

 <p>LIBYA</p> <p>Gadhafi tells followers to defend the nation</p> <p>Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi has told a crowd of his supporters massed in a central Tripoli Square to fight back against protesters and "defend the nation."</p>	 <p>CHINA</p> <p>Death penalty dropped for some crimes</p> <p>China dropped the death penalty for many nonviolent crimes and banned capital punishment for people over the age of 75 in symbolic moves that are not expected to reduce executions.</p>	 <p>RUSSIA</p> <p>Parliament ratifies US-Afghan transit deal</p> <p>Russia's lower house of parliament ratified an agreement Friday to allow the United States to ferry troops and supplies across Russian territory for military operations in Afghanistan.</p>
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University visited by controversial exhibit

NICOLAS SARAVIA
Staff Writer

With an exhibit comparing abortion to genocide, the Genocide Awareness Project aimed to spark debate and influence students through an interactive photomural presentation.

Sponsored by the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform, the display stood outside of the Betty Chapman Plaza in front of the Graham Center on Feb. 21 and 22 at Modesto Maidique Campus.

"Genocide is the systematic destruction of a group. In this case it is the destruction of the very young, singling them out," said Mark Harrington, executive director of the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform and president of the Pro-Life Institute.

The exhibit is part of a tour throughout universities in Florida, including the University of West Florida, Florida State University and Florida Atlantic University.

According to Harrington, the organization is also campaigning to establish a pro-life group on campus and have collected "over one hundred names" while the photo exhibit was up.

The project also focuses on training pro-life activists from the United Kingdom, South Africa and Canada.

"I want to fight for respect for human life and advocate loving options, such as adoption," said Amanda Country, a student at Lakehead University in Canada. "I am motivated because my father was an orphan and went to become a doctor. Adoption is an option that is over-looked."

Some members of the University community and local organizations also participated in setting up the exhibit.

"Our goals are to bring awareness about abortion and the reason we work so well with



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Edith Ugarte, a supporter of Planned Parenthood speaks to students about abortion next to the Genocide Awareness Project exhibit while holding a "I've had an abortion" sign.

the G.A.P. is because not only are we a local connection, but we also complement them by providing services to the community," said Kristen Weissinger, FIU senior.

The exhibit has been a subject of controversy on other university campuses, including

trespassing charges against the group, after their refusal to turn the billboards inward at the University of Calgary last November.

"We have received some complaints,

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Campaign seeks to reignite AIDS dialogue

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In response to a recent report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that states Miami is number one in newly-diagnosed AIDS cases, the School of Journalism and Mass Communication's "Tell Somebody Now" campaign has expanded a few steps further.

"The campaign has a very simple message: we need to keep the dialogue going about HIV/AIDS," said Kate MacMillin, SJMC professor.

Now, SJMC has partnered with the Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work and the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, along with the Miami-Dade Health Department.

"We have a vested interest in our students and in trying to work with other institutions, like

public health and public broadcasting, to inform the public and help to educate our students," said Allan Richards, associate dean at SJMC.

Richards and MacMillin wanted to involve more students and the public health sector to expand the campaign beyond SJMC, so they reached out to University Provost, Douglas Wartzok, for support.

Richards said Wartzok helped to facilitate meetings with the deans of the College of Medicine so they could present their productions and have discussions about how to incorporate the field of health into this communications project.

"There are treatments that infected people can take to save their lives," said William Darrow, professor in the Department of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention at the University and former CDC researcher. "But there

is no vaccine, there is no cure, and there is no way that we can deny we have a serious and growing problem right here in paradise."

Darrow has incorporated the campaign into his Spring 2011 PHC 6750 course. Students are working in teams of five to come up with an HIV prevention plan for current and future students.

Richards and MacMillin will be part of a panel of judges on April 11, in which the teams will present their plans and be judged American Idol-style for the first-annual Smarty Pants Bowl competition.

"Allan has agreed to play the role of Simon Cowell. Kate will be Paula Abdul," said Darrow. "It should be a great learning experience and whole lot of fun."

Richards had previously interviewed Darrow before going to South Africa. He has been studying HIV/AIDS since 1981 and has been a tremendous asset

and source of knowledge to the campaign, according to Richards.

"The contrast between the obvious concern and attention given to AIDS in South Africa and the absence of awareness and action in South Florida is mind boggling," said Darrow. "If we are Worlds Ahead at FIU, we should be able to lend our expertise to confront and control the AIDS epidemic in South Florida."

MacMillin and some students also established a Health Communications Club as part of an expansion of the SJMC's Health Communications unit. Students interested in joining the club can contact Ordonez at sordo003@fiu.edu.

"We are filling the gap in print reporting on health issues," said Silvana Ordonez, club president and junior journalism major.

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ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cut backs put jobs on the line

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AP Staff

Florida's legislative session set to start March 8 could be one of the most explosive in years, with thousands of state jobs on the line as new Gov. Rick Scott presses to cut back on the size and cost of state government.

Whittling down state government was one of former Gov. Jeb Bush's goals and it's been attempted by other governors across the country, too, although not often successfully.

But with Florida's economy in the doldrums, a budget shortfall of at least \$3.6 billion and a desire to cut taxes, Scott and a conservative Republican Legislature see a chance to eliminate or curtail programs they see as unneeded or wasteful.

Rank-and-file state employees, who haven't seen a pay raise in five years, will lose ground again with changes in their pension and health benefits. Key government services also face cuts.

Scott and legislators are taking dead aim at education, social services and even law enforcement, with police agencies concerned that they'll have to release some inmates to save housing and feeding costs.

"I'm focused on building private sector jobs," said Scott, who promised during his campaign that he'd create 700,000 new jobs in Florida over the next seven years. "That's going to be the key."

During his inaugural speech after being re-elected in 2002, Bush said he'd like to empty the buildings surrounding the Capitol that housed thousands of state employees. And now Scott comes to town — the third straight Republican governor — with a similar philosophy to Bush that the private sector fuels America's economy.

"Government has to get back to its core functions, but only its core functions," an unapologetic Scott said. And he's borrowing from some of the strategies he used in building HCA/Columbia, the company he founded, into one of the largest hospital chains in the world. "All of the citizens in our state have had to tighten their belts."

Scott was elected in part on a campaign message of "Let's Get to Work," and his first mission is to do something about Florida's bleak unemployment situation where one of every eight workers are jobless. He has proposed cutting the

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Exhibit protected by first amendment, sparks debate

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but some people don't realize that they are who they are by the first trimester," said Weissinger.

The Division of Student Affairs emailed students on the importance of free speech and diversity on campus in anticipation of the controversial exhibit.

"Although the exhibit has created controversy on many campuses, it is important for us to remember that as a public university, FIU is a place

where the First Amendment must be exercised and the free exchange of speech, no matter how offensive that speech may be must be protected," said Rosa Jones, Vice-President of Student Affairs in the email.

Although there were students who disagreed with the exhibit's message, no major incidents occurred.

There was also a free speech board installed by the exhibit, so the University community could post their opinion on the matter.

"I'm pro-choice, but think the exhibit was honest, compelling and non-offensive. Comparisons to genocide are appropriate considering their beliefs, and gory imagery is appropriate as well, just as I would use it for an anti-war demonstration," said Oren Reich, FIU Law student.

Meredith Kalman, an adjunct professor of English and law student who is pro-choice, firmly respects the right to free speech yet felt there was a lack of respect when it came

to the pro-life side.

"On a personal level, as someone who has had an abortion, I felt my decision to continue my life and pursue my career goals, was under attack," said Meredith Kalman, Adjunct Professor of English and law student.

Kalman graduated at age 23 in Vermont, where she chose to have an abortion because she did not feel ready to have a child at that point in her life.

"Being forced to have a child in

order to satisfy other people's religious inclinations hardly seems fair or logical," said Kalman.

The arrival of the Genocide Awareness Project is timely, as the abortion debate has recently reappeared in the media and Congress.

Members of the Republican Party are looking to pass a bill which would expand restrictions on abortion access and financing, while eliminating certain provisions for abortions in the case of incest or rape.

Proposed cuts would reduce workforce by seven percent

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current budget from \$70.4 billion to \$65.9 billion for the next fiscal year, which starts July 1.

"They've got a real challenge ahead," said noted University of Florida professor and author David Denslow. He recalled a similar challenge faced by former Gov. Reubin Askew nearly four decades ago when the role of government had a smaller affect the overall economy.

In his Feb. 7 budget message, Scott outlined major cuts in services to balance the budget. Privatization and consolidation are being closely examined as means of meeting that requirement and at the same time putting the brakes on government growth.

Scott proposed cutting pension benefits for state workers, teachers and some local government employees and requiring them contribute 5 percent of their salaries to their retirement plan. He wants to cut education spending by \$3.3 billion or \$700 per student and save \$1 billion by reducing Medicaid reimbursements to hospitals and nursing homes,

but not to doctors.

He has proposed cutting the state's work force by 8,645 positions, or nearly 7 percent. About 2,000 of those positions already are vacant.

"The question is how do you meet the important needs of the state?" asks Doug Martin, legislative director for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), a union that represents 57,000 Florida government employees.

"You're talking about road maintenance, child protection, juvenile justice, prisons, veterans homes," Martin said. "Florida will still have 100,000 prisoners. Florida will still have juvenile gang problems. It will still have children in need of protection."

Scott believes he can cut taxes by about \$2 billion and still balance the budget.

But it's the Legislature that will make the final decisions on state spending, albeit Scott holds the veto pen.

House Speaker Dean Cannon, R-Winter Park, and Senate President Mike Haridopolos, R-Merritt Island, are already skeptical about some of the governor's proposals,

particularly the size of Scott's proposed tax cut. They worry whether the state could maintain essential services if those proposals go through.

"If there's a way that they can be reduced and still meet the critical needs then I'm open to it, but I think it's going to be a big challenge," Cannon said. "I haven't seen a way yet that I'm persuaded it's doable."

Cannon, however, agrees that this is a good time to take a hard look and governmental operations. He created a Select Committee on Government Reorganization to focus on the core mission of government and eliminate costly, extraneous tasks. Cannon said he wants recommendations from the panel that could lead to "true reform."

Scott offered few specifics on how he intends to cut corporate income and school property taxes while closing the budget gap. He did, though, say the state needs to do a better job of buying goods and services.

"Our existing budget is bloated," he said. "We're not cautious enough about how we spend money."

Consolidation is another Scott strategy for cutting government waste.

He wants many common state agency activities ranging from property management to mail distribution to be consolidated under the Department of Management Services. He'd also like to put the Department of Community Affairs under the Department of Environmental Protection.

The Department of Business and Professional Regulation will pick up some licensing and regulation responsibilities previously assigned to the Department of Health while the Department of Revenue takes over some of DBPR's alcohol and beverage tax collections.

Rep. Ron Saunders of Key West, the House Democratic leader and a former budget chairman, supports a thorough review of state spending, but said most of the rules and regulations now in place were put there by Republicans in the past 15 years.

WEIRD SCIENCE



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Junior marine biology majors Ryan Clavelo and junior Leah Valdes work on dissecting a sea star during their Marine Biology and Oceanography Lab on Feb 22 taught by Nathan Lemoine.



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SENIOR NIGHT

SENIOR SWEEP

Golden Panthers end season with overtime win over Troy

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Staff Writer

FIU went to overtime once again against Troy and came out on the winning end with an 83-76 victory to end the season on a high note.

Marvin Roberts, Phil Gary, Tremayne Russell, Anthony Anderson and Stephan Weaver all played their last game at the U.S. Century Bank Arena on senior night as seniors, and it was an emotional night to say the least, especially for Roberts.

"I feel good, I didn't have a good enough season as I thought I would have had. But today I was hot and my teammates kept finding me," Roberts said.

Roberts scored a game-high 26 points and is now the 15th all-time leading scorer in FIU history.

"That's pretty good it's a humbling experience to be along with the rest of the people in the past," said Roberts.

The story of the game was the huge difference in three-point shooting by both teams. The Trojans were three-point shooting machines, taking 45 of their 76 shots from beyond the arc. The Golden Panthers, on the other hand, only shot 22 in all.

This led to the uneven free throw numbers too, where FIU went 32-41 compared to Troy's 8-12. Because Troy settled for shooting threes, they did not give themselves the opportunity to draw fouls that would send them to the line.



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Jeremy Allen [above] hit two pivotal three-pointers in overtime to help the Golden Panthers secure a victory on senior night.

"We tried to have a balanced attack and we wanted to take the ball to the rack and get to the foul line," coach Isaiah Thomas said.

In the first half, both teams remained close to each other as it was a back and forth scoring battle that saw Marvin Roberts come out

with 11 points to lead the team. Most of the scoring was in the paint, where they outscored the Trojans 16-9.

This had to do with their poor shooting from beyond the arch,

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FIU women cruise to easy win over Trojans

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On a night that the FIU seniors were playing their final game at U.S. Century Bank Arena, the Golden Panthers sent them off on a winning note.

FIU was able to hold off Troy 71-47, giving the Golden Panthers a #2 seed in the Sun Belt Conference tournament, along with a first-round bye. It was Senior Night for FIU, giving honors to seniors Liene Jekabsons, Maja Krajacic, Elisa Carey, and Michelle Gonzalez for their contributions while at FIU. All four players were given plaques before the game, highlighting their career accomplishments as a Golden Panther. Carey, who suffered a season-ending injury on her knee, was thought highly of by coach Cindy Russo.

"I could cry just thinking about what Elisa went through," Russo said. "As the season went along, the team played for her. She came back, plugged herself in, and then suffered another injury. The team played for her this season."

Krajacic felt that playing on this team for her time her at FIU was a stepping stone for her life.

"This was a big experience for me," Krajacic said. "I'm really happy to have met all of the coaches, teammates and people. I feel that this is a step for my life and what I have coming."

"My dad says that 'when it's the best time, it's usually the time to leave.' This is the best

time, and now I have to leave, Gonzalez said. "I'm really that my senior year, we could make it as great as it is."

At the start of the first half, all three seniors made an appearance in the starting lineup, with Liene Jekabsons and Maja Krajacic getting the rare start. FIU (15-15, SBC 10-6) looked to set the pace early, with three-pointers by Michelle Gonzalez and redshirt junior Fanni Hutlassa.

While leading 10-6, FIU allowed Troy (5-24, SBC 2-14) go on a run to overtake the Golden Panthers 19-18 with 10:57 left in the first half. Donette McNair led the charge for the Trojans, but it was short lived as FIU would come out on a 10-3 run for a 28-21 lead with 3:19 left in the first.

Freshman Jerica Coley broke the FIU all-time scoring record for a freshman when she stole an inbound pass from Troy and hit a 13-foot jump shot. Besides the accomplishment, the first half was riddled with traveling calls, with the referees blowing the whistle every chance they could.

The Trojans would make a push to cut the deficit by scoring from three point range and disrupting the Golden Panther offense. FIU stood resilient going into halftime with a five point lead, 32-27.

The second half got off to a blistering pace, with both teams going back and forth with three-pointers. Fanni Hutlassa and Jerica Coley hit shots from

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SOFTBALL

Golden Panthers suffer consecutive shutout losses

MALCOLM SHIELDS
Staff Writer

The Golden Panthers hit the road for the first time this season as they traveled to Chapel Hill, North Carolina to participate in the Carolina Classic on Feb. 26th.

PENN STATE 3, FIU 0

Through the first six innings, the Golden Panther lineup recorded no hits against pitcher Jackie Hill as FIU struggled at the plate.

"I think that we got to have better at bats," coach Beth Torina said. "We got to have a better plan and approach when we are at the plate."

With two outs and with runners on first and third, Alyssa Renwick, who reached base on a walk, would steal second. Megan Horne's attempt to throw out Renwick at second resulted in an error, allowing Alyssa Sovereign to score from third base, giving

Penn State a 1-0 lead in third inning.

Sovereign would hit a home run to center in the bottom of the fourth inning to give the Nittany Lions a 2-0 lead.

In the fifth inning, Sovereign would hit a double to left field which scored a runner from second to give Penn State a 3-0 lead.

FIU would have one last chance in the top of the seventh to break up the no hitter. With two outs and a 1-2 count, Brie Rojas would single to right center; ending Hill's no hit bid.

Mariah Dawson had a solid outing for FIU, pitching six innings while giving up five hits and two earned runs.

"She threw well. She deserved to win," Torina said. "She deserves to have more than one win on the season. We need to play better behind her and give her more support."

Dawson would be outdone by Hill, who pitched a complete game shutout; allowing only one hit.

"She did a good job hitting her spots," Torina said of Hill. I think [some of] the credit goes to our lack of execution as well."

NORTH CAROLINA 6, FIU 0

North Carolina jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first.

After a one out single by Tisha Mahon, she would advance to second on a wild pitch by starting pitcher Jenn Gniadek. Ally Blake would score the game's first run on a RBI double.

The Golden Panthers would begin the top of the third with a leadoff single by Rachael Slowik.

She would be followed by a single by Alfonso. Rojas would draw a walk but with two outs and the bases loaded, Jenny Welch would strikeout to end the inning.

"We started the game with a pretty good approach," Torina said. "We started off putting [the ball] in play, but with a pitcher

[like Lori Spingola] with that talent, it would be tough to fight back."

North Carolina would break the game open in the bottom of the fourth inning. Dani Manko would single to left scoring Butler from third to give UNC a 2-0 lead.

Kelli Wheeler would single to give UNC a 3-0 lead.

Wheeler would advance to second on the throw to home plate. After scoring another run to give UNC a 4-0 lead, Haleigh Dickey would hit a two run homer to give the Tar Heels a 6-0 lead.

"I think we had a lot of issues that happened in the fourth inning with stolen bases and their ability to put good groundballs in the wrong place for us," Torina said after the game. "We definitely let one thing turn to another and we could not stop the bleeding. We were in every other inning of the ballgame and it was unfortunate that we couldn't step up and stop it there."

BASEBALL

Offense outbursts help lift FIU over MVSU

ANDRES LEON
Staff Writer

The Golden Panthers opened up a four game series against Mississippi Valley State on Feb. 25 at FIU Baseball Stadium. After beating St. Thomas early in the week, the Golden Panthers hitting game was up to par again.

In the first inning, Rudy Flores hit a three-run homer to bring in Jeremy Patton and Mike Martinez, giving the Golden Panthers the early three-run lead.

Jose Behar provided more offense for the Golden Panthers, hitting a straight shot up the middle to bring in Yoandy Barroso home to make the score 4-0. Behar provided more edge to the Golden Panthers having his second career steal to put himself in scoring position and scored on a single by Garrett Wittels.

The Delta Devils attempted to rally back. With momentum going their way and runners on second and third, Curtis Ford hit a straight shot to second bringing Norman and Derek Wallace home to make it a 5-3 game in the fourth inning.

In the bottom of the fifth, with MVSU having pitching issues, third basemen Jeremy Patton hit a homerun to extend the lead for the Golden Panthers.

FIU continued to cruise and reliever Justin Cromartie closed the game for the Golden Panthers.

"We got the bats going early and we are getting used the feel of the new bats," Patton said. "We definitely need the momentum going in with the double header tomorrow and the other games this weekend."

FIU 9, MVSU 3

Walks and a hit by the pitcher brought in four early runs for the Golden Panthers in the second game of the series. The bases were already loaded despite MVSU allowing one hit, courtesy of Jeremy Patton.

Shaky pitching by MVSU Steven Barnes contributed to the Golden Panther offense as Barnes walked two consecutive batters. Wittels and Martinez both scored, piling on the Golden Panther lead. Rudy Flores came home after being hit by a pitch.

With the score 4-0, MVSU hit an early base hit to right field, Chris Norman brought MVSU right fielder Michael Lowe in for the score. Late in the top of the fourth Scott Hornstra added a homer to make the score 4-2.

The Golden Panthers continued swing the bats well. Garrett Wittels hit a deep fly ball between a gap in right field to bring in Iosmel



ALEX GARCIA/THE BEACON

Joel Capote [above] goes up to the plate for FIU during a double-header against MVSU.

Leon and Capote.

MVSU got behind the plate and looked to rally but Wittels made a heads up throw to first after Curtis Ford popped one over the pitcher to end the inning.

With good defense, Wittels continued to

excel.

In the bottom of the fourth inning Wittels hit another RBI double, making the score 6-2.

At his first at bat, Andre Vazquez hit his first collegiate homerun, a two-run shot, extending the lead to 9-2.

Roberts leads FIU with 26 points in final home game

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only converting two of 10 three-point attempts.

On the defensive end, they could not seem to find an answer for Regis Huddleston, who had 14 points in the first half alone. FIU would go into halftime down by just one 36-35.

The Golden Panthers started the second half slow, and let Troy build the lead up to seven with 17:29 left until they finally started to make a comeback and kept the game close for the rest of the way.

FIU tied the game up with 3:37 remaining when Roberts hit a three to make it 70-70, and then took the lead for the first time in the second half off a DeJuan Wright free throw.

With a minute left, Tremayne Russell dove on the floor for the loose ball and quickly called timeout as the scored remained tied at 72-72. They were able to draw up a play to get the ball to Wright under the basket, but he could not convert

and the ball came right back to Troy with 26 seconds left in regulation.

Will Weathers missed a shot in the paint at the buzzer though, however, and the game would then move into overtime.

In the extra period, Jeremy Allen came out on fire, making two straight threes in a row helping FIU push the lead to 78-74. With 56 seconds left, Roberts grabbed the rebound off a Cameron Bell miss and put it back in for the and-1 to give the Golden Panthers an 81-75 lead and bring them the win that they so much needed heading into the conference tournament.

"We played so many close games that we got to give a lot of credit to the kids and counting to grind. Having some success, hopefully it will carry on the tournament," Thomas said.

It is not certain who FIU will now play in the conference tournament on Mar. 5 in Hot Springs, Arkansas, but most likely they will go against Denver, a team they lost to in overtime earlier in the year.

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Win gives FIU first round bye

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beyond the arc for the Golden Panthers. As for the Trojans, Sophie Kleeman put herself in good position to hit a three herself.

The Trojans would see the deficit increase by not being able to slow down the Golden Panthers on the fast break or from three-point range. The Golden Panthers increased their intensity on defense to push their lead to double digits, and ultimately over 20, giving FIU a 60-37 lead with 10:31 left in the game after a 17-3 run. The FIU charge was led by Hutlassa, Coley, and Gonzalez, who combined for 13 of FIU's 17 points during the run.

The Golden Panther offense would cool off for next few minutes, but the defense continued with the same intensity, only

allowing one basket by the Trojans. Troy began to unravel offensively with miscommunication and bad shot selection, giving FIU a comfortable final few minutes to enjoy a 71-47 victory.

After the victory, the Golden Panthers will now put their focus on the conference tournament, having a first round bye and waiting on the winner of the Troy vs Louisiana-Monroe/Arkansas State. FIU's first game of the SBC tournament will start at 2:30 p.m. EST, in Hot Springs Arkansas.

"We came second in the east. Now we get two days off," said Russo, while laughing. It's a good way to wrap up the season after started off a bit rough. They have a lot of heart."

KID ROBOT

ALBA TOWERS
Asst. Life! Editor

Target and The Frost Art Museum have teamed up to present Target After Hours, a collaboration that gives students a chance to meet contemporary artists and engage with controversial art, music, film and dance.

This month, Miami-Dade County Public School's

Clinical Art Therapy Department and The Frost Art Museum presented "ARTWORKS!", the purpose of which is to support art as a healing process.

Aside from "ARTWORKS!", there will be an art therapist present conducting workshops called *Storytelling through Art Therapy*, which allows participants to experience the benefits of art therapy. This event is taking place from Feb. 23 through Mar. 2.



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FASHION FINDS

Easy and practical fashion for guys is not an impossibility

I grew up around a lot of boys, a lot. I was the last kid to come along in my generation and I was the first and only girl. To say that my aunts and mom were excited to have a little girl to play dress-up with is an understatement.

Somewhere between the princess costumes and tea parties, though, my mom forgot to show my brother Danny how to dress like a human being.



ADRIANA RODRIGUEZ

I always get annoyed with boy fashion because I think it's so easy for them. You have three basic elements to worry about: a shirt, pants and shoes. No one cares or even notices if

guys have a visible panty line or if their necklaces tie their outfit together. Sure, I could adopt the same simple philosophy when it comes to my wardrobe, but I'd feel naked choosing an outfit that didn't have the right cardigan and scarf paired with it.

This weekend, my mom and I crept into the abyss that is my brother's room and decided to give him a wardrobe revamp.

We started with his dresser. My God, boys have so many tees. Whether it's a novelty tee with their favorite childhood cartoon or comic or tee shirts from every single sports team they were ever a part of or fan of, boys seem to keep them all. Danny still has his elementary school physical education tee. By the way, Danny is 27.

How that shirt lasted 20-odd years in his care is beyond me. I love my brother, but he's a slob and incidents like the survival of this shirt are a mystery.

When going through my brother's drawers, there was no sympathy for memorabilia. If the shirt had a stain or a hole, it had to go. I didn't care if he thought it was the coolest Chewbacca shirt he'd ever seen in stores.

He was allowed to keep his "Doug" t-shirt collection. Shirts like his "Let it Be" one shows quirkiness and personality. Plus, who doesn't like "Doug"?

We kept all salvageable solid color v-neck and crew neck tees. These tees work for day and night with a pair of jeans and what my brother calls his "nice sneakers" which is basically any kind of sneaker that's not made

for the gym.

I agree with the "nice sneakers" idea. Converse are a favorite of mine and I'll always have a soft spot for the look of Converse, dark wash jeans and a nice button-down shirt. It's a really high school look but so cute.

Oh, and if I ever see a guy wearing a pair of Supergas (the Italian version of Converse) I'll marry them on the spot, no background check needed.

I've spent the past 10 years trying to convince my brother to buy a pair of driving moccasins.

They are an investment piece for guys because they can run you around \$250 for a cheap version, but they are a nice in between shoe for day or night.

We whittled down his vast collection of cargo shorts to two pairs of khaki shorts, an olive colored pair and a gray pair. Neutral tones are goof proof for guys because matching isn't an issue.

I don't believe in the rule that navy, black and brown can't be mixed together. Boys, just make your lives even easier than they are and mix it up.

Jeans are an essential for both guys and girls. The dark wash rule applies to guys the same way it does for girls: dark washes are slimming and give a more polished look. The Gap offers a variety of styles from their "1969" collection.

The chain retail store has mastered the art of cutting jeans for men. They are flattering to all sizes and shapes.

OUTFIT IDEAS

1. A good outfit option for guys using the driving mocs is to pair a long-sleeved button-down shirt with the sleeves rolled up, a sleek pair of chino shorts and the shoes.

2. For a night out at a bar, pair a solid v-neck tee with jeans and "nice sneakers." Add a cardigan for chilly weather. The slightly nerdy look works on every kind of guy. Don't let your shirt compete with the cardigan's fabric or color. For a nicer event, try a blazer in navy or black.

3. Cargo shorts with a polo shirt is a classic look that works for so many occasions.

Fashion Finds is a weekly column on fashion. Look for it every Monday.

ON THE PROWL

Passion Parties are an educational and fun girl's night

Last Wednesday night I came home to around 15 young women seeing, talking about and touching sex toys in my living room. There were powders, creams, oils and gadgets that can't even be shown on network television.

My roommate and I decided to throw a Passion Party as a fun girl's night in for our group of friends. A Passion Party is an adult sex toy party. We thought it would be a great idea to have these products shown in the comfort of a friend's home because it offers education, comfort and most importantly confidentiality.

While these parties have been around for years now, they're not as widely heard of as their close relatives: the cosmetic party and

Tupperware party.

Passion Parties are designed to "inform and educate women through tasteful in-home presentations." You can spice up your sex life by trying and buying these sensual products.



LIANAMAR DÁVILA SANABRIA

Besides the tons of fun and excitement the party will cause among your friends, you'll also receive a complimentary sex education lesson. If you answer enough questions right, you can even earn free passion products.

To host a party, all you have to do is make a quick online search for representatives in your area from the network of 3,000 all-female sales reps.

Last year, Passion Party sales exceeded \$20 million. They have customers of all ages

upwards of 18, but their typical customer is in her early 30s.

Since "Sex and the City," many women have discovered they can actually have a lot of fun talking about sex.

Women nowadays are taking control of their sex lives and a Passion Party is certainly a great way to start; it's female freedom in its wildest form.

These parties can take many names and forms but the major franchises include the Brown Bag Party, Passion Parties, Slumber Parties and Pure Romance.

Our representative works out of Miramar and she told me she chose to get into this business because it was "new, exciting and could help keep couples together."

She believes that if she could educate women on how to get the most out of their sensuality and how to give the most in their relationships through their sensuality, maybe the nation's divorce rate would go down.

There is strong evidence that relationships could use some help.

A study released last year by the Kinsey Institute revealed nearly 25 percent of the women surveyed said they were unhappy with their sex lives. Other studies show that number is even higher at 50 percent.

Some women even confide in their representatives about the problems they've been having with their significant others.

Some of my friends began to share their stories with the group in order to get the group's and the representative's opinion of what products would be best for them and their partners.

This part-time job brings in between \$500 and \$1,000 a month, but many representatives find it important that they're getting women to talk about what used to be said in whispers.

Words like penis, clitoris and orgasm made some girls a little uncomfortable at first, but by the time we were done they were using those terms casually.

Even if your girlfriends don't buy enough to get you free goodies, it's a great way for you and your gals to have a girls night in and share a few giggles.

We added some wine to the equation and had a great night in.

If you've never attended a Passion Party, I highly recommend you do so soon.

On the Prowl is a bi-weekly column on dating advice. Look for it every other Monday.

THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2011

"U.S. FOREIGN POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST: THE CHALLENGE OF HEXBOLLAH"

Featuring Mara Karlin.
WHEN: 7-8:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: BBC WUC Rm155

UNITED FOR HAITI DONATION DRIVE



They will be collecting items to take on our 2011 spring medical mission trip to Haiti.

WHEN: All day
WHERE: MMC HLS II-654

SPC PIT EVENT

WHEN: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: MMC GC Pit

HILLEL EVENT

WHEN: 5-10 p.m.
WHERE: BBC 155

RELAY FOR LAUGHS

Hosted by Gamma Epsilon Phi.
WHEN: 2-5 p.m.
WHERE: MMC GC Tables

ARTWORKS! THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF MY LIFE

Students are given the opportunity to explore their fears, wishes, and emotions by placing them in a personal box which represents safety.

WHERE: Frost Art Museum

ISRAELI APARTHEID WEEK: LOWKEY, SHADIA MANSOUR, LOGIC, JODY MCINTYRE

WHEN: 8-11 p.m.
WHERE: MMC CP 145

CLOSING CEREMONY
Hosted by the Black Student Union.

WHEN: 7-10 p.m.
WHERE: MMC GC 243

GYPSY KINGS



WHEN: 7 p.m.
HOW MUCH: \$44 to \$89
WHERE: Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2011

A BEACON OF HUMAN RIGHTS MOVIE: "THE BUBBLE"

WHEN: 8 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: MMC GC 287B

UNITED FOR HAITI DONATION DRIVE



WHEN: All day
WHERE: MMC HLS II-654

SPC LECTURE SERIES: COLLINS TUOHY



WHEN: 6 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: MMC GC Pit

MEMORY TECHNIQUES

WHEN: 2-3 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: BBC AC-1 160

WELLNESS EXPO

WHEN: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: BBC Panther Square

ARTWORKS! THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF MY LIFE

WHERE: Frost Art Museum

BEGINNER'S SUNSET YOGA



WHEN: 5-6 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: Organic garden

ISRAELI APARTHEID WEEK: LECTURE BY HUWAIDA ARRAF



WHEN: 7-10 p.m.
WHERE: MMC GC 243

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STATE OF THE FIUNION

Unless you help, students will suffer

As all of you are undoubtedly aware, we are living in difficult times and our government is asking us to make sacrifices. Fla. Governor Rick Scott has proposed a budget that will make education bear the brunt of our sacrifice.



CHRISTOPHER DIAZ

A \$3.3 billion budget cut to education is a real possibility, which would have a profound effect on students. The reality we face means that, to some degree, we will all have to make some sacrifices. However, how much we have to sacrifice is in large part up to you.

Believe it or not, politicians do care what you think and how you feel. But, there is a catch: they are only interested if they believe you will act on those thoughts and feelings.

Politicians know that most people are busy, tired and disillusioned with politics. So, these politicians don't expect many people to vote, much less go beyond voting.

When some people put the time and effort into going beyond, it catches the attention

Politicians are only interested in what you think and feel if they believe you'll act on them.

of politicians. It tells them that these people represent others who believe as they do, and that the issue they are concerned over is something that should give these politicians pause.

Those of us at Student Government are fighting diligently on your behalf, but without active student support it may as well be a bite with no teeth.

I ask that you become involved, whether you can spare five minutes or a whole day. I know that many of you lead very busy lives, but your sacrifice will make your life, as well as the lives of others, better. How?

Do you want people to openly carry guns on our open campus? Would it bother you if you saw people in the Graham Center with pistols on their hips? I don't mean to incite fear, but this is precisely what would happen if State Bill 234 passes.

There is strong support behind SB 234, from many Floridians as well as very influ-

ential lobbying groups. Should the Second Amendment take importance over student safety? It will, so long as our legislators see that students don't care about the issue. But I know, from speaking with many of you, that you are overwhelmingly opposed to allowing guns on campus.

This is only one issue that can have a big impact in your lives. From Pell Grants and Bright Futures, to faculty and staff pay, many aspects of your University life are, in essence, on the chopping block.

So how can you get involved? Email me, at sga.lobbying@fiu.edu, and I will find a way you can get involved, whether you have five minutes or a whole day.

Christopher Diaz, is the SGC-MMC Student Lobbying Coordinator. State of the FIUnion is a bi-weekly column addressing University issues from the perspective of the Student Government Association. Look for it every other Monday

THE BEACON | Editorial

Single council system offers solution for inefficient, redundant student government

The creation of a one-council system that equally represents students and allows the Student Government Association to run efficiently would entail a completely new constitution and a carefully thought-out process.

However, with only eight students running for SGA positions at Biscayne Bay Campus, all running uncontested, it is clear student leaders and administrators need to begin to have this conversation.

We believe a one-council solution is the perfect model for efficient student representation while falling in line with a University that sees its various campuses as one single entity.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Because of the unique nature of the University's hierarchy, where one president governs the entire University and all of its campuses, we feel this system represents the perfect example of what a one university SGA should look like.

In our model, there would be a single president who presides over SGA. Under this position, two vice presidents would serve at each of the respective campuses, one at the Modesto Maidique Campus and Engineering Center and one at BBC and the Pines Center. This would focus the roles these positions have, adding value and responsibility to the vice president positions and creating a single leader of student government.

Where this restructuring will have a dramatic change is in the executive cabinet, where redundant positions will be eliminated such as chief of staff, comptroller and press secretary.

Under this one-council executive branch, positions would be streamlined across the board. This would save money in terms of salaries and limit the problem of an extremely bloated executive branch, such as at MMC, or a barely-filled cabinet, such as at BBC.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

One of the major components of a one-council solution, and one that would require the most thought, is the legislative branch. The current structure of representation from each school or college is effective in representing students. However, we question the number of senators needed in representing students. *The Beacon* thinks the work handled by the senators could easily be taken care of by many less.

As it stands now, there are 52 seats in the SGA senate. Under an

ideal system, there would be two senators per college or school, regardless of student population, leaving a total of 32 available Senate seats. Such a system would give equal representation to all schools while eliminating 20 seats.

A more streamlined senate would also save money. The salaries for senators totals about \$41,000. In our model, if all 32 senators get \$800 per year, the total salary would be \$25,600, saving over \$15,000.

A unified senate would lead to a much more streamlined meeting experience, one that could possibly incorporate live online streaming, which would allow senators to attend meetings and promote true transparency, as this could also be displayed online.

Furthermore, we also think graduate students should have the option to serve as senators in either the school or college they are a part of, or specifically as graduate student senator. They may be on the graduate level, but the decisions made by senators of their college or school affect them too. Ergo, they should at least have the opportunity to voice their concerns both as students of their school or as graduate students.

The Beacon would also suggest adding two online student senators. As of late, more and more students are taking all of their courses on the web. The online student senator would represent this growing demographic and give voice to a group of students that have been ignored.

JUDICIAL

Like the executive and legislative branches, SGA currently has two judicial branches with one at each campus and five justices allotted to each court. Like our one-council model for the executive and legislative branches, the judicial branch should consist of one court that would hear cases at the campus in which they arise.

As Christopher Lawton, SGC-BBC's chief justice, is the only justice for the council, he essentially is that council's judicial branch. This situation would be less likely to occur with one court handling University-wide issues, as it would not be constrained to any one campus.

A two-council system has left SGA overstaffed on one side, understaffed on the other and inefficient overall. A single-council system will help SGA present a more united front in representing students, help heal the rift between both campuses and finally drive home the point that, in reality, we belong to one University.

Post-abortion syndrome a myth

BROOKLYN MIDDLETON
Staff Writer

It seems quite common that scientific research is irrelevant to anti-abortion activists. Despite numerous findings that abortion does not cause breast cancer, and despite well documented research that abortion will not cause your life, complete with drug abuse and mental anguish, to come spiraling down, anti-choice activists seem to cling to appealing to the fear of women that something terrible will happen to the mental health of a woman who chooses to abort.

Chief among the fear tactics is the push of anti-choice advocates to lament about "post-abortion syndrome." A study led by Dr. Priscilla Coleman of Bowling Green State University in Ohio, who coined the term, concluded that women who had an abortion "were at increased risk for anxiety, mood disorders and substance abuse."

The "research" spread like wildfire and culminated into the perpetuation of this myth.

Finally, on Dec. 13, 2010 Dr. Julia Steinberg, of the University of California, San Francisco, and Dr. Lawrence Finer of the Guttmacher Institute, a non-profit research organization that specializes in reproductive and sexual health, analyzed the same data that Coleman reviewed. However, their results were much different.

According to *The Washington Post*, the new study "failed to find the same link, even without taking into account other key factors such as a history of mental health problems." Furthermore, Steinberg stated "We were unable to reproduce the most basic tabulations of Coleman and colleagues. Moreover, their findings were logically inconsistent with other published research -- for example, they found higher rates of depression in the last month than other studies found during respondents' entire lifetimes. This suggests that the results were substantially inflated."

In 2011, it is troubling that there still needs to be a conversation about why abortion needs to be safe, legal

and de-stigmatized. There are a myriad of situations in which a woman chooses to have an abortion. If anti-choice activists are so concerned with women's mental health post-abortion, perhaps it would behoove them to take a look at the stigmatization and fear mongering women could experience when actively seeking an abortion.

Holding up vulgar signs of aborted fetuses does not soothe a woman's psyche, nor does having an unplanned, unwanted child. If these activists truly cared about women's mental health post-abortion, they would actively promote the de-stigmatization of abortion, not contribute to it by making inflammatory statements about a "syndrome" that the American Psychiatric Association and the American Psychological Association do not recognize as actual mental health issues.

With hope, the new analysis of data, analysis that is more sound and thorough than Coleman's, will spread as quickly as the "post-abortion syndrome" myth did.

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MEXICO

3 relatives of slain activist found dead

Mexican police on Friday discovered the bodies of three people related to a human rights activist who was killed last year in the volatile northern border state of Chihuahua.



VENEZUELA

Anti-Chavez parties to hold primary

A coalition of Venezuela's opposition parties announced Wednesday that its members have agreed to hold a primary to pick a presidential candidate to run against Hugo Chavez next year.



GUATEMALA

Witness: Cash hauled to past president

A witness in Guatemala's embezzlement trial of former President Alfonso Portillo says millions of dollars were hauled from a state-owned bank to the leader when he was in power.

THE HONORS COLLEGE

Partnership tutors Overtown grade and high schoolers

NADRA MABROUK
Staff Writer

Four years ago, a bond was built between the Honors College and the Overtown Youth Center. Professor Jayne A. Klein, program assistant of the Honors College and professor of religious studies began this partnership initiative.

The Overtown Youth Center, on NW 14th St., is a program of the Alonzo Mourning charities. The center was established in 2003. It was the vision of a local real estate agent, Martin Z. Margulies. By way of the Margulies Foundation and the support and assistance of Alonzo Mourning, former player of the Miami Heat, the center was built.

The intention of the center is to provide a stable, safe place for the children in Overtown. It offers in-school, after-school, summer and weekend programs for children that help build character, physical fitness, academic achievement, and arts, including "family oriented" activities. The program is for children from second grade to 12th grade. According to Klein, some students are monitored even after graduation.

It took Klein many attempts to

be able to compose the partnership between the center and the Honors College.

"A lot of people want to get involved with [Mourning]," Klein said. "So, they're very cautious about who they're letting in. It took a lot of effort and I wrote a lot of letters."

Carla Penn, executive director of the OYC at the time, agreed to the partnership with the University and was firmly established in April 2007.

Every Tuesday at 5 p.m., OYC students come to the Biscayne Bay Campus to receive tutoring from members of the Honors College, mainly from the Tau Sigma Alpha Honors College club.

Klein teaches and provides practice SAT and ACT exams for the high school students holding real timed sessions to better prepare them. According to Klein, two vans belonging to OYC bring the students over on Tuesdays.

"It inspires me," 12th grader Chantel Walton from Center of Life Academy said. "It makes me feel important and it really helps us with the SAT and prepare for college."

On October 8, 2007 the first luncheon was created to celebrate

WRITER ON THE BAY



Author Debra Monroe, the writer for last week's Writers on the Bay Series (second from right), talking to readers before giving her book, "On the outskirts of Normal: Forging a Family against the Grain," at the Bookstore on Feb. 24.

ELIZABETH BRUNA PINEDA/THE BEACON

the higher education potential of the hard working students and the bridge built between the Honors College and OYC.

A few students from the ceremony this year, which took place on Feb. 18 in the Wolfe University Center ballrooms, claimed that they would love to go to FIU when their time comes.

"It helps me realize that college is a good place to be," eighth grader

Ka'Neesha Brown from Doral Middle School said.

Klein is the 2011 recipient of the University's Martin Luther King, Jr. Service award largely due to the founding of the partnership initiative and for other services related to OYC and FIU campus such as the two-hour tour of BBC to 30 middle school students from OYC and for creating an OYC Book Club. As of August 2010, the total hours of

community assistance and participation in events Klein had on and off campus was 3,000 hours.

"I wasn't aware this was something I was passionate about until I started doing it," Klein said, "It's something I think is important. Nothing feels better than [the] giving of yourself and making a difference in someone else's life. Doing the program made that clear to me."

University-wide campaign has origins in SJMC class

SJMC, page 1

"With all the budget cuts, health is often a subject not covered enough by the press—especially HIV/AIDS. Our goal is to find a way to make it informative without turning people away."

They also want to raise more awareness of the epidemic and create events where people can get tested.

"Health is a concern for everyone, especially HIV/AIDS. We are living in Miami, the city with the largest numbers of [new] HIV/AIDS cases in the whole nation," she said. "We are more vulnerable than others because we live here, and the most alarming part of this is that not everyone is aware of it."

They are also working with the Miami-Dade Health Department to see what they can do on March 10 for Women and Girls' HIV Awareness Day.

Now with this new health communications direction of the campaign and thanks to their established rela-

tionship with WPBT2, the moving parts of this union came together on-air again Feb. 16 with "The Miami Epidemic," an hour-long segment MacMillin produced.

"We decided [to] keep HIV out of the title to at least create some curiosity and call it what it is," said Richards.

WPBT2's "Pulse" host Jessy Schuster moderated the special and it included "Lessons from South Africa," followed by a panel discussion including Richards and Darrow, along with Oscar Loynaz, director of University Health Services, and Kira Villamizar, Human Services Program Manager of the Miami-Dade Public Health Department.

"Let's not repeat the mistakes of the past. Ignoring the AIDS epidemic in South Florida will not make it go away," said Darrow.

The ongoing campaign began in Richards' spring 2008 multimedia journalism class. He tasked his future journalists with developing an HIV/AIDS website—www.tellsome-

bodynow.com.

"When I asked them to go report on it they asked why, and when they came back they were shocked because they weren't aware," said Richards. "I was shocked because four of the 17 students had lost family members."

After the class, Richards traveled to South Africa with two of his students, Jillian Simms and Tiffany Parkes, to experience the epidemic first-hand during a 10-day trip where they interviewed various media outlets that were working towards increasing awareness and education in the country.

They came back with their footage and new knowledge and produced a half-hour documentary titled "Lessons from South Africa."

"It's very easy to look at them with that 'poor Africa' attitude, but you need to take a trip to South Africa and get educated," he said.

He added their media do an amazing job at informing people. They have several different methods of education, including reality shows,

comedies and cartoons. Even in very rural and remote communities with little media exposure and technologies, women are being lectured on safe sexual practices.

Richards sees the limited HIV/AIDS advertising in South Florida, such as the occasional billboard or bus stop, and feels it has to be more compelling.

"You drive down the highway at 70 miles per hour, and it's no different than a beer commercial," he said.

MacMillin saw the footage and wanted to expand on the topic here in South Florida. She and 12 of her students then developed a series of four webisodes during the fall 2008 semester that was then posted on The Miami Herald's website in March 2009.

"The Stigma Stops with Me," a series of four webisodes, followed Damaris Cruz for over three months. Cruz, a then-38-year-old Hispanic woman in Miami who is living with HIV, was diagnosed nearly 20 years ago and now promotes HIV/AIDS

education at the Miami-Dade Health Department.

At the end of Spring 2009, Richards and MacMillin hosted a lecture at the Wolfe University Center for students to watch the series. Representatives from the Miami-Dade Health Department along with Cruz were on-hand to answer students' questions. Clips from this question-and-answer session are also available on the website.

MacMillin knew Neal Hecker, vice president of Programming at WPBT2, from her years in public television. He was supportive and interested in the topic to help educate the community and offered to air a one-hour special with all this content titled "Tell Somebody: The New Face of HIV/AIDS." It aired on WPBT2 Oct. 15, 2009, which was National Latino AIDS Awareness Day.

"We had been told by many students who have watched the series that it did propel them to get tested and tell their friends to get tested," said MacMillin.