluding with the famous Verizon Wireless Fireworks Show on Sunday, one of the largest fireworks displays on the East Coast.

A complete music schedule can be found online on the SunFest website. Early bird tickets can be purchased at a discounted price until Apr. 23. One, two or five-day passes are available.

REEL TO REEL

Trailer for action flick formulaic at best, probably awful

The original plan for this week was to review *Atlas Shrugged*, a made-for-television adaptation of the famed novel expounded by Ayn Rand. But my review included too many expletives to describe how terrible the film was.

Left without a new release to review and with deadline fast approaching, a colleague suggested that I should review a movie trailer. It sounded like an interesting idea, but I didn't really bite.

Until I saw the trailer for *Abduction*. Now here's a trailer that makes *Fast Five* look like *Citizen Kane*.

First, it stars Taylor Lautner.

From the first time I saw Taylor Lautner's face, I knew I wouldn't like him as

an actor. Maybe it's his scrunched up eyes or his Neanderthal-like face. Perhaps it's his delivery of lines like, "Sometimes I feel different. I walk around like everybody else but inside I feel like I'm just a stranger in my own life."

Or maybe it's the fact that he's built an entire career on taking his shirt off for female audience members to swoon and for their male counterparts to wince in agony at his "performance."

Anyway, life seems pretty good for Nathan (T.L.) in this movie: goes to high school, owns a motorcycle and a MacBook Pro, is a wrestling champ, goes to pool parties and has a loving girlfriend.

I guess the people who he thinks are his parents may or may not be his parents and he's been kept in the dark about it all. Seems routine, right? He could just be an orphan, and then you'd have a typical teenage drama about seeking an identity.

But then a federal agent knocks on the door of their house as they have dinner. They have questions about Nathan. Then Mom (Maria Bello) starts performing mixed martial arts to subdue the agents in the best Bourne Supremacy vein before she and her husband are murdered.

Nathan is on the run now, a pawn in an elaborate government game.

And then, to add insult to injury, they put some talented actors into the film. Alfred Molina shows up in the trailer as either a potential villain or an ally. Sigourney Weaver is also laying around there somewhere, parading as a friend of Nathan's parents, his "real" parents. Jason Issacs is also hiding around in that trailer.

Nathan proceeds to evade snipers, free-run through a Pittsburgh Pirates game, hold a .44 magnum and ruminate about his sad situation with such gem-like dialogue as, "Suddenly, everyone

around me is dying."

He even has time to have sex with his girlfriend on the train, even though with a PG-13 rating, I'm pretty sure that it'll be restricted to Nathan taking off his shirt and some panting.

It looks like the Jason Bourne trilogy by way of *Twilight*.

Is it fair for me to judge this film based on the trailer? Probably not. Trailers are handled by advertising departments within studios, cutting the footage they receive as they see fit for a desired effect: to get people to fork out money and come to the theaters. It could potentially be the action packed thrill ride of the year.

This is, after all, a review of a trailer.

Will I be paying to see this film? Probably not.

Reel to Reel was a weekly column. It ran every Friday. David Barrios will graduate in Summer 2011.

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DAVID BARRIOS

FISTFULS OF TECH

Technological advances to progress in leaps and bounds

Eventually, Google will be out-Google'd, Facebook will be replaced by something else and Twitter will stop tweeting.

The point I am trying to make here is that good things must come to an end, and this column is one of them.

Every week, you have flipped to the same section, looked for the same semi-bearded, handsomely disheveled mug shot of mine and read my rant on a particular topic that I felt was important enough to share with you.

From the deepest part of my technology-obsessed heart, I thank

you. Not only for reading, but also for any emails and comments you've sent along. Sometimes we columnists wonder who reads our stuff.

A primary goal I had in mind for this column was to create awareness of important topics and technologies among the University community.

I wanted this series to not only discuss relevant topics in the market, such as mobile or social media, but also to be a watchdog for a University that is currently adapting to the needs of the modern student.

When I criticized FIU Online for their absurd foray into Second Life, you can imagine they didn't take it very well.

I am pretty sure under the dartboard with my face on it is an intri-

cate plan detailing my demise.

If the plot involves Moodle, though, I am sure I will be fine.

To be honest, I do not pick on FIU Online the most because I am mean, I do it because I think they are one of the most important departments at the University.

People are turning to the Internet to advance their education, and there is no excuse to not be at the forefront of the fast-approaching revolution in online education.

This school needs to innovate in this field.

Taking it outside the University, observing technology for the past two years has been such a treat.

I have seen an all-out war in mobile between Apple and Google that is only getting started,

the rise of several great social services like About.me and Four-square, and so many more nerdy and amazing things.

Looking forward, we are seeing another dramatic shift to cloud storage.

Services like Dropbox and Amazon's Cloud Drive are compelling reasons why you may not need a one terabyte hard drive in your computer anymore.

Services like cloud drives are what I love about this industry; start-up, constantly innovating services that really change the way people use the Internet.

In closing...

I hope all of you have really enjoyed my column. I hope that you found this series relevant.

Technology is so important, not only here at the University but

outside as well.

The industry's move to mobile is quickly de-emphasizing the idea of "the computer."

Phones and tablet computers are starting to debut with specifications that make our childhood computers look like calculators.

The move to the cloud is leading to cheaper hardware and a lot of legal controversy that ties into one of the most important issues of our time, net neutrality and the restrictions everyone is trying to impose on our free Internet.

Thanks again, readers. Seacrest out.

Fistfuls of Tech was a weekly column. It ran every other Friday. Jorge Valens will graduate in May.

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JORGE VALENS

Intrauterine devices still a safe, effective contraceptive method

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The intrauterine device has long been the ugly stepchild in the American family of contraceptives. In part, the IUD's tainted reputation comes from The Dalkon Shield, a plastic IUD manufactured during the early 1970's that caused many septic miscarriages and a myriad of pelvic inflammatory disease diagnoses. Though the IUD's reputation never fully recovered, its newer models are far better constructed and ensure effectiveness and safety.

Despite the fact that the IUD remains the most widely used form of reversible contraception in the world, it is a drastically underused form of contraception in the United States. It is estimated that approximately only 2 percent of American women use the IUD. Because of the fact that IUDs are over 99 percent effective, and because in the long run they are the most cost-effective contraception available, education and awareness about IUDs should be expanded.

There are two types of IUDs currently in the United States. The Paragard is a copper t-

shaped device that is inserted into the uterus. The Paragard lacks hormones completely, making it a preferable choice for women who experience side effects from hormonal birth control or who desire a birth control regimen that is highly effective but does not require a fluctuation in hormone

Despite the often unfounded criticisms and myths surrounding IUDs, they can be the perfect solution for women exploring contraception options.

levels. The Paragard can be left safely in place for 12 years, but can be taken out at any time to attempt conception.

The Mirena is made of soft plastic and releases a small dose of hormones. Since the Mirena, like the Paragard, sits directly in the uterus women tend to report less hormonal side effects.

Though the insertion process of both IUDs can be painful it is

rare that there are complications or development of infections. Maintenance, save for a few checkups during the first few months, is basically nonexistent. Both IUDs have small strings attached to them that are recommended to be searched for periodically.

In addition to the convenience and effectiveness, perhaps the supreme reason IUDs should be considered is because of how inexpensive they are in the long run. Especially for college students, the initial sticker shock of an IUD may seem exorbitant. However, when mapped out over the course of several years, the IUD is the cheapest option by a long shot. Planned Parenthood states that the prices for an IUD and insertion can range from \$500 to \$1000, and though this is expensive up front, it quickly pays off when compared to buying monthly prescriptions for birth control pills or stockpiling condoms.

As with all reproductive choices, it is important to weigh options and pros and cons carefully. However, despite the often unfounded criticisms and myths surrounding IUDs, they can be the perfect selection for women exploring contraceptive options.

Relieve stress via foolproof methods

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The end of the semester is at hand, and the amount of homework and tests can be overwhelming for collegians. Most of us are under a great deal of stress and need to learn how to cope with it. There are many ways to relieve stress, but the best three ways are meditation, laughter and exercise. These tools will give stressed students peace of mind, while putting smiles on their faces.

With stressful jobs, hectic lifestyles and a full course load, students endure plenty of stress. As stressful sights and sounds can induce stress, using soothing sights and sounds to relieve stress will counteract stress. "There isn't a more obvious stress relief strategy than to bring your entire physical being to a calm by meditation for stress relief," says Liz Rose, a yoga instructor. Meditation techniques often involve visualization of something calm, like a blank screen or clouds. It can also mean clearing your mind entirely for a short duration. By meditating, students will relieve tension and be able to focus more on their studies.

Another important stress cure is laughter, which is a daily remedy to the onslaughts of lectures and late-night cram sessions. When

we smile or laugh, we release tension from our faces and look and feel relaxed. We also allow more blood to flow to the pleasure centers of the brain. When an individual feels happy, they are naturally far less stressed than those who do not. Laughter changes the pace of a study-filled day and gives a student the mental break that is needed to excel in their classes.

Exercise is a big stress reliever for anyone. This is because exercise releases physical tension in the muscles and releases endorphins which triggers pleasure in the brain. Exercise in water with swimming or water aerobics to reduce even more stress. People are more buoyant on water; gravity takes a much gentler toll on your body, so the tension created in muscles gets released.

Simply stated, make time for yourself. Use meditation as a guide to calm your mind, laughter as a method to break the stress cycle and exercise to support your mind, body and spirit. When students take effective stress control, it results in the enhancement of both mental and physical well-being. Factors like these will help with better sleep, increased energy and drive, an all-around feeling of well-being and achieving a grade of the highest honor a collegian can receive: an A.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Washington D.C. internship opportunity

The summer is fast approaching, and its coveted internships will be beginning in just a couple of weeks. Nevertheless, if you have yet to make the decision to expand your horizons and get some real-world experience this summer there's still time to apply for some late-summer positions.

Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities' (HACU) national internship program director Maria Vivas-House, one of FIU's strongest partners in placing student interns, explained recently that timelines for internship positions in DC can be quite dynamic and aren't always set in stone. While internship programs generally begin making arrangements with their students months or weeks in advance, often times a replacement will need to be found last-minute with only days to prepare.

Despite the fact that the opportunity may present itself on very short notice, HACU is one of the few organizations that provides housing and covers the cost of transportation for their interns during their stay. They also pay a bi-weekly salary. If that sounds like something you would be interested in it's worth contacting them; HACU is expecting

to organize some 300 internships in DC this summer, but offers opportunities year-round.

Not all DC internship programs are as accommodating as HACU's. However, the real rewards of a summer internship in DC can hardly be found in its "commanding" salary. DC internships are about the intangibles: the ability to network with the people who have direct impacts on our nation's future, the opportunities to further your career, and the invaluable life experiences that can ultimately help you to find your professional calling.

An internship in a congressional office is an example of an unpaid position, but it would be hard to argue for a better opportunity to network with a wider variety of potential business contacts or gain a more in-depth perspective of how the policy decisions that affect your everyday life become realities.

FIU's Office of Federal Relations in DC works daily with the eight main congressional offices on Capitol Hill that represent our student body's districts. Each one of these offices offers summer internship programs, and

as their constituents you have priority consideration.

As Florida's public research university, we also have strong relationships with many of the federal agencies here in Washington. FIU works with and has alumni employed in agencies ranging from the Department of Energy to Homeland Security, and each one offers summer internship programs that our students are uniquely qualified to fulfill.

DC is an exciting and vibrant place to be during the summer, both professionally and socially. Should you get accepted to one of its many summer internship programs, FIU's Office of Federal Relations in the heart of Washington wants to hear from you so that we can ensure that you are in the best possible position to succeed.

If you or someone you know is DC bound this summer, please contact us at dcintern@fiu.edu, or visit our website at government.fiu.edu and look for our upcoming "DC Summer Internship Experience" under our office's "FIU in DC" section.

-Zacory A. Ruiz
FIU's Office of Federal Relations

Relay for Life recruitment

Every year the FIU community comes together for a cause - Relay for Life, the American Cancer Society's premiere fundraising event. On March 4 and 5 FIU held its 7th annual Relay For Life and raised a grand total of \$96,000! This is a record shattering number for our university. These funds will go to the patients who need it the most as well as fund invaluable research that will one day give us the cure for cancer.

In order to continue this great work, Relay For Life needs YOU. Starting April 20th, applications for the 2012 Relay For Life Committee will be available at Facebook.com/fiurelay and Relayforlife.org/fiouthfl and will be due on May 9th, 2011.

Relay needs a variety of passionate individuals in order to make Relay a success. We are looking for talented students who want to make a difference. Please, join me in the fight against cancer. Relay For Life is a life changing experience that you will never forget. Remember, a world without cancer is a world with more birthdays!

In Relay Spirit,
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CUBA

Economic changes approved at party summit

Media revealed a Communist Party summit had approved sweeping economic changes and elected a new leadership. Raul is expected to take over as the party's first secretary, all eyes will be on the selection of his new No. 2.



PUERTO RICO

Justice department faces US lawsuit

Federal officials said they filed a discrimination lawsuit against the Puerto Rican Justice Department, accusing it of knowingly relocating an employee in a wheelchair to a building that is not handicapped-accessible.



BRAZIL

Rio police fail to catch gang leaders in operation

About 200 police entered Rio de Janeiro's largest slum on April 19, hoping to capture one of the city's most wanted drug kingpins. Instead, police said they rounded up foot soldiers for the drug gang that rules the Rochina slum.

Well-traveled University student now studying PR

LILIANA COLANTUONI
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From the start, Ana Noboa had a unique life.

She was born in Ecuador but after eight months she moved to Colombia with her mom, Diani, and older sister Veronica because her dad died in a military accident.

A couple years passed and Noboa's mom married Jonathan Doblin, a U.S. diplomat who moved his new family from Colombia to the Marshall Islands in the Pacific Ocean.

Ana Noboa, 27, has lived in six countries, joined the armed forces and is pursuing a career in public relations at the University's School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Noboa's conscious life really started in Morocco. She was 15 years old when she moved there. After high school, she wanted to pursue her dream, which was to be a Broadway singer.

A few years later, the family moved again, this time to Washington D.C. Noboa was confused on what she should do with her life but her mother urged her to join the military. Her stepfather told her to join the Air Force because they were the ones that did not go to war.

She took the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test

and got an 85 percent, well over the Air Force's expectations. In January 2002, she reported for six weeks of boot camp in San Antonio, Texas, then went on to technical school for certification in air traffic control.

Her first assignment was in Vance Air Force Base in Oklahoma.

"I had a great time on that base," she said. "Besides everything I learned, I also found my husband."

Noboa had been married once before in Jamaica when she was 19, but that marriage only lasted three years.

Four months into her service in Oklahoma, she was ordered by the Air Force to go to South Korea, where she worked for two years.

"It was one of the greatest experiences that I had," she said.

Her enlistment with the Air Force ended in South Korea, and she decided not to renew it because she wanted to try something new.

A private company contacted her and hired her to work for them in Afghanistan as a radar controller. Noboa worked for them only six months and decided to move back home, but this time to Florida.

Noboa moved with her mom and two sisters in 2008. She graduated from Broward College in May 2010.

"I would love to follow my

FOODGASM

Take one word from this final semester outing: experiment

As I think about what to bless the readers with one last time, perusing the endless food-blogs

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GENE KRAVETS

as well as the depths of my mind, I can't inhibit myself from writing about what really inspires me, what my culinary passion thrives on after-midnight experimentations.

By that I mean combining the arbitrary ingredients contained in my refrigerator into hopefully semi-cohesive masterpieces. Of course, I am not discriminate to the time of day, but it usually does taste best around 3 a.m.

I know people have different exposures, experiences or opinions about the way of cooking I hold so dearly. Someone may shun the neglect of rules or recipes, or oppositely admire the creativity or resourcefulness involved. I would like to promote the latter because making something out of nothing can be rewarding, especially in this case.

Some of my favorite things I have ever made have been thought up on the spot.

The process is simple; I take a look at what is in the refrigerator or pantry and make it into something else.

Sometimes, it is obvious what I can make using what I have, other times it requires more imag-

ination. Don't be afraid to experiment because when you finally create something delicious, it will be worth all the time and effort.

I try to salvage any food I can for my late night dishes. Whether it is leftovers or uncooked food that needs to be used, I incorporate everything I can.

One item I commonly make from leftover meat is fajitas. I slice the leftover meat, either steak or chicken, into strips and then reheat them on a skillet.

I also take any other ingredients I have that can go in the fajitas and sauté them. In very little time I have made a delicious meal using ingredients that were already on hand.

Fajitas are just one example, but I like to make all types of sandwiches, stir-fries, flatbreads, pastas or anything else that pops into my head at the time. I see many benefits to this, such as using food before it goes to waste, controlling what you eat, as well as practicing cooking and creativity.

The first thing you need to do is look through your kitchen for anything you can or want to use. Check the refrigerator, freezer and pantry for items.

Once you have an idea of what is available, you then think of what you can make using those ingredients.

Sometimes a great idea comes to you right away, other times

it takes a little thinking. Then lastly, you just go for it and start washing, cutting, peeling, baking, frying, grilling, boiling, steaming or microwaving to get to the finished product.

If you don't feel comfortable cooking a whole meal, I recommend taking little steps, such as adding a few extra toppings to your frozen pizza before you put it in the oven.

Before you know it, you will be pushing your own boundaries in the kitchen, having fun and making delicious food.

Foodgasm is a bi-weekly column on food and cooking. Kravets is a hospitality major.

CAMPUS FOLIAGE



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Employees from M & M Sod & Landscape work on the renovation of plants in front of the Academic II building.