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Dago Castillo, (left) a sponsor of the FIU Tae Kwon Do club, holds up training pads for Melissa Lopez (right) member of the club, to demonstrate her kick. Lopez said she had been a member of the club for a while and said practicing tae kwon do is her favorite way to de-stress.

Senate passes bill for graduate student travel

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The Student Government Council at Modesto Maidique Campus passed a bill to support graduate students for research travel. It will amend the graduate and professional student committee's funding policies to increase funding for domestic conference and research travel.

With the passing of the new bill on Jan. 27, graduate students can now receive up to \$500 dollars towards their travel expenses.

"In a previous administration they cut their funding," Senate Speaker Nicholas Aquart said. "Graduate students were having a lot of issues with funding so we amended that bill."

According to Tereza Vokata, a graduate student and GPSC committee member, in years past students were getting upwards of \$700 dollars to travel to conferences, however last year the amount was cut down to only \$300.

"Many people still took what they could get, but many could still not afford to travel to conferences with only \$300," Vokata said.

About 30-40 graduate students came out to support the bill.

In the first senate meeting on Jan.13, the senate passed a resolution for need-based financial aid. Aquart said the executive board will present a request to government officials for more aid.

Today, about 80 percent of FIU students currently work, many of whom financially support their families.

According to Aquart, in his term as Senate Speaker he is looking to pass more resolutions and bills that will benefit the student body rather than

pass those that are not specifically geared toward the students.

This comes after SGC-MMC President Liane Sippin said that the Senate has not lived up to her expectations in the fall.

"They were a little bit slower in trying to write resolutions and bills," Sippin said in a previous interview with Student Media. "I don't know if it was that they didn't have the experience because they were brand new or what. I've been upset about it. They haven't even really been participating."

But Aquart does not want the quantity of bills and resolutions to outshine the quality, as he believes that quality should be reflected in every piece of legislation.

"Looking back at previously passed bills and resolutions, a lot of resolutions are in support of Martin Luther King Day and President Obama's Inauguration," Aquart said. "I think it is more important to have resolutions and bills that are in support of FIU students."

Aside from passing bills and resolutions, this semester SGC-MMC is planning a festival in support of University City to bring FIU and the city of Sweetwater together.

"On March 8, we are going to be closing down 109 St. and we will have food trucks, a farmers market, live music and six or seven entertainers," Aquart said.

SGA senators are also working to get more involved in executive cabinet events, after Sippin expressed her disappointment.

"After speaking with President Sippin, I believe much of her frustrations came not from a lack of senate turnout, but a

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Panthers question pay raise

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Florida started the new year by raising it's minimum wage from \$7.79 to \$7.93, but some students do not think the 14 cents increase is enough, considering increasing tuition prices and decreasing financial aid.

Daniel Tarasiuk, junior English major, said he struggles even being a resident assistant.

"All I can really do with my paycheck is buy some groceries," Tarasiuk said.

Although the raise seems minor to some, Florida's minimum wage is above the federal mandate of \$7.25 an hour.

"If I had to pay my own bills and everything, minimum wage would definitely not be enough to live on," Tarasiuk said.

President Barack Obama said in his State of the Union address that by 2016, the federal minimum wage will be raised from \$7.25 to \$10.10 -- an increase from 2013's \$9 proposal.

But would such a drastic change be worth the effort, or would it do more harm

than good?

According to economics professor Jorge Salazar-Carrillo, increasing Florida's minimum wage to such a degree may entail some consequences that he suggests we should consider before moving forward.

For one, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, only 4.7 percent of all hourly paid workers are being paid at or below federal minimum wage.

"Since this affects very little of the labor force, granting such increased wages may drive finances away from more significant issues," Salazar-Carrillo said.

He also warned of the potential damage that can be done to small businesses.

"Increasing the minimum wage may lead to either staff cuts in companies that cannot afford to keep as many employees, or an increase in price of the goods or services that companies provide," he said.

Although 66 percent of minimum-wage employees work in large corporations, according to the National Employment Law Project, the effect on small businesses

still remains.

Another concern Salazar-Carrillo has is the effect higher wages, as well as increasing tuition prices, could have on the ambition of young adults.

"A major portion of Americans being paid minimum wage are young adults in college, or high school students making the transition to college," Salazar-Carrillo said. "A drastic increase in minimum wage may reduce motivation to continue with higher education and simply 'settle' with whatever they're getting paid."

He said this could adversely affect education systems and the future workforce.

"Plenty of people have become successful without a degree, and I'm already working in my field," said Vinesh Kanusing, junior marketing major. "If I could learn everything I'm being taught in school just by doing my job well, it just makes financial sense to make money at the same time instead of taking out more

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Student Government Association to allocate A&S fees

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The Student Government Association will have budget hearings Feb. 6 and 7 with organizations seeking money from the activity and services fee -- a \$12.37 per credit hour charge that every student pays to the University.

While last year's budget was \$16.1 million, this year's pot has not been determined. SGC-MMC President Liane Sippin thinks it

will be close to last year's amount, but it will not be certain until Feb. 11 at the earliest, according to the Activity and Services Business Office.

"Every year is different, but I don't think there will be any dramatic difference in the budget this year than last," Sippin said. "What's important is that we allocate the money based on the services and activities the organizations makes available to the students."

"This is the students' money so all students

should be able to use these services," Sippin added.

Organizations that use A&S fees include Student Affairs, Greek Affairs and the Center for Leadership. Fixed expenses like payroll salaries are immediately taken from the budget, as well as dual enrollment waivers.

The remaining money is divided among University-wide, Modesto Maidique Campus and Biscayne Bay Campus organizations that present proposed budgets to the association in

two weeks of hearings.

Last year, \$2.6 million was deducted from the budget immediately, \$8.5 million was allotted University-wide, \$2.7 million was MMC-specific and \$1 million was BBC-specific.

Sippin noted that the money is split between MMC and BBC based on an enroll-

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WORLD NEWS

South Africa: Mandela’s will worth \$4.1 million

Nelson Mandela’s estate is worth roughly \$4.1 million, excluding royalties and other amounts, and beneficiaries of his will include his family, members of his staff, schools that he attended and the African National Congress, the movement that fought white rule and now governs South Africa, the will’s executors said Monday. Mandela’s third wife, Graca Machel, is the main beneficiary of the will because their marriage was “in community of property” and she therefore has the right to half his estate, as long as she claims it within 90 days, said executor Dikgang Moseneke, who is also deputy chief justice of the Constitutional Court.

Al-Qaida breaks ties with group in Syria

Al-Qaida’s central leadership broke off ties with one of the most powerful militant groups in Syria, known as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, and distanced itself from the rebel infighting in that country’s civil war, according to a statement Monday. The announcement appeared to be an attempt by al-Qaida to put its house in order and reassert influence among rival Islamic groups that have turned against one another in Syria, where the groups have joined rebels in fighting to topple President Bashar Assad.

Flooded British villages ignite climate debate

As children climb into boats to get to school and scores of hoses pump floodwaters from fields day and night, one corner of southwest England is trying to reclaim its land. Other Britons watch and wonder: How much can you fight the sea? Here on the Somerset Levels - a marshy, low-lying region dotted with farmland and villages and crisscrossed by rivers - thousands of acres have been under water for weeks. Some villages have been cut off for a month, leaving residents who have been forced to make long detours or take boats to school, work or grocery shops frustrated and angry. Some blame government budget cuts and inept environmental bureaucracy. Others point to climate change. Some wonder if flood defenses for major cities like nearby Bristol or London will take precedence over protecting their rural hamlets.

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Senate working on legislation in students’ best interests

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lack of senate turnout at executive cabinet events such as Cram Jam,” Aquart said. “We have about 26 senators and only five or six actually came out to the event.”

According to Aquart, the expectation that Sippin had of the senate was less of the expectation not being met and more in the sense that what the senate had done

was not being publicized.

In hopes to change that view, about 80 to 90 percent of senators are getting involved in the internship program with about 15 senators taking on mentees.

Many senators have also created their own events for the semester and Aquart is encouraging more senators to attend executive cabinet events.

“I think President Sippin is doing

a great job and she has a lot going on this semester,” Aquart said. “We just want to show the administration, President Sippin and also the student body at large that the Senate is actually doing things to better FIU and help the student body.”

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People question the impact of raising Florida’s minimum wage

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loans.”

In a recent interview, the financial aid department has stated that financial aid awards from grants and scholarships have not lowered in recent years, despite evidence by Florida’s own Department of Education that Bright Futures scholarships have

decreased since 2009.

According to FLDOE, the average Bright Futures award in 2011-2012 dropped almost 20 percent to \$1,222.

FIU tuition prices have been steadily increasing by 15 percent in 2012, and again by 1.7 percent in 2013.

With scholarship awards steadily decreasing and tuition on the rise, could an increase

in minimum wage lead to students’ decision to forgo school altogether and work full-time?

Although minimum wage only affects a small amount of the national workforce, to the people that it does affect—especially college students with little financial options—it could mean everything.

For some, it could even

mean choosing not to take out another loan, a choice that can potentially save them thousands of dollars in the future.

But for employers and universities, a rise in minimum wage could lead to negative consequences, according to Salazar-Carrillo.

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Organizations asking for funds

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ment formula that takes into account the amount of classes taken at each campus.

SGA will hear from University-wide organizations Thursday and Friday, BBC-specific organizations on Feb. 19 and MMC-specific organizations on Feb. 20.

“We look at what they got the year before, what they spent and what they want this year,” Sippin said.

She used Alternative Breaks -- a community-service-based organization -- as an example of an organization that is accessible to all students.

“Any student can apply. All students have an equal chance,” Sippin said. “Every student pays the A&S fee so it only seems fair that we budget to those organizations accordingly.”

She said it is important that the votes are by the students, for the students. Students were quoted in a Nov. 5, 2013 article titled “Students paying hefty fee, not taking advantage of services entitled to them” saying that campus events are poorly promoted. Sippin used the Freshman Luau as an example. Last year, the association budgeted for more marketing for the event after it heard that some freshman were unaware of the event.

“It’s what the students wanted,” Sippin said. “This year we will look at if they put in more effort and how they spent that money.”

“The primary goal is that

the student votes make sure programs and services are accessible and used by the students,” Sippin added.

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Roll it up, Floridians

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Medical marijuana is on the ballot for this year. Some people have mixed feelings about this but I’m not one of them. As someone suffering from one of the conditions marijuana has been proven to successfully treat I am completely on board with this idea. I’ve seen firsthand what the traditional pharmaceutical industry does to patients and am welcoming of a natural alternative with steady proven results.

As I mentioned I have one of the conditions this has been shown to treat. I’m epileptic. Conventional anti-seizure medication has often increased my seizure activity rather than subdue it. It has also increased my need for the sedative Valium which can be addictive as well as harmful to my body over a long period of time. I was at one point on a regimen of my main anti-seizure medication twice daily and two Valium twice daily for both seizure prevention and my chronic back pain. The side effects were terrible. I spent a lot of time in bed, suffered a dramatic loss in appetite, and often found sleeping at night difficult. Clearly it wasn’t working.

The type of marijuana used to treat epilepsy has been bred to not contain THC (the chemical within the plant that gives one a high). The drug then targets the neurolog-

ical system causing it to relax which reduces the potential for electrical misfires within the brain which cause seizures. For someone like me this is fantastic news. In fact, this kind of marijuana has been proven safe for children under the age of ten who suffer dangerous levels of seizures on a daily basis.

There are other conditions the plant has been proven to have medicinal uses for. Some of these include multiple sclerosis, migraine headaches, fibromyalgia, intense anxiety disorders, and the negative effects of chemotherapy. For migraines, this is especially useful. Migraine headaches often come with intense pain that is akin to someone taking a rusty power drill to your eye from the inside of your head. And that’s a weak one. Add to that sensitivity to light and sound and some very intense nausea which all can last for several days at a time. You probably get the picture. The usual treatments for these headaches are powerful and dangerous narcotics

which over time do two things. First the patient gets used to the drug and needs higher doses over long periods of time. Second the drug does damage to internal organs such as the liver. They usually will also need to take something to curb the nausea just so they can hold down a meal. For the migraine sufferer a natural painkiller that also combats nausea is obviously a very welcome thing. It exhibits the same for chemotherapy patients.

At a time when some states are even decriminalizing the recreational use it is about time we recognized the medicinal uses in our state. Even the president has said it is less harmful than alcohol as multiple studies have shown. I’m not advocating for everyone to just up and use it here. But I am in favor of us finally having access to a proven medicine which will help perhaps hundreds of thousands of people to live normal lives. Isn’t that worth fighting for?

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Hiding Our Love: LGBT Valentines Problems

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Valentine’s Day is coming up. To most couples there are a few thoughts this brings up such as “Where will we go out to dinner?” and “What should I get him/her?” For folks in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transexual and queer community it can also be a nightmare if your partner is in the closet.

I want to treat her to dinner, but as you may have guessed, my girlfriend is not exactly what we call “out” yet. There have been little victories here and there. Both sets of our parents know which at three years last November is only appropriate given the example set by most straight couples.

Every year so far it has fallen to me to treat her for the holiday. She treats me more often so it is my turn to show her how much it means. The only trouble is that when we do this, she maintains a distance in a personal space bubble. It is terrifying to her for me to reach for her hand at the table or in any way indicate we’ve dressed up and gone out for anything other than a friendly holiday protest in singlehood.

In the past when I’ve dated guys their only complaint was my taste for fine Japanese dining being on the pricey side. Never once did they seem so set against people

knowing we were together that it scared them. So what’s a girl to do? We’ve both said the “L” word to each other and know it to be true. I have no plan on disrespecting her privately let alone in public by going against her wishes. I had hoped in December of 2012 when she kissed me under the mistletoe at Santa’s Enchanted Forest this would have been over and done with, but it seems not to be the case.

In part she says this is because of the over sexualization of the image of same-sex couples, in particular women. She worries that something as innocent as holding hands in public will make people think and talk of further actions and assume she only likes women. This isn’t the case for either of us even though we’ve found happiness with one another. Her point on the assumption is sadly a reality faced by many people like us.

Personally I’ve experienced it too. In the past women have turned me down citing they figured I’d leave them for a man eventually. Assumptions like this exist on both sides of the field even today.

In the end all I can do to show how much I love her is to respect this wish of hers to keep things quiet. Who knows though what the future holds. I’ll still enjoy the evening with her even if any hand-holding is done in the car and not the restaurant.

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Lex Luthor is... Mark Zuckerberg?

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I’m on the bus heading to Biscayne Bay Campus Friday morning tweeting, “I wish there were more ways I could write about the Man of Steel movie sequel in my next article. But, it’s so difficult to find one that’s updated.”

A few hours later, director Zack Snyder, once again, shocked the DC Comics and cinematic universe by announcing that the role of Superman’s greatest arch-nemesis, Lex Luthor, was given to critically acclaimed actor, Jesse Eisenberg.

characters into a real-life scenario where something like this could actually happen to us tomorrow.

Eisenberg, in my view, will bring a new light to the character that past portrayals Gene Hackman and Kevin Spacey didn’t because of his experience already with working on an intellectual character with that much complexity when he was becoming Mark Zuckerberg.

The running gag now is that Lex Luthor is going to bring Facebook in to LexCorp in the movie, which I actually chuckled at.

This is a smart decision by Snyder though. Bringing in

People are posting pictures, statuses and tweets saying ‘DC, we wanted Heisenberg, not Eisenberg!’

It was like seeing Ben Affleck’s fan reaction all over again. The social media world got slammed with mostly negativity, all of which directed at both Snyder and Eisenberg.

People were posting pictures, statuses and tweets saying “DC, we wanted Heisenberg, not Eisenberg!” and “Oh, hell no! What the f**k, Snyder?!”

I’m pretty sure I was one of the few people who, at the second the announcement was made, actually said, “You know what? I can see this happening.”

Jesse Eisenberg is a very accredited actor who is best known for his role as Mark Zuckerberg – whom comic book fans have called the real world’s Lex Luthor – in the critically acclaimed movie “The Social Network.”

He has also won numerous awards such as the Houston Film Critics Society Award for Best Actor, the National Board of Review Award for Best Actor and has been nominated for an Academy Award, a BAFTA Award for Best Actor in a Leading Role and a Golden Globe Award for Best Actor in a Motion Picture Drama. The only thing this guy needs is a bald head!

Everybody’s all riled up and worried that he doesn’t have the ruthlessness and looks that it takes to become the complex character that is Lex Luthor. But, the fans are forgetting that Snyder is trying to bring these comic book

Eisenberg will give us a younger Lex Luthor, similar to Michael Rosenbaum’s version on the TV series, “Smallville,” to see on the big screen and it actually makes more sense to have it this way because, in the storyline, Superman and Lex Luthor are relatively close in age and both Cavill and Eisenberg are 30 years old.

This will give it a more intense rivalry between the two characters since they are still relatively young. Besides, Cavill plays a 33-year old Superman, so why can’t Eisenberg play a 31 or 32-year old Lex Luthor?

There’s no doubt in my mind that this casting will cause anything but great things for the sequel. All of the actors are of perfect age, looks and style.

Fans freak out and backlash because they desire exactly what they see in the comics, but they should know by now that’s not possible nor will it ever happen their way.

Unless you have a time machine and have gone in to the future to see the sequel, then the only thing you can do right now is be patient and have hope that this movie will turn out for the best, because I’m pretty confident that Snyder will do this whole movie the justice it deserves.

All hail Lex Luthor!

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Sigma Phi Epsilon breaks funding records

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The Florida Nu Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon here at Florida International University recently broke all their previous records by donating twelve thousand dollars to the Buoniconti Fund, a foundation with a focus to cure paralysis.

Their philanthropic ties with this organization stems from David Del Cristo, their former chapter president who suffered a spinal cord injury while in college and spent over three months in the hospital before making a full recovery.

After hearing this story, the brothers of SigEp decided to work together to raise awareness about paralysis and adopted the Buoniconti Fund as their own philanthropy.

The Buoniconti Fund had been hosting it's first ever block party at that time and that concept has been used by the brothers since 2010 in an effort to raise funds effectively.

These block parties include carnival games, food trucks and live music, all for a great cause. It was on Oct. 4, 2013 that the SigEp brothers here at FIU broke their previous record and fundraised a total of twelve thousand dollars.

On Jan. 18, 2014, the brothers finally presented a check at the 5th annual block party hosted by The Buoniconti Fund to Cure Paralysis and the Miami Project. Here, as appreci-

ation towards their efforts and service, the chapter was recognized with awards and named one of the Leading Sponsors for the foundation.

SigEp President Andres Hermida, Vice President Jose Guzman, David Del Cristo, and the rest of the Florida Nu Chapter presented the check to Mark Buoniconti at the event, who thanked the chapter for their continued support.

Buoniconti is also considered an honorary member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, which adds a personal touch within this service project.

Jose Guzman, a senior studying psychology and vice president of development in 2013 for SigEp, explains why he believes it is important to be a part of service projects throughout the community.

"It changes our perspectives on what's really important in life. We are raised to be so independent that we can forget that there are people in the world that need our help; and by being a part of such projects it lets those less fortunate know that there are people in the world that still care and are fighting for them. SigEp has always outstretched a helping hand, its great to see our efforts having an impact on our community."

The Florida Nu Chapter hopes to continue their fundraising efforts and their long-standing relationship with the Buoniconti Fund.

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In the photo above (from left to right) are current chapter president Andres Hermida, former Chapter President David Del Cristo, Jose Guzman, and Mark Buoniconti. Buoniconti was made an honorary member of Sigma Phi Epsilon during the 5th annual block party hosted by The Buoniconti Fund to Cure Paralysis and the Miami Project.

Omicron Delta Kappa leaders look to initiate more members on-campus in spring 2014

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Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society, was founded Dec. 3, 1914 at Washington and Lee University in Virginia by 15 student and faculty leaders.

According to the ODK's national website, the founders formulated the idea that leadership of exceptional quality and versatility in college should be recognized, that representatives in all phases of college life should cooperate in worth-

while endeavors and that outstanding university members should meet on a basis of mutual interest, understanding and helpfulness.

"There are so many students that are involved in many things on-campus while maintaining a good GPA and volunteering in the community," said Secretary of Omicron Delta Kappa at FIU Vanessa Martinez, senior majoring in political science. "They should be recognized for their efforts, which is why we have an FIU Circle of ODK."

ODK was the first college honor

society of national scope to give recognition and honor for continuous leadership and service in extracurricular activities. It encourages development of general campus citizenship and since it's founding has initiated over 300,000 members nationwide.

The ODK idea or purpose is to recognize those who have attained a high standard of efficiency in collegiate activities and to inspire others to strive for the same. The second part of the idea is to bring together the most representative students in order to help better the institution. The last part of the ODK idea is to bring together

members of the faculty and student body that have a mutual interest in the success of the university and in the growth of the community.

"We recognize achievement in scholarship, athletics, campus/community service, social/religious activities, campus government, journalism, speech and the mass media, and creative and performing arts," Martinez said.

Criteria to get into the ODK Circle at FIU requires participation in at least two of the above mentioned. It's not only about being a part of a club, but holding a leadership position in a club

or organization as well. Students must have a 3.0 GPA as well as being in junior or senior standing.

Applications are currently open and will close on Feb. 7. The application can be found on the FIU CLS website, leadserve.fiu.edu.

"At the end of the day, we look for students who are involved and interested in making FIU 'Worlds Ahead.' It's an honor and privilege to be a part of ODK, and it's something that is nationally recognized," Martinez said.

To read the rest of the article, visit fiusm.com.

THE BRITISH ARE COMING



JEFFREY PIERRE/THE BEACON

British actor, Jonathan Cake, visited the University's Wertheim Performing Arts Centre and answered questions from theater students. Cake has appeared in many large plays and films, his most recent and current role being Antony in Antony and Cleopatra.

Sneak peek: Spider-man slings in the shoe game

COLUMNIST



FRANCISCO RIVERO

list for me.

In fact this weekend was supposed to be the big weekend release for the new Kobe model however; it seems the designers at Nike dropped the ball on this one.

Nike spinning a web of success this week

Unless you have been living under a rock for your entire life, then you must know the legend of your friendly neighborhood Spider-man. The web spinning Marvel hero has dominated the box offices and has saved the city of New York countless times.

This weekend will now see Spiderman break yet another achievement by getting his own pair of sneakers.

On Feb. 8, Nike will release the Nike Air Foamposite

"Spider-man" at a retail price of \$250.

The Spiderman is a mid-top sneaker with blue towards the front of the shoe, black in the middle and red towards the back of the shoe. The Spiderman also includes the classic Foamposite wave look throughout the entire shoe.

At \$250 I understand that the price is high for this model but this is one of those shoes that is a must buy for any collector or shoe fanatic.

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Queens of the Stone Age to visit Miami

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Queens of the Stone Age will be in Miami tonight for a performance at The Fillmore Miami Beach at Jackie Gleason Theater.

Hailing from Palm Desert, California, Queens of the Stone Age is comprised of frontman Josh Homme, guitarist Troy Van Leeuwen, bassist Michael Shuman, keyboardist Dean Fertita and drummer Jon Theodore.

Queens of the Stone Age are

currently on tour for their 2013 release titled "...Like Clockwork." "...Like Clockwork" was nominated for "Best Rock Album" at the 2014 Grammy Awards but lost to Led Zeppelin, who won with the live album "Celebration Day." They were also nominated for "Best Rock Performance" at the 2014 Grammy Awards but lost to Imagine Dragons, who won with "Radioactive."

There were a total of four show dates in Florida for this particular leg of the tour. Queens of the Stone Age previously stopped in Jacksonville on

Monday, Feb. 3 at the Florida Theatre and Saint Petersburg on Tuesday, Feb. 4 at the Mahaffey Theatre. The fourth show will be on Friday, Feb. 7 in Orlando at the Hard Rock Live.

Tickets for tonight's show at The Fillmore Miami Beach at Jackie Gleason Theater are sold out through The Fillmore website and were originally priced from \$39.50 to \$55. Tickets might still be found on websites such as StubHub. As of Monday, Feb. 3, a total of 91 tickets are still available with the cheapest ticket available priced at \$68 for

general admission access.

WRGP Radiate FM, FIU's student radio, will also be giving away tickets for the show at The Fillmore Miami Beach at Jackie Gleason Theater. To find out more about the ticket giveaways, tune in either at 95.3FM in the general Miami area or online at wrgp.org and find them on Twitter and Facebook by searching Radiate FM.

Tickets for the show at the Hard Rock Live in Orlando are still available through Ticketmaster and are priced at \$46.65 for the general

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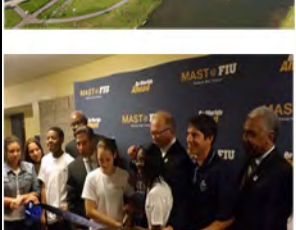



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Queens of the Stone Age to visit Miami

JUNETTE REYES
Entertainment Director

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Hailing from Palm Desert, California, Queens of the Stone Age is comprised of frontman Josh Homme, guitarist Troy Van Leeuwen, bassist Michael Shuman, keyboardist Dean Fertita and drummer Jon Theodore.

Queens of the Stone Age are

currently on tour for their 2013 release titled "...Like Clockwork." "...Like Clockwork" was nominated for "Best Rock Album" at the 2014 Grammy Awards but lost to Led Zeppelin, who won with the live album "Celebration Day." They were also nominated for "Best Rock Performance" at the 2014 Grammy Awards but lost to Imagine Dragons, who won with "Radioactive."

There were a total of four show dates in Florida for this particular leg of the tour. Queens of the Stone Age previously stopped in Jacksonville on

Monday, Feb. 3 at the Florida Theatre and Saint Petersburg on Tuesday, Feb. 4 at the Mahaffey Theatre. The fourth show will be on Friday, Feb. 7 in Orlando at the Hard Rock Live.

Tickets for tonight's show at The Fillmore Miami Beach at Jackie Gleason Theater are sold out through The Fillmore website and were originally priced from \$39.50 to \$55. Tickets might still be found on websites such as StubHub. As of Monday, Feb. 3, a total of 91 tickets are still available with the cheapest ticket available priced at \$68 for

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Panthers fall flat in conference play

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Staff Writer

The men's basketball team failed to produce on offense when they took their two-game conference winning streak on the road, last week.

After their win against rival Florida Atlantic University, the Panthers played two-straight games on the road but ultimately falling short to Marshall University and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

In their 80-68 loss to the Thundering Herd, the team struggled against the zone defense and were unable to find quality shots to cut into their deficit.

"We struggled from the perimeter," Head Coach Anthony Evans said. "We weren't getting good shots."

One Panther has continued to remain consistent throughout the season.

Senior forward Tymell Murphy led all Panthers (11-11, 3-4 Conference USA) with a career-high 29 points,

shooting 12-of-29 from the floor to record his eighth 20-point game of the season and 16th of his career.

The Brooklyn native also ended the night with eight rebounds, two assists, two steals and one block.

For Evans, the main struggle for the Panthers is simply the lack of offense outside of Murphy.

"We're not making shots," Evans said. "You have to be able to penetrate the zone, make shots, make the extra pass."

Marshall outplayed the Panthers with four players reaching double figures, led by Chris Thomas who finished with 19 points.

The Thundering Herd shot 50.9 percent (29-of-57) from the field to the Panthers' 45.2 (28-of-62).

The teams began the second half tied at 34 but switched leads six times throughout the night.

Redshirt Junior Dennis Mavin cut into the deficit and made it a four-point game but the Herd went running once

again on a 9-1 run.

Mavin finished with 12 points, while guard Cody Mann contributed with 10. Mann notched a career-high nine rebounds and a team-high four assists.

The Panthers were able to out rebound the Thundering Herd, 36-32, as well as out-scoring them 18-10 in second chance points.

The team then looked to rebound off their loss in a matchup against UNC-C, but were unable to do so, falling to the 49ers, 73-61.

Three Panthers finished the night in double-digits, including redshirt senior Rakeem Buckles who contributed with 20 points and 10 rebounds.

Buckles performance against the 49ers was his ninth double-double of the season.

Murphy also reached his ninth double-double of the season with 11 points and 10 rebounds. Redshirt junior Dennis Mavin notched 14 points of his own.

The Panthers came off the blocks slow but a 40-point



JASEN DELGADO/ THE BEACON

Redshirt sophomore Cody Mann scored 10 points against Marshall on Jan. 30. Mann also recorded nine rebounds and dished out four assists.

second half showed a different team, though they were unable to stop a late 8-0 run by the 49ers, which would ultimately seal the win.

The team was able to out rebound the 49ers, 42-33, as well as outscore them in the paint, 40-25.

Panthers look to snap conference losing streak at home

The men's team will now try to move ahead as they will welcome the University of Alabama at Birmingham

to the Lime Court, Thursday night.

With a 2-1 record at home in conference games, the Panthers will have to try to stop the nations top rebounding team.

Going into Thursday's matchup, the Blazers (14-7, 3-4 C-USA) average over 46 rebounds per game.

The Blazers top rebounder, CJ Washington, only averages 7.6 rebounds per game compared to Buckles' 9.0, but he does have the size advantage which may cause trouble under the basket. Washington

stands at 6-foot-8 inches while Buckles is just an inch shorter.

The Blazers are currently eighth in the conference and are led by junior guard Chad Frazier, who averages 17.9 points per game.

Though the Panthers have yet to find a consistent rhythm on offense, Evans is still optimistic at the path the team is headed.

"We're going to continue to work and continue to get better," Evans said.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

FIU edges Owls to pull even record overall

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The Panthers completed the series sweep over FAU with late game heroics of senior guard Jerica Coley and sophomore guard Taylor Shade as FIU won 76-72 to improve to 10-10 on the season.

The Owls played FIU differently than they have in the past according to Head Coach Cindy Russo forcing FIU to adjust.

"The last three times they've played them, they pressed us in the open court and Jerica got in the open court and scored," Head Coach Cindy Russo said. "They went with a box-and-one, and they traded off with every pick we set. They played us as smart as they ever have."

The Owls went on a 9-0 run to go up 51-43 with 13:13 left in the game after a three-pointer by FAU's senior guard Briah Blakely. FIU answered with a 10-2 run sparked by a putback layup by junior forward Arielle Durant to tie the game at 53 with 8:27 remaining before going on a 9-0 run to retake the lead for good at 67-61 capped by a three-pointer by Shade with 3 minutes remaining. Free-throws by Coley and junior guard Zsafia Labady sealed the victory for the Panthers.

FIU started the game scorching hot shooting 9-11 to start the game but went 4-18 the rest of the first half and trailed 33-31 going into the intermission.

Coley was one of four FIU players in double figures with a double-double of 36 points on 15-28 shooting, 12 rebounds and also added six assists and four blocks.

"I definitely need to be more efficient and get other people on my team more shots since they have good shots," Coley said.



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Senior guard Jerica Coley registered one of her most complete games of the season against FAU on Feb. 2. Coley scored 36 points, grabbed 12 rebounds, dished out six assists and recorded four blocks all while shooting 15-of-28 from the field.

Shade only shot 3-10 but added key points down the stretch and finished with 10 points and despite being 5'6" grabbed five rebounds.

"The last three games I haven't been shooting a real good percentage, and I was trying to be efficient," Shade said. "The first half I kind of

was trying to rush a lot, so the second half I calmed down and just let the game come to me."

Junior forward Tynia McKinzie scored 10

bing 14 offensive rebounds and scoring 19 second chance points.

FAU was led by senior guard Kimberly Smith pouring 22 points with most of it coming from three-point land shooting 6-13 from downtown. After FIU tied the game twice, at 53, and at 58 Smith answered both times with a three.

FIU next hits the road to take on the University of Texas-San Antonio. UTSA sits at 11-9 and 2-5 in conference play and are coming off a 71-50 loss at Louisiana Tech.

Eventful Week for Coley

Other than taking down rival FAU, when it comes to awards and recognitions it has been an eventful week for Coley.

This week, Coley moved into the position as the nation's leading scorer averaging 30 points per game after last weekend's victory at UAB.

In addition to be atop all scorers, Coley earned Capital One Academic All-district honors which honor athletes doing well in their sport and in classroom. Coley can also another award that the senior has been placed on the watch list for. Coley is now on the watch list for the Dawn Staley award which goes out to the best guard in women's division I basketball.

For Coley, however the most important thing was getting the win over FAU.

Coley wouldn't have found out the news of being the nation's leading scorer if it weren't for one of her teammates.

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COLUMN

Kobe 9 model major disappoint after Preludes

SHOES, PAGE 4

Even if you're not a fan of sneakers but you are a Marvel or Spider-man fan this is the shoe to buy this weekend. This model will be a release day buy, meaning that if you have interest in this sneaker then you must buy it on the day of its release otherwise it will be sold out.

Lebron 11 lows bright but unique

If you have no success this week in purchasing the Spider-man model have no fear because this weekend will also see the first low-top model of the Lebron 11. On Feb. 7, Nike will release the Lebron 11 "Atomic Orange" selling for a retail price of \$200.

As I said before this will be the first low-top model of the 11's this year while the shoe has only two colors mixed into its design.

The primary color will be a bright orange that goes throughout the entire shoe with a hint of blue located on the Nike swoosh, inside the shoe and on the laces.

This bright use of the colors Orange and blue make the shoe a very bright and colorful one to add to anybody's collection.



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The Nike Air Foamposite Pro "Spider-man" will don a segmented blue, black and red gradient that will combine shoes and comics all in one.

I personally have been a fan of the brighter the better because for me it just adds a certain uniqueness and difference to your style.

This is the type of shoe that's says I'm unique, I'm a person with a flashy personality or simply I'm just different from society's "modern" look at fashion.

Kobe 9 model worst Kobe ever

That's correct, you read that right, that wasn't a typo or a misunderstanding.

I truly believe that this weekend will see the release of the worst Kobe model ever.

So far in his career future Hall of Famer Kobe Bryant, has released 8 different models of his Kobe sneaker.

This Saturday is the release of his ninth model selling for a retail

price of \$225.

The Kobe 9 is a super high-top sneaker that has a compression sleeve towards the ankle and a primarily black and grey color tone.

According to Nike, the shoe contains three key technologies which are Nike Flyknit, Flywire and Lunarlon.

Giving the shoe superior lightweight performance and enhancing the foot's natural movements.

There's no doubt in my mind that Bryant scarified shoe sales this year just so he could have a shoe that helped him get back on the court and put less strain on his Achilles. For those of you who don't know Bryant tore his Achilles heel last year which sidelined him for entire basketball season.

Normally Bryant prefers a low-top sneaker because of the free movement that it provides however, due to his injury Bryant was forced to come up with a design that would help improve his game and prevent another major injury.

Unless you're a person who plays basketball at a high level and are looking for a shoe to help prevent any foot related injuries, I would not recommend buying any of the Kobe 9 models this year.

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Comedians share psychotic traits, a study suggests

SOFIA GALIANO
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A recent study revealed comedians tend to have qualities linked to psychosis, and a University alumna pursuing acting and stand-up comedy can relate.

An online questionnaire by the University of Oxford tested to see if comedians resembled people in other creative fields by having a higher level of psychotic characteristics, and found comedians scored high in “introverted anhedonia and extraverted impulsiveness.”

The study attests to the idea that comedians are more inclined to be asocial, emotionally detached and impulsive.

“I would definitely say that comics have their wall up,” said Sofia Bodniza, previously a freshman hospitality major and comedy director for the Student Programming Council at Biscayne Bay Campus, before withdrawing from the University in spring 2013.

Since she started performing stand-up comedy on July 2013, Bodniza said the pressure to always be funny around people became evident, and this desire is what drives comedians to seek other’s approval.

However, being introverted and emotionally unavailable can benefit comedians since these qualities protect their egos while performing on stage.

A person pursuing comedy may know they have a talent to make

others laugh, but the reassurance they crave comes from an audience full of chuckles and applause.

Therefore, being distant with others or having an emotional wall up is necessary for comedians to thrive in their profession, according to Bodniza.

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Sofia Bodniza
Previous Comedy Director
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are insecure,” she said. “When we are on stage we are wanting people to validate us.”

William Berry M.A., adjunct for the Department of Psychology who teaches Theories of Personality, said he did not find the results of the study surprising.

Berry said comic relief is a common defense mechanism, used especially by comedians who make a living from telling jokes. He also said people of the same profession will share similar broad personality traits, as the research study suggests.

“I wouldn’t say it’s common sense, but it makes sense,” said Berry.

Berry said it is no surprise that

comedians have a tendency to be impulsive.

Comedy relies on a person’s instinct to tell a punch line and good comedians have mastered this skill. “The funniest things are spontaneous,” he said.

Former Panther, Bodniza, said she does not identify with the study results personally, but she does see the resemblance in her comedian colleagues.

Bodniza said that her comedic mentor, James Davis, who performed at an SPC-BBC comedy show last semester, has admitted to being depressed.

She said comedians are vulnerable while performing on stage, but when it comes to confronting their emotions they display a steel wall.

“You have to go on stage and act like you don’t give a s**t,” said Bodniza.

As the study results conclude, the strain of qualities found in comedians may contribute to their humor.

Bodniza said comics need to remove themselves from society to see things from the outside, and that is being antisocial. She also said having a unique outlook on life is vital for a successful comedian.

“I think good comedians are philosophers,” said Bodniza. However, she has found that a comedian who is content with life may lack creativity in their joke telling.

Bodniza said before embarking on her spiritual journey, she would

FRIENDLY COMPETITION



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Carlos Rodriguez, (left) freshman in civil engineering, smacks the ball to Gianni Vielot, (right) sophomore in healthcare law, during Game Day where students dedicated their afternoon to playing both virtual and physical games.

draw inspiration for jokes from things that upset her.

However, she said the happier she is becoming, the less funny she is becoming.

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MAST student government meets with SGA-BBC

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The Student Government Association invited MAST Academy’s Student Government to sit in on Wednesday’s general meeting. With some ice cream on hand to enjoy, the cabinet and senate members gave advice to the high school leaders and discussed upcoming plans and events to take place this semester.

Richard Azimov, SGA Vice President was happy to have the high school freshmen learn about student government at the college level and to see them voice their own concerns as members of the FIU community.

“I feel very privileged and happy to have the students learn about student government at the college level,” said Azimov. “They are just as much a part of FIU and we like to see the concerns that they have and try to help them voice those concerns.”

At the moment the high school students main concerns include

gaining access to the Green library in order to check out books and conduct research, and

OneCard recharge station, installation of the new electronic sign and grand opening of the

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use of the recreation facilities so as to no longer take virtual physical education courses.

While MAST students witnessed the process of a student government meeting, SGA President, Fu Zhou Wu discussed the upcoming changes and events to soon take place on campus.

Of the soon to be changes, moving the placement of the

renovated Wolfe University Center are all set to take place this March.

“Many students have complained about not being able to find the OneCard recharge station; on March 2 students will find it at the entrance of Academic Center One,” Wu stated at the meeting.

Another major accomplishment that is underway

is the replacement of the electronic sign at the entrance of the Campus that has been broken for well over a year now.

“The electronic sign will be replaced by a much newer sign that should last about 10 years, and will showcase all campus events to students as they drive in,” said Wu.

And March 31 will be the grand reopening of the WUC. According to Wu, WUC advisory board meetings, in which they discuss what the interior of the WUC will look like, take place every Wednesday.

The cabinet and senate also continues to advocate for the Second Road to Success in order to gain enough support to make a second road that leads to campus a realization.

Newer dining options are also on the way through collaboration with Business and Services, to bring a Starbucks and Subway to campus by fall 2015.

Last Monday, the senate also held its weekly meeting in which

new members were added to the finance committee and minor changes were made to finance code. These changes come just days before the budget meeting that will take place on Feb. 6

Career oriented events are also beginning to take place for students in preparation for the Career Fair on Feb. 11.

On Feb. 3, SGA will host Career Bash, where students can gain resume and interviewing tips. And on Feb. 7, Get Your Career in Gear will take place, where students can attend workshops and interview with various Employers and Business leaders.

Lastly, SGA will also be hosting President Mark Rosenberg at its eighth annual Town Hall Meeting, in which students can voice any concerns they have to President Rosenberg.

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