

PRIZED PANTHERS

Turner signs 26 players to 2014 recruiting class

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In his first full year recruiting South Florida, Head Coach Ron Turner wanted to make a statement. He pulled in 26 recruits to FIU, 25 of which are from Florida.

Turner said he thinks this class adds depth to the offensive and defensive lines.

"I believe we met our needs, we improved our depth, especially the offensive and defensive lines. That is the base of the team," Turner said. "We definitely improved our speed as well. We had a lot of multi-position and multiple sport athletes in this group."

"The other coaches did a lot to establish relationships with not only the athletes but with the high school coaches. Trust with them is a big thing," Turner added. "If we got them on campus we would try our hardest to get them." Turner believes getting these kids on campus to visit is one of the most important elements of the recruiting process.

"If we get them on campus then we are doing something right," Turner said. "19 of 19

that took a visit signed."

The prize of the class may be Dennis Turner who was originally committed to the University of Miami but decided to flip to FIU for the opportunity to play right away.

Turner, the 5-foot-11, 175-pound defensive back from Fort Lauderdale-Dillard, is a three-star recruit according to 247sports.com. He had offers from Toledo, FAMU, FAU, Arkansas and Miami.

"We had him in camp in Miami when he came with his quarterback in fellow signee Bud Martin, to the camp and he can fly," quarterbacks and receivers coach Cam Turner said. "He is a versatile guy and I wish I had some of his speed when I played."

The offensive play-calling duties will now be handed off to Steve Shankweiler, who was the offensive line coach and run-game coordinator.

"It starts with the current players," new offensive coordinator Steve Shankweiler added. "If they buy in then the recruits will buy in. You can't look at video and see if a player is accountable, disciplined and tough."

One of the players for his



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Head Coach Ron Turner welcomed his new recruiting class on Wednesday, which included 14 players from around South Florida. It was also announced that Steve Shankweiler will take over as offensive coordinator.

new offense will be Luke Medlock, brother of former starting quarterback Jake Medlock, who still signed with FIU despite his brother transferring during winter break. Medlock will have the opportunity to compete for the starting job this offseason.

"Competition breeds

success and the quarterbacks that we have here now and the one that we signed today [Medlock] will have to come in, be gym rats and have the ability to throw," Shankweiler said.

Another little brother joining the Panthers will be Shermarke Spence, younger

brother of former Miami linebacker, Sean Spence.

Spence, a 5-foot-8 defensive back, is expected to play rover at FIU.

"He's a very physical, hard hitting corner with a chip on his shoulder," defensive backs coach Jason Brooks said. "He

goes on the field and just likes to hit people. I am sure he is going to do great things for us."

Head to Sports for the full list of all signees of the 2014 class.

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Dance Marathon crowns 2014 pageant winners

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On Tuesday night, a packed house and \$2,000 raised became one of the most successful Mr. and Ms. Dance Marathon Pageant the University has ever seen.

The Mr. and Ms. Dance Marathon Pageant was established at the University to raise funds and awareness for the Miami Children's Health Foundation and the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

"The winners of the event will set an example for the entire FIU community and aid in the efforts of Dance Marathon 2014," said Carolina Bellido, assistant director of Communications and junior majoring in public relations. "They will represent what Dance Marathon is all about."

The 2014 Mr. and Ms. DM Pageant winners, Carolina Busse and Jesse Peinado, will be named

honorary morale captains at Dance Marathon 2014, and will help raise money for the marathon from now until April.

Prior to the pageant, their only responsibility was to promote and spread awareness about Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and what Dance Marathon is.

As most who are involved with Dance Marathon would say, "We dance for those who can't, because it's all for the kids."

There are four rounds during the pageant. During the costume and introduction round, they asked that contestants dress up in a "Monsters Inc." inspired costume because the theme this year is just that: "Monsters Inc." They were asked to introduce themselves, showcase their costume and explain why it describes them.

The second round was the talent round. Here, contestants had the chance to perform any appropriate talent onstage for

the judges and audience. Some talents showcased throughout the night were sang, performed stand up poetry, stand up comedy and danced. Renzo Barrantes, who was a previous morale captain and director of morale, had a unique talent. Instead of singing and dancing, he chose to show the audience how to recruit dancers for Dance Marathon.

The third round was called "speed canning." Contestants had two minutes to collect money from the audience in order to raise money for the Miami Children's Health Foundation and the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

Each dollar equaled a point. The viewers' choice winners were Danica Tersigni and Desmond Petit.

During the final round, contestants were asked a myriad of final questions.

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JOIN THE BEAT



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Attempting to recruit new members to the Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity, Thomas Rodriguez (left), sophomore in English, Joey Basna (center), FIU grad in religious studies, and Kristan Patton (right), senior in international relations, all play their part in their impromptu jam session.

WORLD NEWS

CVS Caremark plans to stop tobacco product sales

CVS Caremark is kicking the habit of selling tobacco products at its more than 7,600 drugstores nationwide as it focuses more on providing health care. The nation's second-largest drugstore chain said Wednesday that it will phase out cigarettes, cigars and chewing tobacco by Oct. 1, a move that will cost about \$2 billion in annual revenue but won't affect its 2014 earnings forecast.

CVS Caremark leaders say removing tobacco will help them grow the company's business of working with doctors, hospitals and other care providers to improve customers' health.

UN committee blasts Vatican on sex abuse and abortion

The Vatican "systematically" adopted policies that allowed priests to rape and molest tens of thousands of children over decades, a U.N. human rights committee said Wednesday, urging the Holy See to open its files on pedophiles and bishops who concealed their crimes.

In a devastating report hailed by abuse victims, the U.N. committee severely criticized the Holy See for its attitudes toward homosexuality, contraception and abortion and said it should change its own canon law to ensure children's rights and their access to health care are guaranteed.

Exam cheating scandal hits Navy nuclear force

In a new twist to a widening tale of ethical lapses in the military, the Navy is investigating cheating allegations against about one-fifth of its trainers at a school for naval nuclear power reactor operators.

It is the second exam-cheating scandal to hit the military this year, on top of a series of disclosures in recent months of ethical lapses at all ranks in the military as it transitions from more than a decade of war-fighting.

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The Sex Carnival's in town Wellness Center now offering sexual education and free testing

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Staff Writer

Camila Pham, Student Health Services senior health educator, calls the week of Valentine's Day a risky one.

As students prepare for the special day, the Wellness Center is putting on its Sex Carnival to promote safe sex and offer two days of free STD testing.

With food, chocolate, games and music, all students are welcome to participate in this year's carnival on Feb. 10 in the Graham Center Pit.

"It's important to know your options so that you won't be taken advantage of by somebody else who might have other things in mind other than your safety," Pham said. "Because at the end of the day, it is important to take your safety into consideration, because you only have yourself."

The event will feature different activities like how to put on a condom properly, for example. Also, students may not know that they can be allergic to latex and that the Wellness Center provides non-latex condoms for free.

There will also be organizations including Women's Health and Sexual Health to provide further information.

"It's going to be interesting, fun and colorful," Pham said. "And it is Valentine's Week, so it's going to be fun and exciting to do that with your other half."

Some students plan to attend the event in hopes of becoming educated about sex.

"I feel that this event will definitely benefit the curious, and it will or can reassure the experienced," said Iddet Milian-Prada, a junior French major.

The only downside she finds about the event is that people might be too embarrassed to participate.

"I think one of the biggest issues about sex is that people are too embarrassed to speak about their issues with a professional and they go by word of mouth, and that's where issues arise," Milian-Prada said.

For other students, the event does not seem necessary.

"I wouldn't recommend it or attend because that

information can be found anywhere," said Jhosse- linne Palma, a freshman psychology major. Palma said. Besides meeting at the Graham Center Pit, free testing will be

“What better way to just be like, ‘Here, I’m clean. You’re clean. We’re good.’”

Camila Pham
Senior Health Educator
Student Health Services

good,” Pham said.

“Whether you’re with someone or you just want to be educated and learn what we have to offer, everybody is welcomed to join us,” Pham said.

“It’s our own way of celebrating with the students and going with the trend, but at the same time, helping them stay healthy and make the right choices.”

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“Thug” is the new “N word”

JENNIPHER SCHAFER
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I’m the first person to admit I’m not exactly a sports fan. The only reason I know about this is because of the online backlash received by a man who while perhaps deserving of some criticism, did not deserve the racially charged slurs used to target him.

This is not a discussion about the sport, the players or even the words he spoke while fueled by post-victory adrenaline. It is instead about a new term which has become a synonym for an ugly word in racial history. I’m talking about the word “thug.”

My friend in Bellingham, Wash., posted that for the first time ever she was excited for that game of games in football because her state would be represented. Bellingham is located just two hours north of Seattle.

It wasn’t long before the newscasters were talking about the words of cornerback Richard Sherman. His words were directed at wide receiver Michael Crabtree, but there was more behind the story than seen in the interview.

In footage taken moments before, Sherman tried to congratulate Crabtree on a game well played. He was met with a blow which would have been to his face had he not still been wearing his

helmet.

The rush of victory and securing a place in such a coveted game would release adrenaline creating a natural high. His outburst was further aggravated by the lack of sportsmanship.

I’m not saying Sherman was right to bring himself to that level on camera,

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We don’t need a new “N word,” we need to get along.

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but it is important to understand that it was a reasonable outcome.

The backlash online was less than flattering. Many people called Sherman a thug. In reality, Sherman is a Stanford University graduate. While it is not an Ivy League institution, Stanford is considered an elite university to say the least.

Since when do we call people who graduated from such places thugs? Even the criminals of Wall Street are not given this title. What makes Sherman so different? Sadly the answer may prove that we have not come as far as we want to believe in racial equality.

Thug has become a replacement for the infamous “N word.” Many people were citing the reporter’s safety as being in question. At no point did he gesture in violence toward her.

Comedian Stephen Colbert spoofed the online commenters by hiding behind his desk after playing the interview. After the interview, he cautiously poked his head up from behind his desk and asked, “Is the angry black man gone?”

Colbert hit the problem on the head.

While we can’t know if every person who dealt this thug title onto Sherman was in fact white, we can know that the word has been used with more and more frequency as of late. We can also note that it has had deadly consequences in the past.

In fact, George Zimmerman used “thug” when describing Trayvon Martin as part of his defense.

While Zimmerman was acquitted of murder, this new interpretation of the word cannot be ignored. Thug is now most often attributed exclusively to males who are African-American in the exact same manner that the “N word” was in the past.

Let’s not repeat the past. We don’t need a new “N word,” we need to get along.

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Shutting down your phone won’t shut down the world

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Texting is convenient. Even my mother has realized it’s better than calling people most of the time. There are times though when texting might not be the best idea.

We have laws in Florida against texting while driving, for example. This has statistically and theoretically saved lives.

However, it seems as though everywhere I go on-campus I see people face down buried in their phones while walking. They barely look up and constantly bump into one another or into inanimate objects.

This could be avoided if we simply learned to detach long enough to walk to class with our phone tucked safely into our pocket or purse.

Today I lost count of how many people had near misses

with me alone.

Usually I am the one who makes the effort to move because it does seem rude to ask a stranger to please look up and pay attention to where they are going.

I don’t like being the rude one, I just don’t know how else to call attention to this politely.

It could be that yes, we have become an isolationist society by opening the world through devices.

Technology in itself is not negative. In fact, the idea of smartphones is appealing to people of all walks of life, but ignoring your friend to play a level of “Candy Crush Saga” used to be considered rude.

Now it’s your friend trying to speak to you that is considered rude in many cases.

The human connection is grossly undervalued in favor of a pixelated game world with a point-based reward system.

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So what do we do about it? I don’t think throwing away the devices is the answer. We really are in some ways better off with them than without.

The answer lies in restraint. This means turning them off when someone is trying to have a conversation with you.

It means keeping them in our pockets when we walk, drive or are in any way set in motion that requires our attention.

Try turning it off for an hour a day and see how good it feels to be even a little discon-

nected. It will seem strange at first. You may panic if you think someone is trying to reach you and can’t.

Eventually you’ll realize that when you decide that you’re ready to be connected, a call log will tell you who you need to reach.

There’s no point in worrying about it. Unplug and free your mind just a little bit each day. You’ll be glad you did.

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Find a husband? Find an audience

If you’ve been around Biscayne Bay Campus this semester, there’s a good chance you might have found an advertisement from the BBC Student Programming Council called “Think About it.. find your husband before you graduate - advice for FIU women.”

And that’s all the flyer said. No reference to research, statistics or any data.

The content matter was actually a discussion of an opinion piece by Susan Patton, a class of 1977 Princeton graduate providing advice to Princeton women.

Nowhere in the flyer is Patton’s story mentioned, and it seemed that it was an event actually providing the advice Patton gave to Princeton women.

Such “miscommunications” can be good or bad in marketing events. In BBC SPC’s defense, the advertisement generated discussion and got people talking about the event. Put it simply, it got people’s attention, a commodity in today’s environment where the average FIU student just goes to campus for class and goes home or to work outside campus.

How one communicates or advertises events or things is a challenge. Would people have gone to this event if said “we’re going to talk about this Princeton grad’s advice?” The reality is it would’ve had low turnout. So whomever had to market this event decided to get a little more creative and make it seem like it was an event providing advice on finding a husband.

It worked didn’t it? At the cost of mobs and pitchforks.

While yes, the flyer succeeded in getting the attention of many around the university, it did also make many generalizations that could be perceived as stereotypical. Not all of us are blue-eyed, blonde females that need husbands.

As for Ms. Patton’s advice, while it was controversial and felt like opening a time capsule from the 1970’s, how can you take advice from someone that brags about their children being able to find a mate just because they’re “Princetonians?”

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Martinho becomes man on campus for Delta Phi Epsilon



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Senior international relations major Diego Martinho, brother of the Sigma Chi fraternity, was awarded the title of Campus Man for Delta Phi Epsilon.

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It was a year in the making for senior international relations major and brother of the Lambda Iota chapter of the Sigma Chi fraternity, Diego Martinho to become Campus Man for the Alpha Gamma chapter of Delta Phi Epsilon.

The event, which fundraises and supports the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, got to standing room only by the end as contestants from multiple fraternities on campus in the Graham Center

Ballrooms on Monday, Feb. 3.

“There really aren’t that many people who know about Cystic Fibrosis, I didn’t until about a year ago,” Martinho said.

“There is only some 30,000 something people in the US with CF so when you take that into account that is not a lot of people compared to the overall population. It is however a very serious disease that affects a lot of people, especially kids and it sucks to see kids like that. For example Danny, the kid that is there each year has to take thousands of drugs everyday to survive, it takes

a toll on any family. I was talking to his dad backstage about how much it costs, and what it is like dealing with it everyday and I was really moved whenever I spoke with him.”

His reaction to being named Campus Man 2014 was something that took a while to set in.

“It feels amazing,” Martinho said. “At first it didn’t feel real, I thought I had passed out backstage. It hit me now though.”

Martinho admittedly put the contest above some other aspects

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Ambassador to discuss how to make peace a reality

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In You Don’t Mess With The Zohan the star Israeli counterterrorist asks his family, “When does it end?”

If you try Googling the Israel-Palestine conflict, two types of search results pop up: pro-Palestine or pro-Israel.

American cartoonist Nina Paley’s video, “This Land is Mine” details the neutral origins of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict in less than four minutes. The video shows various characters, each a representation of different players in the struggle for Israel-Palestine over the years, from early man to modern man.

The video’s answer for Zohan is that the fighting ends with the angel of death, but is that the final answer?

Last October, the Middle East Studies Program invited Riman Barakat, the co-CEO of the Israel-Palestine Center for Research and Information to discuss the then-current assessment of Israel-Palestine and any prospects for peace.

According to a video of Barakat introducing herself and her vision for IPCRI,

the organization is rethinking their approach for the Israel-Palestine problem.

“In order to create a favorable environment for peace, an infrastructure for peace needs to be created in both Palestinian and Israeli societies. On the Israeli side, more awareness needs to be created regarding the Israeli government’s repressive policies towards Palestinians...Israeli citizens need to take responsibility for the actions that their state has taken and need to start doing something about it,” she said. “On the Palestinian side, many institutions need to be strengthened in order to promote an infrastructure for democracy, for human rights values, civil liberties in order to enable Palestinian society to participate in a real peace process that involves every sector and level of Palestinian society and community.”

Ari Sandel’s musical, “West Bank Story,” depicts peace as possible with some changes too.

In the musical, a Palestinian clerk and Israeli soldier fall in love against all their families’ wishes. It isn’t until the opposing sides war so much their establishments collapse, that they are brought together. When they unite to feed the customers, a ray of hope

shines through and peace seems possible.

What is it going to take to achieve peace in real life?

A man qualified to answer that question is Ambassador Maen Rashid Areikat, the chief representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization to the U.S.

The Middle East Studies Program and the School of International and Public Affairs have co-sponsored a lecture event for Monday, Feb. 10; at the event, Areikat will tackle the question of peace.

According to Palestine Liberation Organization Delegation to the United States’s site, the ambassador was born in 1960 in occupied Palestine. Currently, he is the chief representative, but before his Washington appointment, he was “bestowed the rank of Ambassador by Chairman of the PLO and Palestinian National Authority President Mahmoud Abbas.”

On the “Due Diligence Show,” the ambassador said the “The United States needs to shift its modus operandi in dealing with Israel. They cannot try to always accommodate Israeli needs and concerns and tailor things according to what Israel can accept or cannot accept. They have to

do what is right to provide both Israelis and Palestinians with the conditions and circumstances that will allow both peoples to live in dignity, freedom and in their own states without any interference from either side.”

The chief representative has served 11 years at the Negotiations Affairs Department of the PLO in Ramallah. He first joined NAD in 1998 and served as director-general until 2008. Before NAD, Areikat also worked at Orient House, “the headquarters of the PLO in Jerusalem and of the Palestinian Negotiating Team for the Madrid peace talks.”

As written in a Miami New Times article, there are many movies about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that “[seek] to start open-minded dialogue about [their] subject matter.”

The lecture, “Palestine and Israel: Shared Future or Perpetual Conflict?,” is part of that dialogue and a chance for students with questions to find answers.

The event will take place in the Graham Center Middle Ballroom at 2 p.m. It is free and open to the public, but a ticket is necessary. To reserve a ticket call 305-348-7266.

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Marathon raises money for kids

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“There was no right or wrong answer. We asked the judges to take things into consideration like honesty, how personable someone is, if they tied it to a personal experience and so forth,” Bellido said.

All proceeds raised from now until the marathon goes to Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals.

The local Children’s Miracle Network Hospital is Miami Children’s Hospital and they use the money where it is needed most. When a donation is given, it stays in the community, ensuring that every dollar is helping local kids. Since 1983, Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals have raised more than \$4 billion, most of it \$1 at a time. These donations have gone

to support research and training, purchase equipment and pay for uncompensated care – all in support of our mission to save and improve the lives of as many children as possible.

Dance Marathon is a 17 hour event which will be held April 5 and 6 and students can still register to be a dancer at dm.fiu.edu.

“I thought it was a great event. There were such diverse talents like stand ups, dancing and even showing me how to recruit,” Alexis Culmer, sophomore majoring in broadcast journalism said. “The best part of it all is that it was for a good cause and, more importantly, for the kids.”

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DestiNATION: Campus Man raises big money

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DestiNATION: Campus Man was more than just a pageant; it was a week full of events centered on an “around the world” theme that led to a \$9,000 donation to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

“We had four pre-planned events that we called our “Campus Man Week,” said Angie Pardo, Vice President of Programming for DphiE, junior majoring in public relations. “We created the pun on words: DestiNATION Campus Man in

order to have a fun twist to our events.”

The pre-events were held from Jan. 29 through Feb. 2, with the pageant being on Feb. 3.

“Fundraise Away” gave all nine contestants the opportunity to raise funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and this became a part of their talent the day of the pageant.

“Relay around the world” took place at the intramural fields and each participant donated money in order to talk around the

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GISELLE CANCIO/THE BEACON

Carolina Busse and Jesse Peinado were crowned Mr. and Ms. Dance Marathon 2014. They will help raise money for the marathon from now until April.

cEvin Key doesn't let bad news stop the band

KYLE PINEDA
Staff Writer

This Friday, the highly revered Skinny Puppy will be making their return to South Florida to tour behind their 13th album, "Weapon."

The cavernous, almost-industrial setting of Grand Central seems appropriate for a band whose strength has been military-like rhythms, mechanical improvisations and dark electronic atmospherics.

Even after 32 years, they show no signs of letting up and the brains behind it all, cEvin Key was nice enough to talk to Radiate FM over the phone about their latest album and current tour.

Radiate FM: I know a lot of fans are interested in how their favorite bands and artists' albums are recorded, how did you go about recording "Weapon?"

cEvin Key: Well, luckily we were smart enough to hang on to a lot of our original equipment that we started this band with some 32 years ago, and now most of that equipment that we acquired in those days, everyone was just getting rid of because MIDI was just coming along, so they were getting rid of their analog stuff, so we were able to pick up a lot of our equip-

ment real cheap and now that equipment has become semi-sort of boutique-ish in some ways.

We're lucky enough to still have it prepared in such a way we can make a song on it still and record it, and not be inhibited by technology or actually intimidated by the technology...

For this album, the theme was started with a re-recording or re-approach to an original song we had done in 1984 called "Solemn", and I wanted to see if I could sort of re-tackle the exact same formula I did that song, had it burned in my memory.

That sort of set up the impetus for the path of the album was to make it quite quickly and not spend as we did on our previous album, some three years into it and the record company was melting all around us.

R: How do you feel about your music being used as torture in Guantanamo Bay?

CK: Yeah it's unsettling, we've had heard rumors of this before but never had any fact or actual person come forward before with actual facts.

But now that's happened, and we have someone that actually would be willing to go as far as testify against the Department

of Defense should we decide to take them to court for utilizing our music that way and also without permission.

R: Speaking of music without permission, how do you feel about this millennial generation mindset of taking music for free, finding it on torrenting websites?

CK: It's part of the world, and that part's not going to change. It's kind of like when you look back and think well gee, everyone has a cassette deck, and everybody's making copies of their albums for everybody.

It's kind of the same thing, in a weird way. If you look at it that way, the internet is kind of its own world now, and things become popular on their own accord either through legitimate matters or sensation, so we really can't control how this world has morphed into this new setting, so all we have to do is work with it.

R: After "Mythmaker" in 2007, you stated it was your intention to move forward and not dwell in the past. Have fans been receptive towards that attitude?

CK: Yeah, I don't know... I mean, seri-

ously moving forward is kind of, in the same way very circular in the sense of life and full circles come to mind when you're thirty-something years into playing music and you see repeats and circular situations, so I find that moving forward is also being in tune with where you come from.

So integrity, as far as keeping this band rolling for so long, it's always been about being in tune with not making it something that's ever been affected by anything that is trending moving forward in that sense, and I think the more we realize that and just staying in tune with, what happens is what happens, what music comes is what music comes and what we express and how we express it when we come together.

The purity of that being unaffected by any trend or definition of sound or musical fashion has always been, kind of like been interesting to witness these things happen while haphazardly going about our own way.

I think that moving into the future is also being aware of the past, especially for us.

Skinny Puppy will be at Grand Central on Friday, with special guest Army of the Universe. Show begins at 8 p.m.

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Gentlemen raised \$9,000 for national philanthropy

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field. This was in honor of those who have passed from Cystic Fibrosis.

"Pin your place" was an event done at the GC tables, where students were able to donate \$1 in order to pin their favorite place on the globe.

"Spin Zone" was also located at the GC Tables, and here students had the chance to spin a wheel and answer a question about a country for \$1 and if they answered correctly, they received a baked good.

"The pre-events were very successful, we were

able to raise \$3,000 alone just between those four events," Pardo said.

Any gentleman at FIU had the opportunity to run for Campus Man, as long as they were an FIU student and they were available to attend the pre-events.

This year there were nine gentlemen competing for the title: Alex Litten (Beta Theta Pi), Austin Kelley (Phi Gamma Delta), Ian Llanes (Pi Kappa Phi), Ariel Cosio (Sigma Alpha Mu), Diego Martinho (Sigma Chi), Richard Garcia (Sigma Phi Epsilon), Nelson Sanchez (Tau Kappa Epsilon), Jean-

carlo Casasola (Tau Kappa Epsilon) and Kyle Pla (Theta Chi).

The pageant consists of four rounds. The first round asked contestants facts about DPhiE. During the second round, each contestant explained how much money they had raised throughout the week and how they accomplished those totals.

It ranged from tabling at the pre-events to hosting events on their own.

For the third round, each contestant was given a scenario and they had to react with "what campus man would do."

The last round was a final question/costume round which had them explain their "around the world" costume alongside why they felt they were the best candidate for Campus Man.

Viewers choice was awarded to Kyle Pla and Campus Man 2014 is Diego Martinho.

"The planning was rough and extremely stressful but well worth all of it," Pardo said. "It felt amazing to finally have a Campus Man, and to be awarded with Diego was a blessing. I was anxious the entire night because I knew

all nine contestants had a big chance of taking the title due to their hard work and dedication the past week, I would have been elated with any one of them winning."

Other ways funds were raised throughout the night were ticket sales, food and raffle items such as signed bats, vixen workout goodies and an iPad Air.

All proceeds of Destination Campus Man are donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, which is Delta Phi Epsilon's national philanthropy.

Cystic Fibrosis is a lung disease that individuals are

born with and it affects their entire lung system and digestive system. Those diagnosed are usually given little time to live, but as of late, patients have made it to up to 50 years old.

There is no cure as of now, but DPhiE's across the nation are raising funds for research day in and day out.

"One day, we want CF to stand for Cure Found," said Maria Britos, senior majoring broadcast journalism.

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DestiNATION man reveals fundraising tactics

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of his life over the last few weeks.

"Let's just say I didn't study for a couple quizzes, an exam - I still did well, I know that for a fact - but a lot of preparation," Martinho said.

"Weeks ahead of time I had everything prepared already. I had been planning on doing this for over a year so mentally I have been prepared for it. I have been going on with an insane amount of trivia about DPhiE and Cystic Fibrosis. I put a lot of my time into it and I think the sisters appreciated that."

Martinho gave out 65 white roses and red prayer wristbands to some

members of the audience, the judges, and Daniel "Danny" Quesada a young man who was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis in 2001. Quesada was the star of the show.

According to the Running with Danny Facebook page, "Cystic Fibrosis is a genetic disease affecting the lungs and digestive system. The disease causes abnormally thick mucus, which results in frequent life threatening respiratory infections and continued hospitalizations. The disease attacks the lungs scarring them each time with different bacteria that the body creates, and the scarring is permanent. There is no reversal of the

effects."

The Great Strides Walk, which happens twice in April, the first time on April 6, will take place at Historic Virginia Key Beach Park in Key Biscayne. The organization also has it in Miami Gardens on April 26 every year.

"I found out about the runs last year," Martinho said. "When I decided to run for Campus Man I thought 'What better way to raise awareness than an actual Cystic Fibrosis Foundation event.' At first I just wanted to do the walk, then I realized I could actually fundraise and work with this event and like I said before 'Win or lose I am going to do it' and I

won. I am still going to do it and I told the other contestants that I better see them there and just because they lost it doesn't mean that they can't be around, it doesn't mean you can't help the cause."

Martinho went on to say that he wants 100 people to participate in the walk and to raise \$5,000 by the day of the walk. He will be selling shirts so the team looks uniform.

When the rankings came out for money raised on the Sunday event alone Martinho had a clear landslide victory, at least for the day. According to the Destination: Campus Man 2014 page on Facebook, he had raised an impressive

\$555.81 on Sunday alone.

"I had a gofundme.com page," Martinho said. "On the page I fundraised \$700 from people all over the world. Business partners of my boss from the Dominican Republic and Italy, my parents and friends from Brazil donated, and I have a friend who donated between \$50 and \$100 from France."

The aforementioned shirts took \$400 of those dollars to fund in the beginning.

"The money hadn't caught up yet so I had to put my own money down to cover the shirt and I made \$650 from the shirts selling them for \$10 a piece. On top of those

\$700 from gofundme.com I spread out the money strategically throughout the week because it gave me more points I raised \$170 at Wednesday's event, at Friday's event he raised \$143 and Sunday was \$555 and some change.

The grand total was more or less \$850 that I raised and I did so in more or less a week and leading up to the walk I did so much better, if I was able to raise that alone there is no way to tell what joining my organization with Delta Phi Epsilon how much we can raise."

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FOOTBALL

Panthers keep it at home in 2014

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To start off the second year for the Panthers in Conference USA, the Panthers will face both new and old opponents but will be at home for a majority of the season.

Of the first six games in the season, five will be played at FIU Stadium. This includes every out of conference game that the Panthers will play in 2014 barring a bowl game appearance.

The universities that will travel to Miami to face the Panthers to start the season are Bethune-Cookman University, Wagner College, the University of Pittsburgh, and the University of Louisville.

The first and the last of those groups should sound familiar as both were opponents in 2013. The combined scores of those games was 106-13 in favor of the opposing teams. The Cardinals scored 72 unanswered points in a meeting

in Kentucky early on in last year's campaign. The Wildcats of B-CU will be the opening game of the 2014 season on Aug. 31.

The two opponents that are newer for the Panthers are the Seahawks of WC and the Panthers of Pittsburgh. The Seahawks are coming off of a 3-8 season in which they had losses to Syracuse University 54-0 and the University of Delaware 49-9. On the other side the Panthers of Pittsburg enter into 2014 after a season of 7-6 which includes a three point win over Bowling Green University in the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl.

The Panthers, who do not have back-to-back road games all season will then travel to the University of Alabama at Birmingham to try and avenge the 2013 Homecoming game loss. Following that game, rival Florida Atlantic University will bring the Shula Bowl to Miami in a yearly rematch.

Head Coach Ron Turner

and his staff will then lead the Panthers to the University of Texas at San Antonio to face the Roadrunners for the first time before back-to-back home games versus Rice University - another new opponent of the Panthers - and Marshall University.

After that the Panthers will face new C-USA member in the Monarchs of Old Dominion University. The Monarchs do not have a butterfly for a mascot as some may think, but a lion.

"Football will not compete in the conference until 2014, as they begin the first year of the transition from the FCS to FBS level of football classification this fall, playing a mixed schedule of five FBS and seven FCS schools. The Monarchs will play eight C-USA opponents and be eligible for the league championship in 2014, and eligible for one of the six C-USA affiliated bowl games in 2015." A statement previously given by the Old Dominion University Athletic Department.

The scariest part about playing the Monarchs in 2014 will be senior quarterback Taylor Heinicke, the 2012 Walter Payton Award Winner, which is the best player in the FCS. Heinicke set the Division 1 record with 730 passing yards in a single game, going 55-79 against the Hampton Pirates in the 2012 season as a sophomore. If he is still playing for the Monarchs for a senior campaign, look for him to be a major factor in every game.

Senior night for the Panthers will be held the week after the trip to Norfolk, Va. as they will host the Middle Tennessee State University Blue Raiders on Nov. 15. The Blue Raiders are a familiar opponent as both teams met while members of the Sun Belt Conference.

The final game, excluding the postseason, for the Panthers will be a matchup with the Mean Green of North Texas University.

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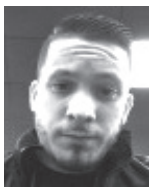
2014 FIU Football Signing Class

Kai Absheer	OL	Oakland Park, Fla.
John Broome	DL	Plant City, Fla.
Mark Bruno	DB	Pembroke Pines, Fla.
Josh Deuyour	OL	Hollywood, Fla.
Alex Gardner	RB/Ret.	Jacksonville, Fla.
Niko Gonzalez	S/Ret.	Miramar, Fla.
Jarviel Hart	WR/Ret.	Avon Park, Fla.
Jordan Ingraham	DL	Miami, Fla.
Anthony Johnson	DL	Kingsland, Ga.
Tyree Johnson	DB	Miami Gardens, Fla.
Breht Joly	OL	Oviedo, Fla.
Chett LeVay	TE	Tampa, Fla.
Bud Martin	QB	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
Napoleon Maxwell	RB/ Ret.	St. Petersburg, Fla.
Alex McGough	QB	Tampa, Fla.
Luke Medlock	QB/Punt	Jacksonville, Fla.
Chris Miller	OL	Orlando, Fla.
Thomas Owens	WR/DB	Boynton Beach, Fla.
Fred Russ	LB	Tampa, Fla.
Jermaine Sheriff	DB	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
Justin Sibole	DL	Davie, Fla.
Shermarke Spence	DB	Miami, Fla.
Bobby Stinson	DB	Miami, Fla.
Dennis Turner	WR/Ret.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
Daquane Wilkie	OL	Orlando, Fla.
Anthony Wint	LB	Homestead, Fla.

COLUMN

Strong group of receivers key for Panthers turnaround

COLUMNIST



RUBEN PALACIOS

A strong receiving corps can be the key to FIU football's resurgence next season.

The Panthers will presumably return Glenn Coleman and Willis Wright, both of which were ineligible last season due to academic reasons, redshirt sophomore T.J. Lowder, in addition to adding University of Miami decommit Dennis Turner.

Coleman and Wright have already expressed through Twitter that they have improved their grades and will suit up this upcoming season.

"Grades was better than I thought" tweeted Coleman. When Fall Term grades were released, he tweeted, "It feel good looking at them grades."

Wright tweeted, "Got My Grades Back, All I Want To Say Is, DEAR GOD--THANK YOU!!!"

The Turner Era

Turner, who has already drawn comparisons to FIU great T.Y. Hilton, is a product of Fort Lauderdale Dillard High and is rated a three star recruit by 247Sports.

Though UM recruited 5-11, 175-pound Turner as a defensive back, he averaged 21.1 yards per catch as a wide receiver and scored 10 touchdowns on 54 catches



BEACON FILE PHOTO

Redshirt junior wide receiver T.J. Lowder will be the most experienced in a strong group of receivers during the 2014 season. He played in 12 and started 11 games in the 1-11 campaign in 2013.

during his junior and senior years at Fort Lauderdale Dillard.

For some recruits, FIU's horrific 1-11 season this past year could diminish their interest.

This was not the case for Turner, he experienced similar growing pains when it came to winning during his first couple of years in high school.

"I'm ok with it [FIU's struggles last year] my first two years

at Dillard we went 3-7 and 2-8,"

Turner said. "So I know how to deal with that."

Turner's experience on less-than stellar teams could prove beneficial as he knows what it takes to turn the misfortunes around.

Dillard went 8-4 this past season, and 6-6 the year before that.

"It's gonna take a team effort,

no one man can take on a game by himself.

Everyone has to believe in coach Turner's plan." Turner said. "I do, but I'm gonna try to build chemistry with the team so I can have a bond with teammates. I can't just go in there with cold feet and know no one it's going to be chaos."

Getting Lowder

Lowder is another 5-11 speed guy that can burn you down field. He along with Turner will give opposing defenses fits, and will spread the field for an inevitable improvement in a lackluster FIU running game.

Lowder was second on the team in catches (24) and yards (307) last season, but led in touchdown receptions (3).

The return of the giants

Coleman and Wright are the giants of the group, both standing at 6-foot-2. They were supposed to be the two-headed monster that no defensive back unit wanted to match up against last year, but, we all know what happened there. This season, though, that dream can become a reality.

Wright, FIU's first four-star recruit on offense, would have been FIU's leading returning receiver last year. He capped off the 2012 season with a solid 25 catches for 633 yards and five touchdowns.

The potential unit of Coleman, Wright, Lowder and Turner can provide the Panthers with the scoring punch that they lacked throughout the entire 2013 season. FIU ranked 96th nationally in yards per completion last year.

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SOFTBALL

Panthers look to step up in Conference-USA

FIU will face off against three power conferences with games versus the ACC, PAC-12 and Big-10.

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A season wrapped in hope and newness is set to begin for the FIU softball team.

The Panthers make their softball debut in Conference USA as the 2014 schedule is released.

A newness that beings with a brand new softball complex for the Panther players and their fans.

The new 517-seat softball stadium will play host to the 29 home games of 2014.

Some notable games on the slate include a matchup with Women's College World Series participant Arizona State University, the Big East champion Notre Dame fighting Irish, the University of Wisconsin Badgers who finished last season 43-13 and a series against in state rival Florida Atlantic University, which will have a game nationally televised on Fox Sports Florida.

Sophomore pitcher Corinne Jenkins spoke on how the series against FAU means a little more.

"It's a big series for us, with them being the in-state rival it's like a battle of areas," Jenkins said.

"An old coach of mine is at FAU now. It's important for me to show him what I'm made of,"

freshman infielder Stephanie Teixeira added.

FIU has a very tough road and out of conference schedule for 2014, it's playing games against major conferences in the country like the ACC, PAC-12 and Big 10.

With a big year coming up for the Panthers their players are up for the challenge.

"This is our year to step out of being an average team. We have to prove the doubters wrong," Teixeira said.

"We are going to have a better year. We have to go out with a positive attitude and everything is changing for the better," Jenkins added.

With a new stadium, new foes and a new and better conference perhaps Jenkins is on to something.

For the upcoming season the Panthers have added 5 freshman players, including Teixeira.

The team has many young returning players, nine of the returning players are sophomores or juniors giving the team not only a future but experience to jump start this season.

"The bond we have is so so strong. We are so close its great to travel with my teammates," Jenkins said.

It's important that the Panthers

have that bond Jenkins speaks of, because in March the Panthers will set out on a 10-game road trip and the players will have to spend a lot of time with each other.

"It's like a mini vacation. And the best part is you don't have to pay for the travel," Teixeira said.

While the Panthers play many road games this season the one they are most excited for is the game against Arizona.

"It's a big series and we want to play against the best," Jenkins said.

Despite all the road game in the season the Panthers have some notable home games as well.

Of the most notable contests the home games of the bunch are the matchup against the Badgers, a visit from Florida Gulf Coast University, a game against the Michigan State Spartans and their first C-USA game against Charlotte University.

To prove doubters wrong is not only what Teixeira wanted but also the whole softball team.

With their youth and drive in a new conference and against the toughest opponents these players have ever faced, there is a lot to look forward to this season.

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Sophomore pitcher Corinne Jenkins made it clear that the bond between all of the members of the softball program is very strong. Jenkins went 13-8 last season with a 3.01 earned run average as the team's leader in innings pitched with 123 and two thirds.

INTRAMURAL

Intramural Guru: Balmaseda balances sports and life

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Junior Hannah Balmaseda explored challenging events that, eventually, ended up being part of her everyday life.

Balmaseda took on the challenge of playing sports when she was in her junior year of high school and it followed her ever since.

Balmaseda started with soccer and track in Felix Varela High School (Miami, Fla.).

Now at FIU, she has moved on and has enrolled in five different intramural teams in just one season.

She now plays in every season including summer, has been a part of 15 teams, played 55 games, and has won 31 of them. She has also won four silver trophies, two bronze trophies and a women's

soccer Championship. This spring season, Balmaseda will be playing three different sports; flag football, women's and coed soccer.

"All my friends were in a flag football team called the Mad Gatos, so I started playing with them the second I came here. I was really bad at first because I didn't know how to play but they taught me," Balmaseda said. "I liked the competition in intramurals, it reminded me a lot about high school and the intensity of it."

Balmaseda's schedule is constantly busy, as she juggles working at Red Lobster, playing intramurals, and majoring in sports and fitness studies.

"I try to manage my schedule. I do sports before or after work and classes. Sometimes I have to run from a sweaty game and put on my apron and start working.

But I like doing it, it's fun to be an athlete," Balmaseda said.

When asked the reason behind her dedication and involvement, the answer was fairly simple.

"I really like sports, it's a good exercise and its fun. I can skip the gym that day because it's either run on a treadmill for two hours or play a sport I enjoy which I could do it for longer," Balmaseda said.

Intramurals have helped the aspiring athletic trainer achieve personal growth in many ways.

"I've gotten better at sports, I've become more athletic and outgoing and definitely more confident," Balmaseda said.

Balmaseda has also taken a leadership role by being captain of most of the women's teams.

She finds this task a bit more challenging yet rewarding.

"I'm in charge of setting schedules and games, when I feel

like I'm annoying my teammates they still end up showing up so I'm sure they like playing just like I do," Balmaseda said.

After being involved for so long, playing different sports has become a tradition.

"I like flag football the most. Since my flag football team has been playing for years, we always practice once a week during seasons. We've developed plays and we're very organized which helps us a lot during games because other teams don't have that. We're like machines," Balmaseda said. "However, we haven't won a championship yet we always lose by an inch."

FIU intramurals offer a variety of different sports that fits into every personality and it is constantly expanding as more and more people become involved.

Coordinators are helpful to

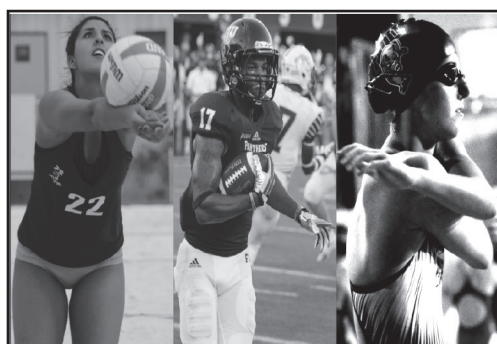
those willing to play; they work around everyone's schedule by offering different time slots for games and practices as well as providing equipment for each sport.

"They are really helpful. They cancelled kickball because only two teams signed up. Yet we talked to the coordinator and asked him if we could have a championship game for just the two teams and he set it up. They're really good about all those things," Balmaseda said.

Balmaseda plans on continuing her involvement even as an alumnus.

"That's the great thing about intramurals, its not just four years it doesn't have to stop at graduation," Balmaseda said.

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FIU research to save banana crops in future

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Bananas are the cheapest fruit in the produce aisle today, but due to climate change and the lack of genetic diversity among the banana crop, the price to produce and export this fruit is increasing.

This is according to Brian Machovina, a researcher of the Department of Biological Sciences, who studied the impact climate change will have on banana plantations in Latin America within the next 50 years, although the effects of extreme weather can already be seen.

“It’s starting to affect banana crops right now,” said Machovina.

Machovina presented his study, “Climate change driven shifts in the extent and location of areas suitable for export banana production,” at a conference hosted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Ecuador last month.

In the meeting, Machovina modeled the future of Ecuador’s banana plantation in the midst of climate change alongside Germán A. Calberto Sánchez, associate scientist on commodity crops and climate change at Bioversity International.

He said the purpose of the presentation was to provide Ecuador with information so they can determine the future of their banana crops.

However, Machovina informed the U.N. that Ecuador will not suffer

climate change as severe as other countries in Latin American.

“They were pleased to hear that,” he said.

Banana crops are a \$2 billion industry and Ecuador is the number one exporter in the world, distributing three times as many bananas as the second largest exporter, Costa Rica.

Machovina said a shift in the banana industry will cause other large industries in Ecuador such as cardboard box suppliers and plastic bag producers to suffer.

“We are all predicting what is going to happen,” said Dr. Krishnaswamy Jayachandran, graduate program director of Environmental Studies.

Dr. Jay said although there is not a lot of data on how climate change affects agriculture, researchers know enough to find solutions for issues coming in 2050.

He said elevated levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere occur because of climate change, and this in turn discourages plant growth.

Because crops have not adapted to increased CO2 levels, Dr. Jay said research needs to be done to create a crop that can resist climate change.

Machovina, who also supports genetic modification among bananas, said farmers will need to find areas suitable for banana cultivation or pay the consequences.

He said farmers may begin to grow conventional bananas in Mexico where there is “free”, heavy rainfall, while drier areas like Peru offer opportunities for organic

TIGHT FIT



MARIA LORENZINO/THE BEACON

Alejandro Ortiz (right), freshman studying hospitality management, manages to fit 26 pieces of fruit into a One brand condom amid a crowd of awed spectators during the Sex Carnival.

banana growth.

Otherwise, farmers will need to install costly irrigation systems to counter warmer temperatures like Costa Rica, who is undergoing its first drought since the 1880s in its banana growing region.

He said in the face of climate change, the opportunity to develop climate-resilient bananas using GMO technology is present, which in turn will diversify the banana crop and build a resistance against fungal disease.

He said conventional banana farmers use chemical sprays to control Black Sigatoka, a fungus that attacks the leaves of all banana plantations, which takes up 40% of farming costs.

However, Tropical Race 4, an advanced strain of Panama disease that grows on the roots of banana crops, is a fungus that is likely to destroy the banana plantation and there are no chemicals to control it.

Therefore, a diversified banana crop will be able to resist the fungi

that have already wiped out crops in Asia, Africa and Latin America, while reducing chemical use on crops.

He said although GMOs are controversial in society, they are supported in the scientific field as they present a viable solution to sustainable agriculture.

“I think it’s a way to shift farming with chemicals, to farming with biology,” said Machovina.

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Rec Center BBC to launch kayak events

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Panthers and their pals can enjoy the great outdoors while paddling along the Biscayne Bay this semester.

The Recreation Center at Biscayne Bay Campus will host this year’s first “Kayak Day on the Bay” on Saturday, Feb. 22 at 10 a.m. and the year’s first “Kayak After Dark” on Thursday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m.

The kayaking events will run through the next fall semester, with day trips landing on the last Saturday of each month and night trips on the second Thursday of each month.

“The department started out with a single kayak that we used for our summer camp several years ago,” said Jonathan Torrey, Recreation Administrator at BBC, in an email.

“Over time, the fleet grew from one tandem kayak, to ten tandem kayaks and three single kayaks, allowing us to create a program for the students and the outside community,” he said.

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Biscayne Bay Campus Recreation Center

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The BBC Rec Center has come a long way, because next month they will be launching their daytime and first-ever, nighttime paddle boarding events.

“Paddle boarding came about once the department decided to take things a step further and add a new and exciting way to move about the bay,” said Torrey.

Both kayaking and paddleboarding are free to University students and BBC Rec Gym members, but guests must pay \$10 using a credit or debit card to participate; cash is not accepted.

Daytime kayak events will offer a trip at 10 a.m. and a trip at noon, while nighttime kayak events only offer one trip at 7 p.m.

Reginald Youyoute, junior psychology major, said although he enjoys outdoor activities and he knew kayaking was offered at BBC, he has never attended a kayak event.

“I might try something new this semester,” he said.

Kayaking will be held at the kayak launch located behind the Aquatic Center.

From there, participants will be given a

tutorial on how to paddle and maneuver the kayaks.

Then, valuables will be placed in a wet box and life vests will be secured.

Once participants pair up, daytime kayakers will travel through Oleta River State Park and rest at a sand bar 20 minutes before heading back to campus.

Nighttime kayakers on the other hand, will travel around the bay and rest on an island to enjoy a bonfire and s’mores under the night sky.

Kayak trips will last an hour to two hours long.

To register, participants must visit the front desk at the BBC Rec Center prior to the event.

Seating for each trip is on a first come, first serve basis and space is limited, so students should arrive early to secure a spot.

“Kayaking and paddleboarding are both awesome opportunities for students to take a break from their everyday studying to enjoy the outdoors,” said Torrey.

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