

<p>LIBYA</p> <p>NATO flotilla patrols off Libyan coast</p> <p>NATO warships started patrolling off Libya's coast on March 23 to enforce the U.N. arms embargo, as the alliance appeared set to assume responsibility for the no-fly zone over the North African</p>	<p>JAPAN</p> <p>Disasters to cost up to \$309 billion</p> <p>The bill for Japan's earthquake and tsunami could make it the most expensive disaster on record. The damage to housing, infrastructure and businesses in northeast Japan could cost between</p>	<p>EGYPT</p> <p>Gates to urge Egypt's peaceful move to</p> <p>In his first trip to Egypt after weeks of phone conversations with military leader Field Marshal Mohamed Hussein Tantawi, Defense Secretary Robert Gates is taking stock of Egypt's early steps toward</p>
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Japan teach-in discusses quake aftermath

GABRIEL ARRARÁS
News Director

A panel of multidisciplinary experts came together March 23 to discuss the catastrophic events in Japan and the country's road to recovery.

Hosted by the School of International and Public Affairs and co-sponsored by the Asian Studies Program, the Japan teach-in was held in the Graham Center Ballrooms at the Modesto Maidique Campus.

First panelist to speak was Professor Dean Whitman of the Department of Earth and Environment, who provided audience members with a look at the magnitude 9.0 earthquake which struck off the Northeast coast of Japan. One aspect Whitman found interesting was the 7.2 foreshock which preceded the 9.0 quake on March 9.

"Not all earthquakes are preceded by foreshocks, so it can't be used as a way to predict earthquakes," Whitman told a nearly full crowd at the GC Ballrooms.

The 9.0 earthquake which struck the Tōhoku region of Japan, is the fourth largest earthquake in recorded history, which spans from 1906 until present. The largest earthquake on record was the 9.2 magnitude Chile earthquake, followed by the 9.2 magnitude earthquake which struck Alaska in 1964.

Whitman refers to these three earthquakes, and the two others which exceed 9.0 magnitudes as the "major workhorses of geologic



JUAN SATZIBAL/THE BEACON

Professor Dean Whitman (Left) of the Department of Earth and Environment, addressing audience members at the Japan teach-in in the Graham Center Ballrooms.

work on the earth."

"Those five earthquakes of magnitude 9.0 or greater constitute over one half of all seismic energy released that has occurred over those 100 years," said Whitman.

According to Whitman, Japan is no stranger to earthquakes, having experienced 27 different events of magnitude 7.5 or greater. Whitman also spoke about the aftershocks affecting Japan since the March 11 earthquake. Since the earth-

quake, there have been over 600 aftershocks, some exceeding over 4.5 in magnitude.

As of the latest estimates made by Japan's national police, over 8,649 people across eighteen prefectures have been confirmed dead. Police officials also said they had still not accounted for around 13,262 people, many of which they fear to be dead.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Gov. Scott appoints new trustees

MELISSA CACERES
Staff Writer

Governor Rick Scott announced the reappointment of Claudia Puig and the appointment of Dr. Jose J. Armas and Mayi De La Vega to the University's Board of Trustees.

Puig succeeds former Chairman Albert Dotson, beginning her term on March 22, 2011 and ending on Jan. 6, 2016.

"These members will add their unique perspectives to this dynamic and entrepreneurial board," said University President Mark B. Rosenberg. "With their guidance, FIU will continue its momentum and keep reaching out to all areas of our community so that this university can continue to be worlds ahead."

Puig, 58, is senior vice president and East Coast regional manager for Univision Radio, which owns four of the top-rated Spanish-language radio stations in Miami. During her tenure, Univision Radio's FM stations in Miami have consistently ranked among the top three

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New Student Media leaders announced

JOEL DELGADO
Sports Director

The University's Student Media Board recently appointed the positions for the next editor in chief of *The Beacon*, FIUSM.com editor, and Radiate FM general manager.

Alexandra Camejo, the current assistant news director, was chosen for the position of editor in chief, while Gabriel Arrarás, existing news director, was tapped as the next FIUSM.com Editor. Sean Gonzalez will continue to serve as the radio station's general manager.

Both Camejo and Arrarás will begin their duties in their respective positions in May after the current semester comes to an end.

The board, which ultimately made the decision, is made up of various members of local media and FIU faculty and staff.

"I'm very happy that the board had the confidence in me to take the job," Camejo said. "The fact that I'm going to be able to take over is a great opportunity and I hope that we can take our paper to the next

level in the months ahead."

Camejo will succeed Jorge Valens, the current editor in chief, whom is graduating at the end of this semester.

As FIUSM.com editor, Arrarás will oversee the FIU Student Media website, and take over for David Barrios, whom has held the position for the last year. Barrios supervised the launching of the websites latest version in May 2010.

"There is a lot I'm looking forward to," Arrarás said. "I've seen the site go through growing pains and there are a lot of good things coming for FIUSM that I believe students will appreciate."

Gonzalez, who has been with Radiate FM since 2007, will remain in the top spot at Radiate FM after the station was considered among the top 25 finalists for the country's top radio stations in the 2011 mtvU Woodie Awards.

"I appreciate them choosing me again and I look forward to extending some of the great things that Radiate FM has been able to do in the last year," Gonzalez said.

STRIKE A POSE



ALEXIA ESCALANTE/THE BEACON

Krystal Queen, Jade Samson, Kara Lopez and Rochelle Dewar [left to right] have their photo taken for a free keychain at Student Programming Council's Spring Bling event on March 21 in the Graham Center Pit. The event featured various performers and free food.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gov. Scott puts Florida's public hospitals in crosshairs

BILL KACZOR
AP Staff

Gov. Rick Scott, who made millions running a private hospital company, took aim Wednesday at Florida's public hospitals.

The Republican governor, a political newcomer elected in November, signed an executive order creating the seven-member Commission on Review of Taxpayer Funded Hospital Districts

to determine if it's in the public's best interest to continue having government-operated hospitals. The order says many taxing authorities in Florida and other states have sold or leased hospitals to

private interests and that those facilities have thrived "while continuing to serve the poor at consistent levels and returning millions of dollars to the taxpayers." Florida has 30 active public hospital districts.

Scott has given the commission until Jan. 1, 2012 to submit findings and recommendations to him and legislative leaders. The governor writes in the order that he's found little correlation between

uncompensated admissions and emergency room visits and the amount of money public hospitals receive from the state's Medicaid Low Income Pool to provide those services to the poor.

Estimated damage for crisis projected close to \$300 billion

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Speaking on the human casualties of the disaster was Professor Richard Olson of the Department of Politics and International relations, who braced his audience by telling them to fasten their seatbelts because "this is going to be a bumpy ride."

Olson began by asking the audience to think about the vulnerabilities from natural events that were not noticed in the 1900s, saying that they would "sure as hell be noticed in 2011 and beyond."

From his perspective, a big challenge to making countries "life-safe" is the increase in

global population levels from the year 1900 to 2010. In 1900, the global population was at around two billion people mostly living in rural areas.

By 2010, the world's population is around seven billion people, a majority of whom live in urban areas.

"This is a century in which we have started to pay the price for what we did in the last hundred years," said Olson, who looks at numbers of casualties in terms of the population of the principal zones of impact.

Olson began with the example of Haiti, a magnitude 7.0 earthquake which struck the island on Jan. 12,

2010. Over 240,000 people died, making it around 8% of the primary zone of impact's population – a figure that Olson calls "obscene."

He also discussed the magnitude 8.8 earthquake which struck Chile on Feb. 27, 2010, killing around 560 people. This casualty figure comes out to less than 0.2% of the population of the primary zone of impact, Concepcion.

"Hard to say [but] I call this a win," said Olson, referring to the relatively small loss of life.

Olson calls the catastrophe in Japan the first compound disaster -- a disaster with more than two components. This is a type of disaster that Olson

believes the world needs to start thinking about more.

"There are tremendous human vulnerabilities all around the world," said Olson, highlighting a slide in his presentation which showed six different cities, each of which have increased population by 1,000 percent over the last 50 years.

These included: Lima-Callao, Peru; Istanbul, Turkey; Tehran, Iran; and Caracas, Venezuela.

"If you look at our vulnerability creation, for a natural event one hundred to two hundred years is an infinite decimal drop in the pool of time. But human thinking

considers one hundred to two hundred years to be a very long time," said Olson. "Nature operates at her own time schedule. What we've done in the last hundred and fifty years is going to set up what we're going to experience in the next or current century."

Giving a cold look at what major losses could look like in the future and what countries should set as goals to make the rest of the century a "bit less traumatic," Olson outlined some figures.

He would expect countries to aim for no less than one percent of PZI population killed, no more than three percent of PZI popula-

tion injured, no more than five percent of PZI families homeless, no more than five percent critical facilities inoperable after 24 hours and no more than five percent infrastructure inoperable after day seven in the PZI.

According to Pallab Mozumder, associate professor of the Department of Earth and Environment and the Department of Economics, the last major earthquake killed 6,400 people and caused \$100 billion damage.

The estimated damage for the current crisis is projected to be in close to \$300 billion, almost two percent of Japan's gross domestic product.

Albert Dotson to leave position after serving two years

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stations in the market while WAQI-AM and WQBA-AM rank number one and two among the AM stations. Puig is also Board Member to the City of Miami Arts and Entertainment Council.

Armas, 52, is the chief executive officer and president of MCCI Group Holdings LLC, a family of medical centers that includes 33 modern facilities serving 50,000 patients throughout the South Florida region. Armas

is appointed for a term beginning March 22, 2011, and ending January 6, 2016. He succeeds Albert Maury, who was appointed as a trustee by the Florida Board of Governors in January and continues to serve on the University's Board of Trustees.

De La Vega, 56, is the founder and owner of ONE Sotheby's International Realty, a high-end luxury property real estate firm. Founded two years ago, ONE Sotheby's International Realty has quickly expanded to include

four offices throughout South Florida with more than 200 full-time agents. De La Vega, whose profile consists of prestigious clientele, has formed partnerships with the Sotheby's brand in Brazil, Argentina, Mexico, Russia, Peru and soon Panama, expanding her portfolio to an interna-

tional arena. Leaving his position after two years, Dotson, chairman and CEO of consulting firm Puryear, Inc., has served on the BOT since 2001. Previous to his appointment to the BOT, he served on the FIU Foundation Board from 1983-2001. Since March of

last year, he has served as the BOT's liaison to the Foundation Board. Dotson was a member of the BOT Presidential Search Committee that appointed Dr. Mark Rosenberg as president of the University and served on the presidential search committee in 1986 that hired President

Modesto A. Maidique. The appointments are subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate.

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March 28 - April 1, 2011 @ MMC

EVENT AGENDA

Monday, 3/28
Scholarly Forum (posters and presentations); Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, Health and Medicine
Location: GC 243
Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Tuesday, 3/29
Scholarly Forum (posters and presentations); Social Science, Humanities, Law, Education
Location: GC Ballrooms
Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Wednesday, 3/30
Graduate Student Resource Fair
Location: Chapman Plaza
Time: 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Thursday, 3/31
Recognition Reception (Scholarly Forum and UGS Provost Awards – by invite only)
Location: College of Law Atrium
Time: 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Friday, 4/1
Global Awareness Session
Location: TBD
Time: 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

GradSkellar @ Chili's Too, hosted by the Modern Languages GSO (MLGSO)
Location: Chili's Too
Time: 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

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FOOTBALL

Carroll, Medlock share snaps in spring practice

JACKSON WOLEK
Staff Writer

On the first day back to practice since spring break, and the annual spring game looming ahead, the Golden Panthers came out without missing a beat.

The practice consisted much of situational play with offense versus defense in first down, second down and third down scenarios. Jake Medlock and returning starter Wesley Carroll took most of the snaps and Willis Wright, who had limited playing time last year, looked impressive at the wide receiver spot.

Despite having taken off a week for spring break, the team did not look lackadaisical at all.

"It's very hard having the week off and then coming back into it, but we picked it up with the fast tempo so we did well," said T.Y. Hilton.

Also, there has been no change in attitude from last year since they won their first bowl game in school history.

"Are we excited that things of that nature were accomplished, absolutely. But that's a step in a long series of steps in this football program and that's the vision,"

said Cristobal on the atmosphere thus far.

As of right now, none of the recruits currently in high school have practiced with the team, but the goal is clear for coach Mario Cristobal on what he's trying to take from spring practices.

"We have to find 22 guys on each side of the ball and 22 guys on special teams that will help us win," Cristobal said. "The guys on campus we have to find out who will help us win the championship."

The 25 freshmen and walk-ons that come later in the year will be added in the equation, but right now spring is all about what they have with them at the present time.

"Thank God we have four of them right here on campus who have done a good job and they're all going to play," Cristobal said. "They have all proven there all going to play for us and play significant roles and potentially start."

One of the most difficult aspects that the team must get used to, specially the defense is new defensive coordinator Todd Orlando's playbook.

"I'm sure some things will



KRISTI CAMARA/THE BEACON

Wesley Carroll [above] and backup Jake Medlock take most of the snaps in first practice since spring break.

look similar but some things will look very different as well," said Cristobal. "The best thing about it is that we've thrown a bunch of the new stuff at them over the course of the last 8 practices and they've picked it up very well, there haven't been many mental

busts and that's a good sign because that means they have a very good football IQ."

Cristobal's plan is to throw as much as they can from the playbook at his team the next four or five days in preparation for the Blue vs. Gold game, but will

not use all the plays in the actual scrimmage.

The game will take place on Saturday, April 2 at 10:30 a.m. at the FIU football stadium. Admission is free, and the players and coaches will also be receiving SBC championship rings.

TENNIS

Liset Brito has emerged as a leader for the Golden Panthers

BRANDON WISE
Staff Writer

Liset Brito is a competitor with an ability to dominate her opponents with a slick ease.

But do not let that fool you; she is a humble and quiet person off the court.

Brito has played tennis since she was seven years old. She has loved it and always enjoyed playing the sport. When she came to FIU in 2006, she struggled early on.

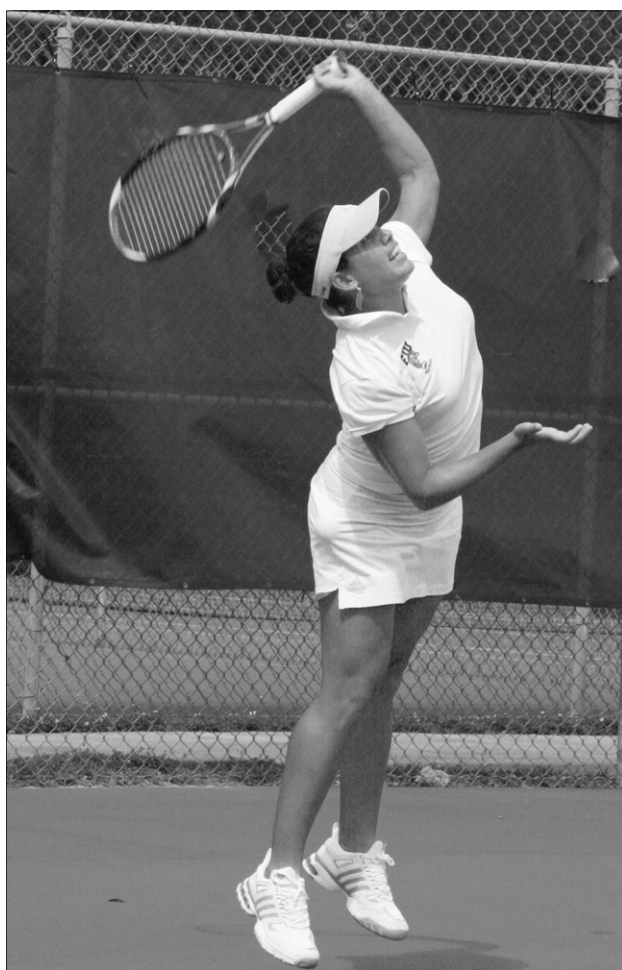
"As a freshmen, I had trouble with the difference in matches from high school to college," Brito said. "There is a lot of chaos between coaches going around the courts to all the different matches going on at once."

Since then, she has become more relaxed and at ease with competing.

"I can deal with anything now though. I am so much more comfortable and relaxed out there," Brito said.

In her career as a Golden Panther, Brito has been one of the best players the school has ever had. She has accrued 58 wins here at FIU, which puts her No. 6 on the all-time wins list for the program.

While picking up seven Sun Belt Conference Player of



MEGAN KELLEY/THE BEACON

Liset Brito [above] has won seven Sun Belt Conference Player of the week awards as a Golden Panther.

the Week awards over her four years, she is one of the best the conference has seen in quite a long time.

"I had a lot of offers from

other schools to play tennis," Brito said. "Schools like Baylor, Clemson, and Miami were all trying to get me to play. But I didn't want to leave my

family. I am so close to them, I just didn't want to leave them again and have to spend more time away from them."

In the end, it came down to a choice between the two local schools in the area.

"It came down to FIU and Miami for me," Brito said. "And things with UM didn't work with my personality, but I am glad in the end that that happened because I love it here at FIU. It has just been great."

One of the key things to Brito's success is the hiring of head coach Melissa Applebaum Dall'au. While she is not the one who recruited her to come to FIU, she is responsible for leading the team in the direction they are now.

"When Coach [Applebaum] came in at first, everyone was very skeptical of her because she is young," Brito said. "I didn't care though. To me, as long as she could handle the job and manage the team, it wouldn't bother me. We have a mutual respect between us that is great. There is no fear of confrontation between us. I can talk to her about anything."

Coach Applebaum Dall'au has led the team to a 9-5 record on the season, winning eight matches in a row after starting 1-5 against top-ranked opponents.

The team is undefeated at home (8-0) and against Sun Belt opponents (6-0).

While Coach Applebaum Dall'au has been a leader of the team, Brito has been considered the team captain.

"I have a great relationship with the team, but I am nobody's best friend," Brito said. "In the tough moments, I know that they will listen to me, trust me, and follow me. It is what I have worked on for the past four years and it is a great feeling to have."

While she is a leader and a great player, her future is uncertain as to where she is going from here.

"I am studying Recreation and Sports Management, but don't ask me what I'm going to do after," Brito said jokingly. "I love sports and will definitely be trying to stay in it as long as I can."

As for her career after tennis, that is just as up in the air.

"I know that I would like to play some opens here in Florida, but I do not think I have any real desire to pursue a career in it," Brito said. "I don't feel that energy to keep playing and working out. I am a little bit tired of the sun, I'd like to do something indoors with air conditioning, but you

never know."

She does love the sport with a passion and desire that will probably never go away.

"I love tennis and feel so comfortable on the court," Brito said. "Teaching is something I think I could do. Teaching kids about tennis would be a great thing I think I can do."

LISA JOHNSON HONORED

Lisa Johnson won Sun Belt Player of the Week honors on March 23 for her outstanding play last week.

Johnson went undefeated against opponents from North Texas and South Alabama. She also picked up two victories with her doubles partner Rita Maisak in the doubles portion against those same teams. She has been a tenacious foe for opponents, winning her past four singles

Sun Belt Women's Tennis Athlete of the Week



LISA JOHNSON

BASEBALL

Behar homer not enough to overcome early road deficit

ANDRES LEON
Staff Writer

The Golden Panthers looked to bounce back against North Florida after dropping a conference opening series to Florida Atlantic University.

Things did not turn out well for FIU as they dropped the game, losing 6-3 to the North Florida Ospreys on March 22.

The Ospreys took an early two-nothing lead on the Golden Panthers.

With an early walk and allowing two hits to put runners on the corners, freshman Mike Ellis took the loss for the Golden Panthers. Ellis pitched was pulled in the second inning after allowing five runs on five hits.

Logan Dodds, Jose Velazquez and D.J. Swatscheno relieved Ellis and between the three of them, they only allowed one run in a little over five innings pitched.

After a single from right

fielder Tyler Marincio in the third inning, shortstop Alex Hernandez led off with fly ball that was caught at right field. Marincio went on to score on the sacrifice fly. The Ospreys continued to pour on runs throughout the inning.

After being walked, left-fielder Alex Bacon stole second, threatening to score. The Osprey second basemen, Shane Kennedy, hit a ball deep into center field not only bringing Bacon home for the run, but earning the triple and putting himself in a scoring position.

On the very next play, designated hitter Andrew Hannon hit a single to bring Kennedy home to give North Florida a comfortable 5-0 lead over the Golden Panthers.

With the bats cold, FIU had to dig deep to find runs. In the sixth inning, Golden Panthers catcher Jose Behar hit his first home run of the season with two runners on base to give

FIU some offensive presence and put them back in the game.

But just like as quickly, North Florida scored in the bottom of the sixth to make it a three-run game, making it harder for FIU to achieve a comeback.

As the ninth inning got underway, the Golden Panthers attempted to rally back. After an early Pablo Bermudez single, Garret Wittels reached first off a fielder's choice. With runners on the corners, FIU looked poised to shock the home crowd.

Off a costly out, Martinez reached first on a fielder's choice only for Wittels to be snatched out to end the game. Tommy Organ earned the win for North Florida (11-10).

FIU (13-9) will be coming home to continue conference play in a three-game series against Western Kentucky beginning on March 25. Game time is scheduled for 7 p.m.



CHRISTINE CAPPOZZIELLO/UNIVERSITY PRESS

Golden Panthers continued their road trip at North Florida for a two-game series. FIU returns home on March 25 to begin a three-game series against Western Kentucky.

SOFTBALL

FIU returns to Sun Belt play on road

MALCOLM SHIELDS
Staff Writer

At this point of the season, the Golden Panthers have grown accustomed to difficult road match-ups. This week will be another test as the Golden Panthers head to Waco, Texas to face-off against No. 15 Baylor in a doubleheader on March 24.

TOUGH SCHEDULE

The Golden Panthers have played 24 games against teams outside of the Sun Belt Conference compiling a 12-12 record against such teams. Thursday will also be the third time that FIU will face a ranked opponent this season.

The Golden Panthers are 2-1 vs. ranked teams with wins over Georgia Tech twice, and a loss to Ohio State. After last Wednesday's win over Middle Tennessee, coach Beth Torina spoke about the early difficult schedule.

"Our schedule has been tough and this week will be a good test for us," Torina said. "I hope as we get into conference play and we face [teams] that are more like us, we will be able to go out and win [games]."

STREAKING ALONG

FIU is on a four-game winning streak after their sweep of MTSU. Kayla Burri went 4-for-8 in the series versus MTSU and is on a six-game hitting streak. She's currently batting over .300 for the season. Ashley McClain leads the Golden Panthers in all major offensive categories. She has a .405 batting average with a .734 slugging percentage.

Jenn Gniadek and Mariah Dawson continue to be a solid one-two punch on the hill for FIU. Both have combined for 145 total strikeouts and both are holding opposing batters under .265 for the season. Gniadek and Dawson must pitch



ALEX GARCIA/THE BEACON

Ashley McClain [above] leads FIU with .405 batting average.

well to keep the Golden Panthers in both games.

SCOUTING THE BEARS

The Bears enter Thursday's game against FIU with a 24-4 record. Whitney Canion anchors their pitching staff with a 12-3 record and an impressive ERA of 0.70. Opposing teams are hitting .166 as she also leads the Bears in strikeouts with 131. Canion can also swing the bat as well as pitch. She has a .357 batting average.

Pitchers Liz Paul and Courtney Repka round out Baylor's staff. Both have an ERA under two runs per outing. Paul and Repka have opposing batting averages of .195 and .224 respectively.

Offensively the Bears have six hitters with an average over .300. Dani Leal leads the Bears with seven homers, 17 runs batted in and a .750 slugging percentage. Holly Holl's .373 average leads the Bears lineup.

COMMON FOES

Baylor has played against two teams that the Golden Panthers have also played against this season, New Mexico and Illinois. The Bears defeated the Fighting Illini twice and swept the Lobos in a three-game series last month. The Bears outscored Illinois and New Mexico by 21-5 over five games. On the other hand, the Golden Panthers went 0-3 against both teams.

MIAMI DOLPHINS

Sparano stresses need to upgrade running back spot

AP STAFF
Associated Press

Miami Dolphins coach Tony Sparano said Tuesday that his team needs to add a running back to upgrade an offense that finished second to last in scoring in the AFC last season.

Such an addition likely will come from the outside. That's because although running backs Ronnie Brown or Ricky Williams could re-sign with the team after becoming unrestricted free agents, both probably won't be in Dolphins uniforms this season.

Brown led Miami in rushing last season with 734 yards but averaged just 3.7 yards per carry and scored five touchdowns. Although Williams had a better average at 4.2 yards per carry, he gained only 673 yards and scored just two touchdowns.

"It's going to be a position we're going to have to address one way or another," Sparano said Tuesday after the NFL owners meetings concluded. "You need two guys because it's such a physical position. Ideally, you'd like them to complement each other and be a little different. In a perfect world, one guy would be a big, downhill runner and the other would be a speedy runner who can catch the ball off of the backfield."

Sparano said he's also like to see more stability on the offensive line, which featured multiple combinations last

season.

"That's something I'd prefer to avoid," he said. "We need guys to settle in and not have questions about what we want to do because we're not satisfied with the level of play."

An improved running game should make it easier for the Dolphins to pass downfield, which is another of Sparano's priorities.

"Where we haven't done it is down the field with big plays," he said of the passing game. "We need to advance the ball down the field better. That's something we've been working on this season."

He said creativity and speed will be instrumental toward accomplishing that. Creativity will fall on new offensive coordinator Brian Daboll, the former Cleveland Browns offensive coordinator hired to replace Dan Henning.

The speed part of the equation could come from second-year player Marlon Moore, an undrafted free agent that Sparano says "might be the fastest guy we have."

He said the Dolphins will continue to run the football "because that's my nature."

"That might not be popular with everybody but that's what I like to do," he said. "When it comes time to open some things up, I think we'll be able to do some more things and challenge them. I think we're going to be a little more vertical."

ULTRA 2011

Music festival expected to have its biggest turnout yet

ALFREDO APARICIO
Staff Writer

The Ultra Music Festival is upon us once again, this year even bigger than before.

Founded in 1999 by business partners, Russell Faibisch and Alex Omes, Ultra began as a one day festival during the Winter Music Conference and featured performances by DJ Baby Anne and Rabbit in the Moon. One year later, the festival turned out a huge crowd and was renewed immediately for the next year.

By 2006, Ultra's undeniable popularity led creators to add an extra day to the event. In the next three years, with the rising attendance and the growing popularity of electronic music, the festival became a three day event creating cheers of approval from electronic music lovers all over the world.

Michae Baisden, 19, a sophomore broadcast journalism major, is using this year's three day festival as a way to celebrate her upcoming birthday Saturday, March 26. Going with a group of her girlfriends, Baisden plans on attending the festival all three days with an option of selling her Sunday ticket.

"I have never attended Ultra but I'm excited. I want to see Deadmau5, Boyz Noise, Tiesto and AfroJack," said Baisden. "I want to have an amazing time with my friends and enjoy really great music".

The music will consist of artists such as Benny Benassi, Duran Duran, Cut

Copy, David Guetta, Chromeo and Will. I.Am, who will all take the stage at some time during the three day weekend.

Dylan Taylor Matthews, 20, a junior psychology major will also be attending Ultra for the first time this year.

"I'm going for the experience," says Matthews. "I'm not crazy into the music at Ultra, but I do like a couple of the artists performing".

Matthews is attending the festival all three days and is renting a hotel suite on the beach with his best friends, Humberto and Edmundo, and a big group of old friends.

"I'm excited to see Skrillex" said Matthews. "But I just want to see what all the talk is about and why electric music is fueling the modern mindset. I don't understand it, but I'm going to find out."

Another student experiencing Ultra for the first time is Emily Silveira, 18, a freshman mass communications major, is going on Sunday in support of the music as well as the producers she has grown to love.

"I'm going with my boyfriend, Steven and my best friend, Briana. I want to see Erick Morillo, Laidback Luke, Dada Life and ATB and hope to have the time of my life," relates Silveira. "Many people have told me of the amazing experiences they have there, I hope mine is nothing short of that."

Through the weekend, Ultra will play host to more than 300 DJs, bands and producers with 150,000 fans expected to



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DJ/Producer Paul Oakenfold performs during day two of the 12th Annual Ultra Music Festival in Miami, Florida.

attend and revel in the music which will be displayed in 16 stages, and be able to enjoy the variety of sideshow attractions and international dancers imported from Amsterdam, Rio and New York.

Nathalie Tijerino, 20, a sophomore education major, will be attending Ultra for the second year in a row after going to both days last year.

"I was very biased in the beginning" recounts Tijerino. "I went to Ultra because I've grown to like Electronic/House music and wanted to see what the big deal was."

Tijerino danced to the beat of Swedish House Mafia, David Guetta and others in the company of her friends, cousin and some of her cousin's friends but thinks the experience could have been better.

"I learned that you need to go with one crowd and stick to that crowd because if you try to meet up with other people it becomes a mission," said Tijerino.

"I didn't see all the people I wanted to but I'll definitely do that this year." Tijerino plans to attend the three days with her best friends to try to get the most out of the experience the second time around. "I'm excited to see Rusko and Deadmau5 the most but the list goes on and on. I have been planning it down to the tee with my friends and we anticipate a successful weekend full of fun and dancing."

Amidst all the dancing, Ultra will continue to promote their "Ultra Green" program which has managed to divert 6 tons of recyclables that were directed away from Miami's landfills and thanks everyone for their support in keeping the event clean of garbage.

Festivities officially begin on Friday, March 25 from 4 p.m. to 12 a.m. and will last till Sunday, March 27 from 12 p.m. to 12 a.m. Saturday will also be from 12 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Students awarded cash prize in essay contest

ESRA ERDOGAN
Photo Editor

FIU Libraries awarded five freshmen for their participation in the Common Reading Essay Contest on March 22 at a reception for the finalists.

Every year, the library works with professors and students in their First Year Experience classes to promote the contest.

The subject matter for the essay was the assigned novel "A Chant To Sooth Wild Elephants" by Jaed Coffin. First prize winner Jose Pirez's essay, a communications major, was titled "What are the right answers?" and discussed Coffin's search for his own identity in the novel.

His essay was chosen by the Univer-

sity Common Reading Program committee because he demonstrated excellent writing skill and engaged the reader. Pirez won a \$200 award.

The second and third place winners were Beily Perez and Jeannette Boada respectively, who also won cash prizes. Honorable mentions went to Ciro Trombetta and Shurrin Daniel.

"[This contest] is a great way for the FIU community to collaborate and it showcases the excellent writing skills of FIU students," says Documents Library Lori Driver.

Visit our web site for more content, including the contest's winning essay.

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GLORIA BAILON/THE BEACON

Jeannette Boada (left) was the third place winner in the Common Reading Essay Contest hosted by FIU Libraries. Katy Corrigan, a business librarian, admires Boada's work at the winner's reception on March 22.

REEL TO REEL

Seth Rogen as stoner alien delivers big laughs in Paul

There was that obligatory alien joke. You know, the one addressing the illegal immigration issue in America, not matters of the extra terrestrial nature. As in Simon Pegg's character, Graeme, asking a Mexican hotel employee named Jesus if he believes in aliens. Jesus looks wary of the joke. So was I.

Graeme is of course referring to the Spock/Alf type, not the Cheech and Chong variety. See, Graeme and his fellow UFO enthusiast/man-child, Clive (Nck Frost) are star-eyed Brits on a cross-country trip through America touring famous areas where aliens have allegedly landed; i.e., Roswell, New Mexico, Area 51.

COLUMNIST



DAVID BARRIOS

Not since the days of Laurel and Hardy have a pair been so adept at playing and dwelling in the moronic. There is a sincerity in their performances but the comedic material isn't here when they're alone on screen.

Paul is a film that sputters in fits throughout its exposition and comes dangerously close to bombing. And then the oafish pair stumble on

the title character while traveling outside of the alleged location of Area 51.

Let's face it; if you buy a ticket to this film it's because you find, as do I, the premise of Seth Rogen doing the voice of an alien that is essentially Seth Rogen in every film, hysterical.

Paul is a smart-ass alien with a penchant for cursing, smoking and Reese's Pieces and is discontent with the United States government. That's what fifty years of imprisonment will do to a guy. So he's escaped and hitches a ride with the nerdy Brits.

Did you ever watch *E.T.*? Expect a lot of references to that film. You know that other one about an intergalactic rebellion in another galaxy with the kid that does the voice of The Joker in the Batman cartoons? That one's referenced too. The film seems to find its balance for a good hour; science fiction flavored road picture as the crew try to reach a rendezvous point with Paul's mothership.

Opportunities for more pointed, satirical humor is at times sorely neglected. Ruth (Kristen Wiig), a camping grounds attendant who wears a black lens in her glasses and believes in intelligent design, is faced with the challenge to those

beliefs presented by Paul.

She faints at his sight. Paul and company debate what to do with her in fear of attracting the authorities. "This is America. Kidnapping a Christian is worse than harboring a fugitive," says Paul.

There's enough time for a cursory glance on the issue but it goes nowhere.

Paul does have plenty of time to expose himself and smoke pot. Which is certainly what I expected from a film starring Rogen and directed by Gregg Mottola (*Superbad*, *Adventureland*).

And then it becomes one extended chase through the Southwest United States. Remember that the US government isn't one to sit quietly and allow alien slackers to roam America in a peaceful manner. Agent Zoil (Jason Bateman) is headed with the task to bring in Paul. The film is merciful enough to move quickly, clocking in at just over an hour and a half.

During the final chase scene, my mind crept in a similar manner. Trying to pay attention to the plot developments, all I could think to myself was what this film could have been.

And yes, that is the real Steven Spielberg's voice used in this film.

Reel to Reel is a weekly column on films. Look for it every Friday.

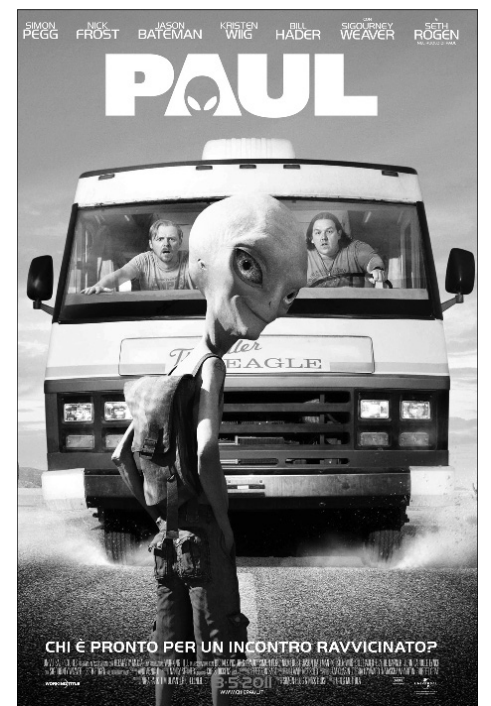


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REEL TO REEL

AT&T buy-out receives criticism from other carriers

Few things surprise me these days, but hearing that AT&T is moving to purchase competitor T-Mobile for \$39 billion just blew me away.

The implications of this deal will have a lasting effect on the mobile industry here in the United States, and it's not a good one.

The mobile industry would be a three headed beast in the US after this deal. AT&T/T-Mobile, or AT&T&T, and Verizon would lead the pack in users with Sprint trailing at a sort-of distant third. Under them would be Metro PCS, Leap, Light Squared and other regional providers like US Cellular.

Since it began under the VoiceStream moniker, T-Mobile has always been the network of refuge for mobile users who wanted the reliability of a major carrier but the prices of a pay-as-you-go.

T-Mobile wasn't the greatest

option when it came to quality, but the phone selection was good, the customer service was decent, and you could place a phone call if you wanted to.

At the same time, T-Mobile's size and market position allowed it to do a lot. It was the first carrier to accept locked devices without a fee, including welcoming jail broken iPhone users over with open arms.

The company has experimented with VoIP technology and has been a strong partner to Google, who launched its first Android handset on the carrier and subsequently stuck with them through the Nexus S.

With AT&T's move comes a bit of worry. If this deal goes through, there will be a complete monopoly over GSM service in the States. That means that if you want a phone with a portable SIM card and

overseas capability, AT&T is your only option.

Though that soon might change with Verizon, AT&T and even Sprint are planning on transition to Long Term Evolution technology.

AT&T Mobility CEO Ralph De La Vega told AllThingsD that this move would actually help competition and continue benefitting customers but I disagree. Sprint, the nation's third largest mobile carrier, delivered a sharp comment criticizing the deal.

"A combined AT&T and T-Mobile would be almost three times the size of Sprint, the third largest wireless competitor," said Sprint in a statement to Engadget. "If approved, the merger would result in a wireless industry dominated overwhelmingly by two vertically-integrated companies that control almost 80% of the US wireless post-paid market..."

This move reeks of AT&T rebuilding its monopoly of yore, this

time in the booming mobile market. Something that GigaOm's Om Malik thinks is a losing scenario for everyone involved, especially consumers.

"The biggest losers of this deal are going to be the consumers. While AT&T and T-Mobile are going to try to spin it as a good deal to combine wireless spectrum assets, the fact is, T-Mobile USA is now out of the market," he said.

It is clear that the Department of Justice and the Federal Communications Commission need to step up to the plate here and do one of two things: kill the deal or impose some serious conditions.

Should the deal go through, the FCC should mandate heavy conditions to ensure that the mobile market in the US stays competitive and should take advantage of their position and implement restrictions to ensure net neutrality in mobile.

AT&T wouldn't risk the move if they didn't think that they had a

chance. So what's the world to do when AT&T will rule the GSM bands? Verizon needs to keep doing what they are doing. They are poised to steal some customers from this deal and should capitalize whenever possible.

Sprint needs to be the new T-Mobile. They need to take risks with the services that they provide and provide them at a reasonable cost to the consumer. In the past few years, Sprint has really turned their image around by offering customers flexible rates, great handset and technology selection and implementing a growing WiMax network.

Though the carrier's statement makes them sound worried, they shouldn't be. Sprint can be the last hope for users who want the support of a major carrier but without the price of those major carriers.

Fistfuls of Tech! is a weekly column on all things technology.

COLUMNIST



JORGE VALENS

THIS WEEKEND

FRIDAY, MAR. 25

HATHA YOGA



WHEN: 1:30-2:30 p.m.
WHERE: MMC Behind the organic garden

SPCTHROWBACK MOVIE: PIRATES OF THE CARRIBEAN



HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: MMC DM 100

ALL DAY RESUME CRITIQUE

WHEN: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
WHERE: BBC WUC 255

INTERNATIONAL MOVIE WEEK

WHEN: 6-8 p.m.
WHERE: MMC GC Porter Davies' Gameroom

BOB SINCLAR



WHEN: 10 p.m.
HOW MUCH: \$100 limited presale
WHERE: SET Nightclub

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FAIR & EXPO

WHEN: Daily
HOW MUCH: \$10, kids under 5 are free
WHERE: Fair Expo Center

DEPRESSION AND SUICIDE

Lecture by Dr. Pettit
WHEN: 3-4:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: MMC GL 165 (in front of the UTS station)

SE YUVA SANGAM 2011

WHEN: All day event till Sun. Mar 27.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: EC 3317

SATURDAY, MAR. 26

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

WHEN: 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
WHERE: The Fountain Church

2011 FLORIDA STATEWIDE JAPANESE SPEECH & SKIT CONTEST

WHEN: 9 a.m.
WHERE: MMC GL 100

HOLI CELEBRATIONS

Hosted by the Indian Students Association
WHEN: All day
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: MMC GC Ballrooms

ULTRA MUSIC FESTIVAL 2011



WHEN: Daily
HOW MUCH: \$179.95-\$499.95
WHERE: Bicentennial Park

FIU MUSIC PRESENTS: STUDENT RECITAL SERIES: MUSIC FOR GUITAR



WHEN: 7:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free and open to the public
WHERE: FIU Recital Hall WPAC 150

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FAIR & EXPO

WHEN: Daily
HOW MUCH: \$10, kids under 5 are free
WHERE: Fair Expo Center

SWAN SPOKEN SOUL SHOWCASE



HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: The Stage

SUNDAY, MAR. 27

SONY ERICSSON OPEN



WHEN: 10 a.m.
HOW MUCH: \$55 (day session)
WHERE: Crandon Park Tennis Center

SIGMA STUDY SESSIONS

A place for students to come and complete their work or study for any upcoming tests, quizzes, etc.
WHEN: 5-7 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: Graham Center, in front of Bustelo and Burger King

AN EVENING WITH EVE ENSLER



Meet the author of the Vagina Monologues!
WHEN: 6-9 p.m.
WHERE: Books & Books in Coral Gables

MIAMI HEAT VS. HOUSTON ROCKETS



WHEN: 6 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Start at \$50
WHERE: American Airlines Arena

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University must cultivate HIV prevention education

BROOKLYN MIDDLETON
Staff Writer

HIV/AIDS is a disease without borders. The collective understanding of HIV/AIDS and the demographics that the disease affects is shortsighted and flawed. It is essential to focus in more on the topic and look at the issue of race in regards to both prevention and healthcare for those infected.

The disparities in diagnosis between races are stark. The need to promote understanding about the impact of HIV/AIDS on the masses, minorities and women in particular, is integral to eradicating this disease.

Among the myriad of statistics supporting the link between race and higher rates of HIV/AIDS, there is one staggering fact that is particularly concerning. According to Care Resource, an organization that seeks to promote understanding of HIV/AIDS and prevention, African Americans, while only accounting for 20 percent

of the total population of Miami Dade county, comprise 51.5 percent of AIDS cases. This is a disproportionately high statistic and there need be social analysis as to why African Americans are suffering so much more from this disease.

Furthermore, Care Resource reports that 77 percent of pediatric cases of AIDS were African-American children, the AIDS rate for African American women was double that of White women, and lastly, it is the leading cause of death for African American women between the ages of 25 to 44 and the third leading cause of death among African American men in the same age group.

One reason why African Americans are disproportionately affected by HIV/AIDS, as presented and explained by Avert, an international HIV/AIDS charity, points out that during the late 1980s American media painted HIV/AIDS as a white, gay or bisexual man's disease. The marginalization of African American men and women in the fight to prevent HIV/AIDS directly

influenced and created an epidemic in the black community.

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It is essential that an intellectual, compassionate environment surrounding HIV/AIDS education is cultivated at the University.

HIV/AIDS education is cultivated at the University and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students in coalition with The Student National Medical Association is attempting to do just that. Jona-

than Batson, president of MAPS writes, "We are interested in community involvement and doing workshops, forums, and events related to issues that affect minorities. The month of March is dedicated to HIV & AIDS awareness and due to that, we are partnering with Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity to pass out condoms and information on how to get tested for HIV. At the same time we will be having a group named Care Resource coming to campus with their mobile HIV Testing Bus. On the 31st, we will be co-hosting a movie forum with Black Student Union viewing the documentary 'Out of Control: AIDS in Black America.' This will be in AHC3-110 and would be from 7pm to 9pm."

It is commendable that these groups are attempting to cultivate a local environment of honest, inclusive HIV/AIDS prevention and research. With hope, the aspects of the movement that are, at the utmost, racially inclusive will transcend the University community and reach the Miami-Dade community at large.

Unemployment not a sign of laziness, can be advantageous

GIOVANNI GONZALEZ
Staff Writer

Unemployment has been a hot topic in politics throughout the recession. Many people in the media and politics have a lot to say about the unemployment system and those taking advantage of it, but many times those words come from people who have not experienced a day of unemployment in years. It is infuriating to hear some individuals in the popular media actually insult fellow Americans, simply because they have not found a job.

Popular media host and author, Glenn Beck, has been quoted saying that those who have been unemployed for more than two years "are un-American losers." This is a blatant insult to those who have been down on their luck in a tough time. Simply being unemployed does not equate to being lazy, socialist, un-American or anything else some individuals in the popular media insist upon.

Beck also states that those taking advantage of unemployment benefits are promoting socialism and wasting tax payer money, but this propaganda cannot be further from the truth. It is unethical for someone who claims to defend traditional American values to insult millions of Americans because of their economic situation. Attacks on the middle and lower class from upper class Americans simply

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promote a division of classes in our society.

There is a plethora of reasons why one would choose to remain on unemployment benefits. Many times, those benefits can amount to more than a minimum wage or part-time job that a potential employee may be overqualified for.

There will always be those who say "Any job is better than no job," but sacrificing unemployment benefits for a minimum wage or part-time job can result in even less money coming into a household.

In a society based completely on how much money one has, one cannot be blamed for taking the option that will provide them with more of it. One can suggest getting multiple jobs, but there are very few people who would choose to do that given an option, especially when finding just one is hard enough. Instead of looking at unemployment benefits as a waste of taxpayer money,

it can be considered as a way to help parents provide a better standard of living for their children and help get more money into the hands of more people, stimulating the economy, if only slightly.

It is obvious why Beck says such things on a regular basis. Controversy is great for ratings on television and radio shows, both of which Beck hosts. However, instead of spouting rhetoric to promote his political talk shows, maybe Beck should focus on real political issues.

In reality, people on unemployment benefits are just as American as anyone else. They have the right to remain out of work if they so choose but most simply have no other feasible option if they cannot find a well paying job in their field.

Some, such as Beck, may disagree that they are wasting tax payer money but those tax payer dollars can go to much worse things than helping a fellow American out during a rough time.

Social media abuse can destroy career aspirations, reputation

KELLY MALAMBRI
Staff Writer

Not all speech is free in the realms of Facebook, Twitter and similar forms of social media. The consequences of posting questionable content by way of social media can be devastating to one's reputation, and career. Students and professionals should be more wary of what is being posted under their name in social media, as questionable content will be scrutinized and can be made punishable.

According to the *New York Times*, trainee accountant Paul Chambers recently learned this the hard way as he angrily "tweeted" in reference to Robin Hood Airport in the United Kingdom, stating: "You've got a week to get your [expletive] together, otherwise I'm blowing the airport sky high!" In consequence of posting such a hostile statement, Chambers was fined \$4,800. Although his followers and free speech advocates rallied in his defense, Chambers' deserved to be reprimanded.

Social media users must realize menacing content, even when posted in jest, can have serious consequences. Since there is no way for one to hear a persons tone of voice or inflections through these social media, all threats should be addressed in the same manner, rhetorical or not. Such threats can and should be punished by way of fines or, in more serious cases, hard time.

Threatening content is not the only type of material of which users of social media should refrain from posting. Any content that may

damage one's reputation should be avoided, as it is available for viewing by all. As reported by *The Beacon*, a recent survey found that 80 percent of college universities examine a student's personal presence on social media websites, and it is common knowledge that many employers do the same, as well, and rightfully so.

In a world where Google is king, examining social media is a way for employers and administrators to review a prospect's attributes that may not be found on their application or resumé. It provides a more realistic view of a prospect's character without invading privacy, since the site is posted on the world wide web for all to see, and is in no way intrusive.

While universities and employers should keep in mind that students and employees do have personal lives, they also should examine all aspects of a candidate's personality, and rightfully expect professionalism from future prospects. Users must accept that information posted on these sites can be viewed by anyone at anytime, and should "tweet" or post to them accordingly by utilizing privacy features and simply refraining from posting outlandish content.

Universities and employers have the right to examine one's social media exposure before accepting them into their establishment. Because content posted on social media sites is just a Google search away, students and professionals alike should keep whatever they would like to remain private to themselves, as it can and should result in serious consequences if it proves to be threatening.

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BRAZIL

Granddad in US boy's custody battle dies

Raimundo Cameiro Ribeiro Filho, the Brazilian grandfather of Sean Goldman, a 10-year-old boy from the U.S. who was the center of a bitter international custody dispute, has died of lung cancer at 65-years-old.



CUBA

Last dissidents from 2003 to be released

The last two political prisoners held since a 2003 crackdown on dissents will be released, the announcement came the same day Fidel Castro stepped down as head of the island's Communist party.



PUERTO RICO

Report: Delegate top spender in House

Pedro Pierluisi, Puerto Rico's nonvoting congressional delegate was the biggest spender last year in the U.S. House of Representatives. Pierluisi claimed \$2.1 million in expenses, topping Nancy Pelosi by \$257,000.

Candidate brings SGA experience from China

MELODY REGALADO
Staff Writer

Xin Zheng and Yiran "Jelly" Song, 2009 Hospitality Management majors, were both born in China and came to the United States in the fall 2010. Both have said that they love their experience on campus so far.

Zheng studied at the Tianjin University of Commerce before coming to FIU and is applying for a master's degree in finance.

"My career goal is to be a leader in a finance company," he said.

He came to FIU to experience how foreign countries, particularly the U.S., operate and manage hotels and how to deal with interpersonal relationship.

Zheng likes numbers, computers and participating in sports, such as soccer and swimming, on his free time.

As a member of SGA, Zheng says he would "talk to students and collect the problems they meet in the college, pay attention to the students' life in college to find out where they should be improved, then reflect these problems to the related departments to solve them as soon as possible."

He was a member of SGA back in China and says he is an easygoing person who can handle relationships with others well.

"I'm from China, so the culture and the way people work are different. I want to be involved in the life and working environment here to gain more experience on my resume," he said. "I'll learn how to get

along with people from different cultures and, on the other hand, I can also practice my English as well."

He says that some of the biggest issues for students are professors,

facilities, academic atmosphere, social environment and families.

"The professors are the most important part in the college and they decide the quality of teaching," he said. "Good facilities make student feel comfortable in college and help them to study."

He also said that a good academic atmosphere will help students focus on pursuing their academic goals, while their social environments and family life help to shape their decisions and ease their studying.

"I will try to get familiar with SGA and then help increase the influence of SGA among students," he added. "I'll do my best to work with other members to gain more achievements."

He wants students to be able to freely talk to members of SGA or their professors about their concerns and feels that multimedia teaching will help improve the student experience.

"I enjoy the feeling of teamwork, and I think SGA is a big team where different departments work together to make plans and implement them," he said.

Song, on the other hand, aspires to become the director of a hotel and hopes to someday own a bakery.

"I love the perfect food and comfortable rooms to relax," she said about her love for hospitality.

Song loves Chinese food and reading and practicing yoga in her spare time.

As a member of SGA, she wants to learn more about how it works differently in the U.S. and help students who need guidance on campus.

"I want to learn the real American campus life," she said. "I want to help the international students like me. When they just come to America, they

RADIATE THE SQUARE



NED CHANDLER/THE BEACON

Members of Radiate FM Ryan Morejon, promotions director and senior journalism major, and Christian Martinez, a DJ and graduate student, play music on March 9 in Panther Square to promote the radio station to students at the Biscayne Bay Campus.

need somebody help them."

She feels qualified for this position because she is careful in doing things, patient and has the passion to do it.

Among the biggest issues affecting students, she feels, are quality of education, working opportunities, recreation, career planning and the language barrier.

"I would investigate the quality of education from students and reflect it to the SGA and professors," she said.

She also thinks it's important to provide more information about

internship and work opportunities, motivate students to relax and enjoy their holidays, and give suggestions and guidance to students for career planning.

"I'll also help by encouraging international students to attend public activities to practice their English," she said.

Another activity she suggests is having international students take a trip where they can open up about their experiences while practicing their English with others.

One method she thinks would work well to address students' concerns is to have baskets with notepads and pens where students can write down their feedback and encouraging them to participate.

If elected, she said she would take great pride in her role.

"I will try my best to accomplish my task. My goal is to improve the student's life in the campus," she said. "I am a very careful student and I am good at dealing with numbers. I think SGA will never regret accepting me."

FOODGASM

Simplicity of Italian sandwiches now appreciated as an adult

One of my favorite things to make and eat involves no cooking.

It also involves one thing I could not stand as a child, inside another thing I would not eat. I'm not talking about broccoli in a salad.

In elementary school I would turn up my nose at all the kids eating their ham and cheese sandwiches at lunchtime. The concept of deli meat and cheese in between two slices of bread seemed like a sorry excuse for food to me. I could not stand cheese and would not eat sandwiches.

These days, my loathing of cheese has subsided, and sand-

wiches tend to tickle my fancy. Besides the buffalo chicken cheesesteak, which I have already written about, there's another sandwich that I have great love for.

I learned to love all the parts of the sandwich before I ever tried it as a whole.

First, I was introduced to prosciutto. I could immediately dig it. Then, tomato slices with a sprinkle of salt and a drizzle of balsamic vinegar. That was delightful.

Later, a slice of fresh mozzarella and basil joined the tomato. Delicious.

So then I went on loving prosciutto, and tomatoes with fresh mozzarella, basil and balsamic vinegar until it came to me in the form of a sandwich. All of these

great things together inside of a loaf of crusty bread is incredible. I can't remember when I first tried this sandwich or who fed it to me, but it was love at first and every subsequent bite to this day.

If you have never tried this type of sandwich, I can tell you it's a flavor orgy.

You have saltiness from the prosciutto, balanced out with creaminess from the mozzarella, sweetness of the juicy tomato, tartness of the balsamic vinegar, freshness of the aromatic basil, and crunch of the bread.

I've never been to Italy but I feel like I come close every time I eat this sandwich.

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

COLUMNIST



GENE KRAVETS

INGREDIENTS FOR AN ITALIAN SANDWICH

Ingredients

- A crusty baguette
- Prosciutto
- Fresh Mozzarella cheese
- Ripe tomatoes
- Fresh basil
- Balsamic vinegar

Instructions

- Cut baguette in half and then put slices of prosciutto on the bottom half.
- Put mozzarella cheese and tomato slices on top of the prosciutto.
- Drizzle the sandwich with balsamic vinegar and lastly some torn basil leaves and then cover with the other half of the sandwich