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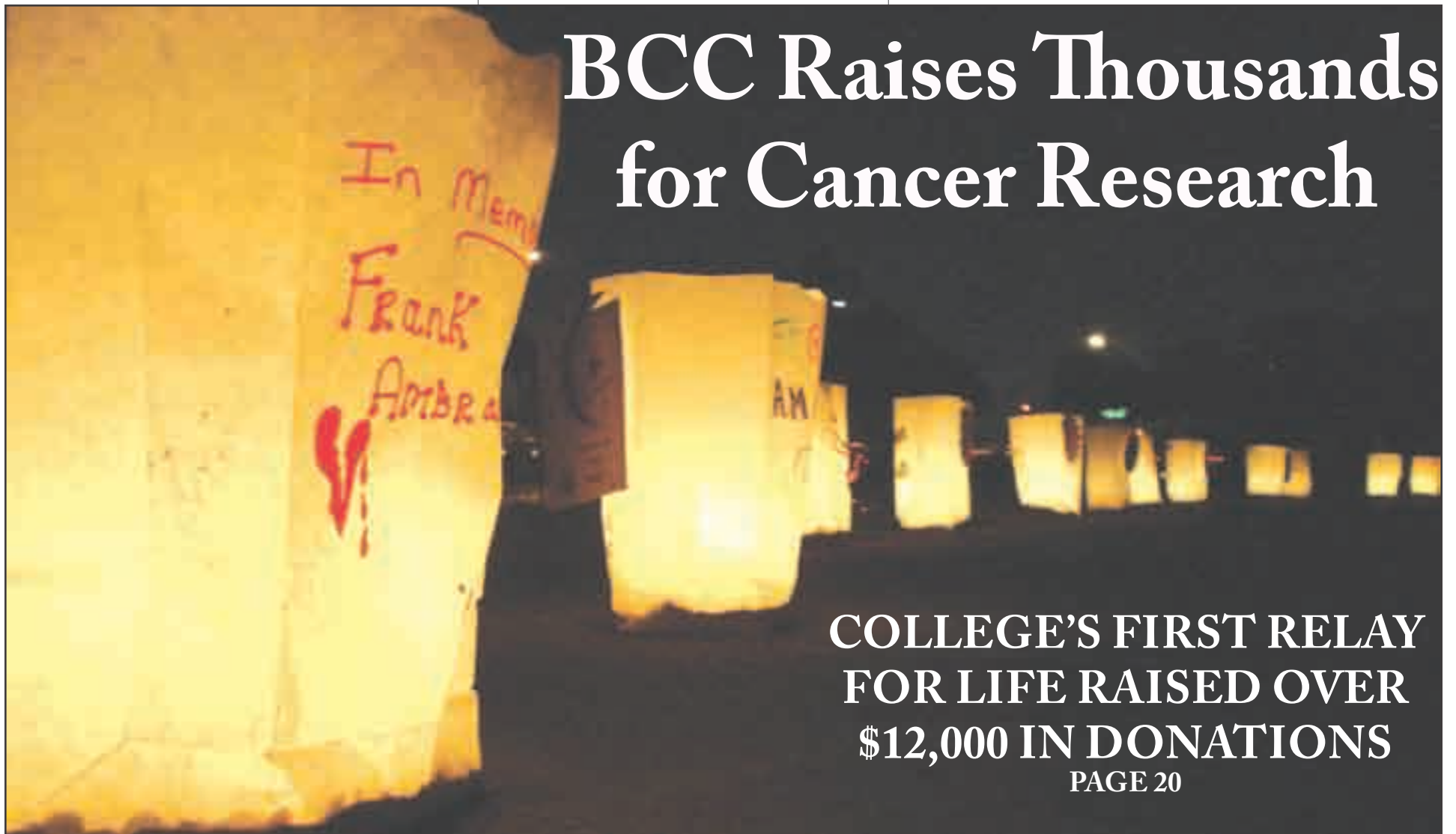
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BCC Raises Thousands for Cancer Research

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The lighting of the luminarias around the South Campus lake honored those who battled cancer and also ended the successful event.

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Amateur Boat Builders Put To The Test

BUZZ LAMB
STAFF WRITER

The students enrolled in the new BCC Marine Engineering Management program, which began at the start of the 2008 Winter Term, were given a test they had not planned on taking. Charles Harper, 34, an instructor in the new program, challenged his students to participate in the 12th Annual Plywood Regatta sponsored by the Marine Industry Association of South Florida (MIASF).

The test was to design and build a sea-worthy vessel using limited materials and then race it against 36 other student teams at the Dania Beach Marina on April 19 & 20. The students not only responded to the challenge, they were able to put together two 8-person teams to assemble what they hoped would be the two top boats in the competition.

According to Melanie Daily, PR & Event Coordinator for MIASF, there were 304 middle school to college-age students taking

part in the two-day competition with the crews assembling and painting the boats the first day and then fiercely paddling the newly-built craft in a series of

qualifying heats and finals over a race course set up on Whiskey Creek on the second day. The students were divided into three divisions: Junior, Intermediate

and Advanced and there was an Overall Division as well.

The competition kicked off around 9 a.m. on April 19 and the buzzing of jigsaws and

the whirring of cordless drills permeated the air under two enormous red and white tents set up in the parking lot of the marina. Some of the BCC Team members sketched rough outlines on the one-quarter inch plywood sheets as others worked on designs for paddles. Within an hour the blue tarps stretched out on the ground under the tents were covered in sawdust and wood shavings.

Each team had mentors who were allowed to offer limited help and unlimited advice milling about the makeshift boat-building factory. By mid-afternoon the boat builders were slapping on paint and adding special touches to their uniquely designed hulls. In some instances there was more paint on the painter than on the plywood.

What makes this contest unique is that no nails or screws can be used in the construction. Only ty-wraps and 3M 5200 fast-curing sealant were allowed and,

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BCC's Marine Engineering Management team after winning a race.

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Meet the new SGA Officials

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Recently students had the opportunity to vote for their new Student Government Association (SGA) president and vice president on April 15 and 16. Beth Ordaz (International Relations and Sean Been, (a Forensic Science major), the president and vice president, respectively, spoke with The Observer shortly after the elections.

“I’ve been with SGA for basically a year,” Ordaz begins. Been, the less experienced of the two, says that he’s been with SGA for a month.

Ordaz says on getting Been acquainted with SGA that she’s been “explaining to him what he has to do in the meetings and how he has to share in the meetings.” And though they haven’t been able to have as many events due for various reasons she’s told Been of the major events they’ve done in the past.

Ordaz also says that because of the lack of events “it isn’t that hard for him to get up to task.”

Been keeping it short said that he’s learning “by staying up here [The computer lab on the second floor of building 68] and following Beth so I know what I’m doing.”

Their different level of experience is also evident from the different goals that each of them have.

President Beth Ordaz

Ordaz says that she has three goals as the student government president: 1) to recruit new members, 2) continue to be in compliance with Florida Junior Community College Student Government Association (FJCCSGA) and 3) to make SGA comfortable.

She believes that recruiting new members, such as people who just came from high school, into SGA would improve their college experience. She said that “student government is an association that makes your college experience way better than it could be.”

Although she said that the recruiting process is going good, Ordaz also admitted that “things are falling apart semester wise.”

SGA and FJCCSGA work together on legislative issues, Ordaz said. With the House of Representatives and Senate in session, at the time of the interview, Ordaz said that they had to be aware of other budget cuts or new legislations that would be enacted for community colleges.

Expanding upon her third goal Ordaz says that it is to make student government better in that they are all a family. She said that “we have to be friends with each other and be comfortable working with each other”

“Making it [student

government] something that you feel comfortable coming and doing after you go to class, before you go to work or after you go to work,” Ordaz said. “I don’t want to say ‘fun,’ but I want to make it a comfortable environment. It is a comfortable environment already, but making it better doesn’t hurt anyone.”

Regarding potential roadblocks to her goals, whether they be people or otherwise, Ordaz said, “You’re always going to have someone trying to challenge you, and indeed I have encountered that. But that’s something that you just have to deal with.”

On examples Ordaz said, “If there is someone that doesn’t believe in your leadership or your



Beth Ordaz and Sean Been PHOTO BY PHILIPPE BUTEAU

commitment to the organization.... My goal is to prove that person wrong, not in the sense of ‘Ha, ha you were wrong and I told you so,’ but show them by actions that you are capable of doing what you set your mind to.”

Though currently they aren’t experiencing any problems, Ordaz says the only potential problem could be with the student body.

She says that they want to get the student body involved but if they don’t want to be involved “then that’s our problem, that’s our challenge.”

President Ordaz also had comments regarding the budget cuts that colleges statewide have been receiving and the increased enrollment that community colleges would be seeing because of that.

“We don’t really agree with the budget cuts that the legislative [branch] is passing,” Ordaz says. “They’re basically going against education, some would say.”

“At the end of the day if you really look at it both ways,” she continues, “at what they’re facing up there in Tallahassee, or in Congress.... The economy is not good for many people. So if they have to cut budgets, or increase tuition, they’re going to do it.”

“We try to persuade them to not do it but they have reasons, and I learned that when I had the opportunity to go to Tallahassee with a program called Competitive Edge.... It’s a hard issue, but someone has to do it. Someone always has to be the bad person.”

Ordaz went on and said that “at least that helps BCC get more enrollments, that would be the positive side of it. We just have to work a little bit harder to keep those students pleased, or happy, with the education we’re providing here at BCC.”

As SGA president it is Ordaz’s

job to represent the student body to the administration, and she commented on that during the interview.

“We’re working really close with the deans and the provost,” Ordaz said. She also said that because there is a new provost, Dr. Lourdes Oroza, that they have to set up a few meetings with her. She also said that she worked with President Armstrong and his cabinet.

“They are willing to listen,” Ordaz said. “They do care about what we think and they do care how we feel at school.” She said that it isn’t hard to communicate with them when issue comes up because they’re willing to listen.

She also spoke directly to people who think that BCC is a last resort.

“Community colleges shouldn’t be the last resort. It’s a foundation to a four-year university,” Ordaz said. “If someone thinks BCC is a last resort we have to make them believe it’s not like that, that we’re worth it.”

She also brought back her earlier comment and said that if people think BCC is a last resort there are people who care about them.

“President Armstrong and the deans here at South Campus are wonderful, and I know they care about us a whole lot.”

Vice President Sean Been

As vice president, Been says that he wants to start his own club and “do fun activities.” He says some of his voters gave him ideas of what they wanted to see on campus. “So I’m going to try and see if I can give the students what they want,” Been said.

The club that Been wanted to start would be for students that really need help. He says that it wouldn’t be just tutoring because, as he says, “sometimes tutoring doesn’t always help.”

“I wanted to have something where everyone can have one-on-one with a tutor, or not even necessarily a tutor just someone who knows what they’re doing,” Been continued.

Regarding the fun activities Been said that “a lot of students came up to me and told me and said that they wanted to have a dance but not one dance throughout the year but more fun activities.”

Been says that because he wasn’t in SGA prior to becoming the vice president being the first inexperienced vice president would be what he would leave behind.

Because many of its members have graduated and scheduling conflicts with the meetings, the amount of SGA members is not at the level it was with previous president Orlando Fraticelli.

The two say that they’ll be recruiting new members by going to orientations and using a one-on-one strategy to get to know the students first and then introducing them to student government.

Both of their terms last from July 1 to June 30.

Jodie Fry: Professor of the Year

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This year’s South Campus teacher of the year was awarded to Professor Jodie Fry. She has been teaching since 1987. She started her teaching career as a high school teacher. Four years later, in 1999, she came to BCC as an adjunct Professor. Fry became a full time Seahawk in 1996 and has been at BCC since.

Fry, who also attended BCC as a student, attended Florida Atlantic University, and Nova Southeastern University. She also has 30 postgraduate credits from Barry, Nova and Converse College.

Professor Fry teaches Elementary Algebra, College Algebra, Pre-Calculus and Trigonometry. In the fall she will be adding Intermediate Algebra to her teaching curriculum.

“Learn the concept, remember it forever,” said Fry about her motto.

On top of receiving South Campus’ professor of the year, Professor Fry was also awarded the 2008 Donald L. Goldsmith

Faculty Development & Technology Endowed Teaching Chair, this is her second time being awarded. She received the 2001-2004 William D. Horvitz Endowed Teaching Chair.

BCC is the first community college in the nation to complete an endowed teaching chair capital campaign. The program is now in its 17th year, and is considered to be a national model. The BCC Endowed Teaching Chairs program is a major effort by the BCC District Board of Trustees and the BCC Foundation to demonstrate their commitment to quality instruction by recognizing and fostering faculty excellence with a cash award and a professional development opportunity.

South Campus’ Adjunct Faculty of the year is Jorge Borda. Borda is a South Campus counselor / adviser. He received his Doctor of Education in Counseling Psychology at Boston University, his Master of Education in Counseling Psychology and his Bachelors of Arts in Psychology at Boston State College.

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Malave to get students excited and enjoy school

JESSICA BEANS
CENTRAL BUREAU CHIEF

Change is on the way for Central Campus' Student Government Association. On May 26 SGA will swear in a new president. Cara Malave, 27, is a nursing major at BCC and has enough enthusiasm to light a small country. Malave, who recently went back to school after a long hiatus, has big plans for not just Central Campus, but college-wide as well.

Students who are not a part of SGA may not see the rewarding benefits of joining. Now don't let the word "Government" scare you away; look at SGA as an opportunity to make decisions that are vital to the campuses. According to Malave, "I want

students to understand that we are handling issues behind-the-scenes that affect us all, both faculty and students"

It was clear after speaking with the soon-to-be new president, that she has more than just regular



Cara Malave, Carl Englesman, Hilary Malave and Andrew Borish PHOTO BY JESSICA BEANS

Campus issues on her mind. "We want to get students excited and enjoy school," said Malave. Student involvement is first on Malaves agenda. That however, does not take away from the necessary concerns.

Issues that were fresh on

Malaves mind included campus security, Board of Trustees, and the ongoing Central Campus parking lot problem. "The parking lot floods, period. It's an issue that continues to be a problem," she said. Other topics of concern included rising costs for books and tuition increases.

A new edition to the Malave administration is the enactment of a president's council. The idea is to have each club leader on Central Campus meet up once a month and have a summit. "I think this is a great way to get clubs familiar with each other and work together on making the campus better."

In addition, Malave proposes an idea for a "Leisure Area Project." The plan is to have an outdoor common area for students to relax and enjoy activities like volleyball and other recreations. Malave went on to put forward an

idea for a high school internship program, which she would refer

officer made the Deans list last semester.



SGA Senators Hilary Malave and Mateo Romero PHOTO BY PHILIPPE BUTEAU

to as: the College Academy. "This is a way for high school students to experience college life before they are eligible," explained Malave.

When asked why she joined SGA, Malave answered, "I'm over-zealous. I was out of school for a long time and I worked for eight years before it hit me that this was not for me. SGA opened many doors for me." She went on to mention that each current SGA

Englesman, 24, a graphic design major and senator of SGA explains his story, "I started out with a 1.8 GPA and now I have a 3.6. I associate that with my involvement with SGA."

There is much more to SGA than meets the eye. Anyone interested in becoming a member can stop by the Student Life office in Building 19 and ask for an application, or call at 954-201-6756.

Pillowman: an audience consuming play

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STAFF WRITER

BCC's very own Victor Mueller, Scotty Johnson, Terry Helin and Issam Villamil star in a psychotic thriller, *The Pillowman* by Martin McDonagh. The play centers around an aspiring writer, Katurian (Mueller), who is arrested, alongside his brother, as a suspect in a series of disappearances and murders. The gruesome killings are of two children and are similar to the deaths depicted in Katurian's stories. It should be noted that Katurian is a rather morbid writer whose 400 plays, with the exception of two, describe in full and gory detail, the murders of almost all the protagonists. The story unfolds in a police state, a totalitarian dictatorship run by the police. The detectives assigned to the case are Ariel (Villamil), a man with a troubled childhood and a seemingly violent temper, and Topolski (Helin), an almost anal alcoholic who cares more about the paperwork than the victims.

Katurian claims innocence to the crimes which results not only in physical torture for himself but also, verbal abuse towards his mentally unstable brother, Michal (Johnson). Later, when placed in the same cell after torture sessions, Michal reveals that he is in fact the killer, and his reasons were the stories Katurian wrote and his belief that Katurian wanted him to act them out. Katurian then stifles his brother in his sleep, just as he had done to his parents at age 14, and takes the blame for the 5 murders, and

the kidnapping and subsequent murder of a third child. The twist in the play arrives with the third child being alive and well. Instead of acting out another murder, Michal had chosen to do one of Katurian's peaceful and happy plays. Despite the good news and the proof of his innocence, Katurian was executed but his stories were saved by Ariel as homage to his last wish.

The performance level of the actors was superb! Whilst watching the play, the audience was consumed by every word and action of the characters. Though filled with violence, profanity, child abuse, religious undertones and smoking, the play itself was appealing and thought provoking. It was unnoticeable that actor Issam Villamil is a novice in the arts and was in his first production.

Helin and Mueller returned to the theatre, having participated in previous shows put on by BCC's Visual and Performing Arts Department. All the actors shone in their roles and under such beautiful direction by Mariah Johnson, the experience was unforgettable. If more movies were made like this play, there might be a substantial rise in box office revenue.

The performers were very responsive and outspoken about similarities between themselves

and their on-stage personas. Helin, who is in no way as cold, precise or uncaring as Topolski, described his role as that of a pencil pusher: a man who simply wants to close the case and remove the pressure of his superiors. Mueller described Katurian as a man whose two loves were his writing and his brother, and wanted more than anything to be known for his work. He is a good man with a troubled, murky background, resulting from the abuse of his brother by their parents and the murders he committed in defense at such a young age. Villamil spoke

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self-defense but was acquitted of the charges and grew up to be a policeman dedicated to fighting child abuse.

The actors had six weeks of preparation for the nearly 103 page script. The chemistry was evident which made the play flow naturally. *The Pillowman* presented was truly a heart-pounding, nail-biting production that was performed and directed almost impeccably from start to finish.

Ace in the Hole

JESSICA BEANS
CENTRAL BUREAU CHIEF

Want to be part of one of the most active and influential program at BCC? Look no further. The Student Programming and Entertainment Development Series, or SPADES, has played a role in organizing many of the major events held at Central Campus. This club has been around for quite a while and over time has picked up tremendous momentum.

SPADES, also known as Student Programming Association, has had its hands in many of the successful happenings that occurred on Central Campus. Such events included 106 & Central, even the ever popular annual Laughapalooza comedy show. And how could anyone forget Jim Bob's Chili Cook-Off?

Students involved with SPADES meet up weekly from 1-2pm at the Central Park Café located in Building 19. Imagine being a part of a club where you get to meet new people, while partaking in important Campus events and build self-confidence at the same time.

SPADES members are encouraged to take on leadership positions and involve themselves with different working groups. Their Committees are broken into sections such as Comedy, Special Events, and many more.

Students will get the opportunity to take the reins in planning

fun and influential events, leaving them with a feeling of accomplishment at the same time. Students who participate in SPADES have a great opportunity to build skills that will help them in pursuing their careers and, as well as, when they are established.

After speaking with the SPADES advisor, James L. Lewis, within no time at all you begin to

"SPADES ... HAS HAD ITS HANDS IN MANY SUCCESSFUL HAPPENINGS...."

understand just how unique and rewarding this organization is. "This is a great organization for students to be a part of. When students leave BCC, they should have gained unique skill sets which make them more market-

able when pursuing the next level in education or in the workforce," said Lewis.

With many popular organizations at BCC, such as Phi Theta Kappa and Student Government, how did such an incredible club fall under the radar? It hasn't really; SPADES has worked very hard to keep students involved, at the same time enhancing their college experience.

Sound good so far? Signing up is the easiest part. Stop by the Student Life office located in Building 19 on Central Campus and ask about SPADES. This is a highly recommended organization not just by Student Life advisors, but students as well. Give it try, not only to elevate your college resume, but to become the heart and soul of BCC Central Campus' excitement headquarters.



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Luncheon raises money for BCC students

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Each year the BCC Foundation awards more than \$2 million in scholarships to BCC students and supports academic programs and awards for faculty. The money for those scholarships comes from the generosity of individuals, corporations and other institutions.

At the BCC Foundation 2008 "Investing in Broward's Future" luncheon, foundation board chairman Lloyd Rhodes welcomed over 600 guests in attendance. The Fourth Annual Heritage Society Luncheon took place at the newly renovated Fort Lauderdale Grande Hotel and raised over \$530,000, according to Nancy Botero, Executive Director of the BCC Foundation.

The program was opened by the BCC Seahawk Singers singing the BCC Alma Mater as pictures of various BCC locations flashed across two giant screens situated

on either side of the podium.

While the guests enjoyed a sumptuous lunch, Botero described the plight of an individual who wished to attend college but the reality of family obligations, rent, food and the ever rising cost of living was kept from achieving their dream of becoming a college graduate. "It's crazy, isn't it, that in this great country someone had

the students enrolled at BCC apply for financial aid but more than 30 percent don't get it because they don't qualify because they're making just over the cap," she said. "We champion those who dream of an education and a great future. That is what we believe in. That is our mission, our purpose and our passion."

Following a second video

would never have been able to achieve her dream of becoming a dental hygienist. "I am a first generation college student and my family is very proud of my accomplishments," she said. "I hope the foundation will continue to help other students the way they have helped me. Thank you all so very much."

According to a press release, the mission of the BCC Foundation is to support the college by providing advocacy, community awareness and financial support to the college, its students, faculty and staff. Led by its Board of Directors, the foundation raises funds, conducts programs and practices stewardship that increases the effectiveness of the college in meeting community, student, faculty and staff needs.

"Clearly, our message of changing lives and positively impacting our community touched the hearts of the guests in attendance," Rhodes said. "They heard first-hand how the foundation enables students to overcome financial hurdles and continue with their academic studies to build successful futures. Our guests recognized that their gifts weren't about charity, but about community investment."

A week after the luncheon Botero said that 67 percent of the monetary gifts that day were from

first-time donors. "Our original goal was \$250,000 and we had a 'stretch' goal of \$400,000. We never expected this kind of response and this does not include planned gifts," she said.

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-NANCY BOTERO**



From left: Antonia Armstrong, J. David Armstrong, Rosemary Larsen and Ed Moore.

PHOTO BY BUZZ LAMB

to sacrifice that dream of a college education," she mused.

Botero said that the BCC Foundation was formed to assist those students who suffered that plight. "Seventy-one percent of

presentation, BCC student Laura Demidow, who made her decision to get a college education after returning from Army service in Iraq, told the hushed crowd that without the help and support of the BCC Foundation she



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Students participate in plywood regatta

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in a further twist, the ty-wraps had to be removed before the boats were launched. That requirement forced the students to use some ingenuity in design just to keep the boats from popping apart or, to coin a phrase, splitting at the seams. During the race a couple of boats capsized but none of the 38 hand-made, brightly painted beauties came apart.

Shary Patton and John Phillips were co-chairs of this year's event, which returned to the Dania Beach Marina for the third year in a row. "The Plywood Regatta was initially featured as part of the former MIA SF Spring Boat Show at Bahia Mar and started with just six teams," Patton said. According to Phillips, all of the materials that the students worked with were donated by

several MIA SF members. "All the teams had to bring were the tools they needed to assemble the boat," Phillips said.

Daily added that the event is also a fund-raiser for their newly created Marine Magnet Programs at South Broward High and New River Middle School, as well as being a way to introduce youth to the craft of boat building and the fun of recreational boating. "We are starting a scholarship fund this year as well," she said.

In addition to this being a first time entry for BCC, South Plantation High put together an inaugural team as well. After many successful years the Plywood Regatta now serves a growing list of South Florida schools and youth organizations such as Stranahan High, McFatter Technical Center, Boy Scouts of

America and the Admiral's Boys & Girls Club Marine Academy.

At the end of the well-attended event awards were presented to the top three teams from each class. There were also awards for the best decorated, most innovative design, most spirited team and the Fort Lauderdale Mariners Club Cup Overall Champion Award. The BCC team can be proud of their participation and,



BCC students entering the race.

for their efforts, they walked away with a second and third place finish in the Advanced Division. BCC student Felipe Ceballos was also awarded a \$1000 scholarship by the MIA SF.

Florida African American Student Association

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On April 3-6, African American Students gathered from across the state of Florida to commemorate and celebrate the 33rd Annual State Convention of the Florida African American Student Association, Inc. (FAASA). Broward Community College Central Campus African Student Union and the South Campus Black Student Union join forces to represent Broward Community College and participate in this gala event. During the Black History Month collage of events, the theme Diversity to Unity to Community became the focal

point in revitalizing the non-violent movement. Its purpose is to diversify student skills, unify the non-violent movement cause and strengthen community throughout the African American Collegiate experience.

FAASA was founded in 1976 by the following co-founders: Colonial George L. Brown Jr. from St. Petersburg Junior College; Henry Carley from Hillsborough Community College; Carol Collins from Indian River Community College; Shelly Davis from Miami-Dade Community College; Gwendolyn Ferguson from Palm Beach Community College; William

McCray from Florida Atlantic University and James Watson from Florida Atlantic University.

The founding members evoked the revitalization of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s philosophy of non-violent approach to addressing the concerns of African Americans. During the 33rd Annual State Convention, The Board of

Directors of Elders, under the leadership of the chairman, Donald Cleveland, a faculty member of Broward Community College, challenged its members, today's African American students, to continue to support a non-violent approach via completing their collegiate


pursuits, volunteering in their local communities and participating in the development of their schools clubs and organizations.

The convention was laced with informative leadership workshops, and inspirational keynote speakers. A tribute was held in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., which included a ceremonial dedication in remembrance of the day he was assassinated. Members of the convention endured a variety of deliberate, inclusive, uplifting, team building projects that exemplified the overall theme of the convention.

“The founding members evoked the revitalization of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s philosophy...”



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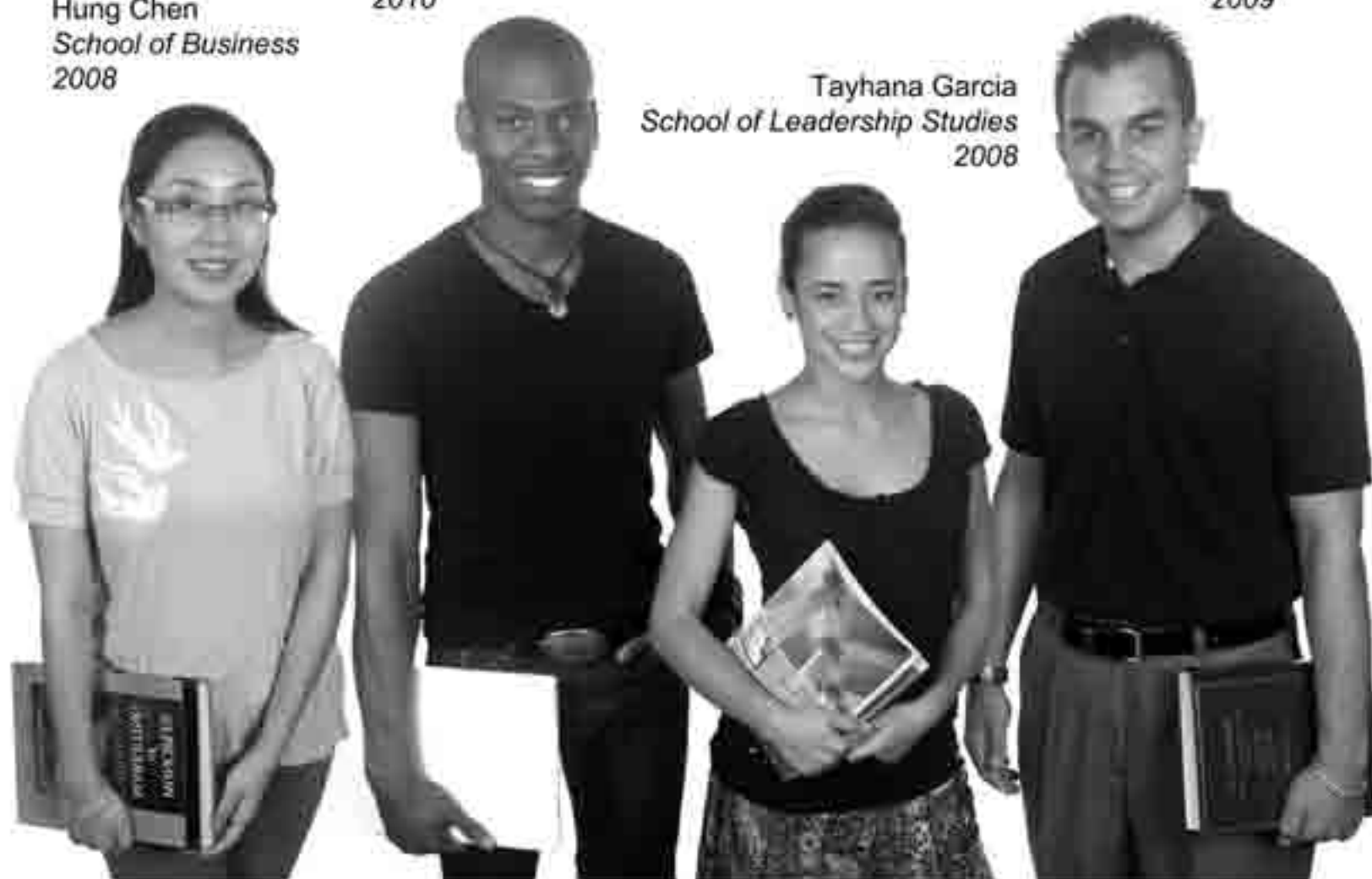
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Illegal street racing is a prominent growing industry in South Florida.

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In the later hours of the night when most people are either sleeping or just getting off of work, a group of friends are cruising down U.S. 27 with their music blaring out of their systems eager to reach one of their many “spots”.

What they arrive to is something like a scene from the blockbuster movie, “The Fast and the Furious”, minus the scripted dialogue, high paid actors and the flashy expensive looking speed demons that tear up the streets in a captivating manner.

Picture hundreds of cars jam packed into a gas station and the surrounding parking lots full of people who all have one question on their minds; who am I going to race this week? What follows is a peek into the minds of those wild individuals who engage in illegal street racing.

There’s a variety of reasons why some people find illegal street racing appealing. Freshman Yang said that is the “rush” that attracts him to this banned sport. Jetting down the high-way going head-to-head with a formidable opponent gives him a “ridiculous” feeling that simply goes unmatched by normal day-to-day activities.

Some enjoy the excitement of defying Johnny Law. “Who doesn’t want to be a little careless sometimes,” asked Freshman Jesus Jimenez. “When you street race you forget about the laws and go all out dangerous.”

Others, such as freshman Sebastian Manniquez just sees it as a hobby and don’t dwell on the renegade aspect of it. “It’s not so much because it’s illegal... it’s just fun and [we see it] as a way



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of expressing ourselves.”

Unlike building model train sets, this hobby can put a serious dent in your wallet. Freshman Mike Lopez has dished out over \$3,000 worth of parts to put into his brand new 2008 Honda Civic Si. Some of which include “The HFP lip kit, an all around HFP exhaust and the PTR intake manifold gasket.” This new racer is always looking for more add-ons to improve his cars performance level. “It’s never ending. You always find something better, something new. When you get so into it your next paycheck is already spent on [a new part].”

Lopez stresses that cash isn’t the key to success for this high-octane thrill ride. “You could have all the money in the world, and it would help, but you also have to have some skill behind it.” If your shifting is off, you can kiss your victory goodbye.

While some pay out of their pockets, others are forced to pay with their lives. Street racing can be an endangerment not only to the racers, but also, anyone

else who may be on the road. If caught, first time offenders may have their license suspended for up to a year, have their cars impounded and face fines up to \$500. Repeat offenders can see \$1000 in fines and a two year license suspension.

Lopez, the six month rookie, comments on the dangers of illegal street racing, “To me it is dangerous. One of my friends has already crashed and I’ve seen many people get pulled over at our racing spots. I think it’s up to the driver to choose whether to drive safely or like a madman.”

Despite knowing the dangers of losing control of a vehicle during a race and the penalties of being caught by the police, these speedsters have no plans on pulling out of the race anytime soon. They go as far to admit that they’re addicted. “It’s to the point where if I hear a car driving by I know exactly what they have,” said Manniquez.

Since the 1930’s illegal street racing has been a widespread problem to some and a way of self expression to others. In spite of harsh penalties aimed to stop it, this underground culture has spread to BCC and doesn’t look to be coming to a halt in the near

Companies lobby against net nuetrality

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The way we access the internet has not changed too much since its creation. We are able to access any website whether it is Yahoo.com or Joeschmoe.com at the same rate of speed. We can instant message, watch videos and listen to music. This is known as Network Neutrality or Net Neutrality for short. However, if Internet Service Providers (ISP), such as AT&T and Comcast, have their way, this free roaming of the internet may very well be a thing of the past.

Net Neutrality has been part of the internet since its inception, but due to a decision by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in 2005, the nation’s biggest telecommunication companies are lobbying against Net Neutrality. If these companies were to be successful, they would be able to charge websites fees to allow faster access, slow down access to a competitor’s website and discriminate by allowing faster access to their own web content and services.

At an FCC hearing about Net Neutrality on February 25, Comcast “hired” people off the street to attend the hearing, who promptly fell asleep, keeping opponents out of the hearing. “The company paid some people to arrive early and hold places in the queue for local Comcast employees who wanted to attend the hearing,” said Jennifer Khoury, a Comcast spokesperson. According to Free Press campaign director Timothy Karr who attended the hearing at Harvard Law School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, “The only reason these people were in the room, it seemed to me, was to keep seats warm and exclude others.”

“If it (Net Neutrality) went

away, it would stifle innovation,” said Adam Lynn, Policy Coordinator for Free Press. Free Press is the lead organizer of the Save the Internet Campaign, which is trying to raise awareness of the threat imposed upon the internet by the phone and cable companies. “The greatest impact would be against web content providers who can’t afford to pay

“THE GREATEST IMPACT WOULD BE AGAINST WEB CONTENT PROVIDERS WHO CAN’T AFFORD TO PAY THE FEES IMPOSED,”
-ADAM LYNN, POLICY COORDINATOR FOR FREE PRESS

the fees imposed,” said Lynn. He went on to describe their fight against the major telephone companies and cable companies as “a mosquito fighting a bear.”

However, there is bipartisan support in Congress. In February, Reps. Ed Markey (D-Mass.) and Chip Pickering (R-Miss.) introduced the “Internet Freedom Preservation Act 2008.” The bill would help protect Network Neutrality by insuring that ISP’s cannot discriminate against Web sites or services based on their source, ownership or destination.

“The phone and cable companies are lobbying hard against the bill, but there are also major internet companies, such as Amazon, EBay and Google, who are lobbying to get the bill passed,” said Lynn. AT&T and Comcast were contacted for this article, but no phone calls and emails were returned.

The Save the Internet coalition main aim is to “educate the public” and “raise awareness” about the threat to the internet and free speech. “We may be a small grass roots organization, but we are in it for the long haul”, said Lynn. To find out more about Network Neutrality and what can be done to protect it, visit www.savetheinternet.com.

A Broward Symphonic Band’s night

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Around BCC Campuses, many activities concerning the environment were celebrated during Earth day, but also, it was a day to celebrate music.

One more time, the Visual and Performing Arts Department presented the Broward Symphonic Band but this time with a John Philip Sousa Concert. The fully attended concert took place at Ralph R. Bailey Concert Hall at Central Campus on the night of April 22.

Moreover, the concert was not only opened to BCC students and staff, but also, to anyone who likes and appreciates the art of music like Andrea Gonzalez, who plays the baritone sax, said, “I like

band music, and I have a couple of friends who are performing tonight, so they invited me.”

Additionally, these types of performances serve as a class material for BCC students who are taking any music course. That is the case of Carlos Solis who went to see the band performing for the first time. Solis said, “I’m taking a music class right now, and one of the projects is to attend two concerts and write about my experience.”

The vocal solo Fred Pranio was one of the welcomed moments of the night with “Embraceable you” which made the audience to give him a big rounded applause. Pranio is a retired insurance and musician who plays the clarinet in the band.

Also, the presentation of J. P.

Taravella High School Percussion Ensemble that interpreted “Frivolity” surprised the audience because of the contagious rhythm of the piece of music and the original choreography that the young musicians did while playing the instruments.

With a vast experience in the field of music, Neil E. Jenkins, director of the band, is now in his eight season at BCC Central.

Jenkins has directed bands that has presented in Philadelphia Thanksgiving Parade and the Orange Bowl Parade. Moreover, in 2005, he and 100 volunteer

Taravella band members marched in the London New Year’s Day Parade.

Among the 125 members who



Broward Symphonic Band

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play in the Broward Symphonic Band are college students, high school students, middle school students, professors, engineers and even a police officer.

Melissa Cicci, a BCC student, who plays the flute, has been in the band for four years now. “Mr.

Jenkins was my band director on high school,” Cicci said. “Being in the band has been a good experience. I like performing. I think is fun.”

At the end of the performance, Jenkins thanked to all the musicians and to all the persons who made the presentation possible. Among them were Babe

Boniske, the concert commentator and librarian. Jenkins commented, “Babe makes life easier to me with this group and this is so enjoy doing.”

“Thank you all for attending our concert and supporting this great band,” Jenkins finished.

Summer Blockbuster Movie Preview

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Summer is an exciting time, not only because students get a well deserved break from school, but the theaters get bombed with new “blockbusters.” However, as the summer films start to advertise on television, moviegoers are left with one question: Which movies will be a hit or miss?

In the past, viewers have gone into a summer film, only to leave with disappointment. It is not surprising that so many blockbusters fail to meet the population’s expectations, with the bar constantly rising. Even the name blockbuster implies grandeur.

The definition of the word blockbuster is two-fold. According the to Merriam-Webster dictionary, a blockbuster is aerial bomb containing high explosives used as a large-scale demolition bomb, or it means notably expensive, effective, successful, large and extravagant.

In other words, the word itself is a big shoe to fill. In order to please movie viewers, all writers, producers and directors alike are faced with quite the predicament.

May 16

The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian

Overview: The Christian parable follows the Pevensie children who again return to Narnia only to find thousands of years have passed. The children are brought to Narnia by Prince Caspian, who seeks there help to re-capture his rightful place as king.

May 30

Sex and the City: The Movie

Overview: The film adaption of the HBO comedy series is taking the sex out of the city and into the theaters. The romantic comedy revolves around women living in New York City, while they deal with the stressful issues of love and fashion. The movie will follow the same characters as in the show as they fight through the battles of the concrete jungle that is New York.

June 27

WALL•E

Overview: Pixar’s computer animated science fiction film is about WALL•E, the last small robot on Earth. He was left on an uninhabited earth as part of a restoring project to make earth livable again. WALL•E’s world gets turned upside down, however, when he meets another robot named Eve and falls in love.

May 22

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull

Overview: Steven Spielberg and George Lucas have come together again in an attempt to create another hit in Indiana Jones 4. In this installment, filled with actors such as Harrison Ford, Shia LaBeouf and Cate Blanchett, Jones will battle agents of the Soviet Union for a crystal skull. Apparently, the film will also house uncreative humor about Jones’ age.

June 13

The Incredible Hulk

Overview: Marvel Comic’s character, The Hulk, again comes to life in the sequel, The Incredible Hulk. This time, Bruce Banner is in South America as a fugitive. Committee for State Security agent Emil Blonsky, who is chasing Banner, tries the same experiment that gave banner his powers. However, when Blonsky is unable to change back from his monster form, he blames Banner and goes to seek his revenge.

July 2

Hancock

Overview: This one is a comedy about a drifter named John Hancock who is hated by everyone due to the destruction caused by his super heroic powers. A publicist ends up trying to rehabilitate him and along the way Hancock has an affair with this wife. The film is a new twist on superheros and stars Will Smith, Jason Bateman and Charlize Theron.

July 18

The Dark Knight

Overview: The Batman Begins is set a year later from where the first film ended, and a mysterious new criminal masterminds starts to create utter chaos in Gotham City. As Batman fights to overcome the new criminal, called the Joker, he finds himself face to face with very personal issues and is forced to deal with him. Christian Bale returns as Batman and Heath Ledger plays his demented enemy.

July 25

The X-Files: I Want to Believe

Overview: The film is to take place six years after the events that happened in the series. Specific plot details of the film have been kept on the down low, but the film will not follow it’s normal “mythologies,” but will stay one the lines of thriller. Of course, David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson, will play their infamous roles as Fox Mulder and Dana Scully.



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GTA IV brings gamers into a “new” world

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As of this writing it is Monday April 5, meaning that Grand Theft Auto IV (GTAIV) has been out for seven days. I’ve played a little over 36 hours so far and the game says that my addiction level is “jonesing hard.” I’d call that an understatement because if I didn’t have to write this, I’d be playing it right now.

Though it bears the “IV” moniker, GTAIV is actually the eighth game in the multi-million selling series and, as in real life, with age comes experience. Experience is taking what was learned from previous years – whether good or bad – and

applying them to your life now.

Know that though the aiming system worked for some, there are others who thought it was broken. That has been taken care of ten fold with GTAIV; the game gives the player the option to use both lock on and free aim.

Because of the role-playing nature of Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas the idea of driving more to become a better driver worked, but wasn’t necessarily fun. Now, how good or bad the driving is depends on how good the player is at learning the way each car handles. Hint: Brake hard when turning because the hand brake will frustrate to no ends.

Having a virtual city is all well

and good, but now the city lives. There is construction with actual workers holding signs telling drivers to slow down. There are taxis that can not only be taken to any destination, but the player can also look out the window and watch as the city continues to live. There are shows that can be seen, whether family friendly, funny, or adult-oriented.

With games as important as Grand Theft Auto, what fans least expect is for the game to fix what was broken and expand on what was already very good, GTAIV went the extra mile.

However, the weird thing is that it went there by doing small things, like giving players what they have in real life, a cell phone. One might assume something that small might not do much, and I’d tell one to remember what happens when one assumes (look it up).

The cell phone allows the player to arrange dates with friends (bowling, eating, etc.), arrange meetings for missions, and gives the player money making opportunities.

Now all it takes is one look to tell what kind of car Rockstar North (the



Main character of the game Niko Bellic

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Bellic and Francis, another character, meet.

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developers of the game) were copying. Also the cars take damage according to where and how hard the hit was. I can’t remember how many times I’ve gasped when I’d dent my Chrysler 300C clone right after fixing.

Also, included are seeing city and car lights from across a bridge, the sparks from a traffic light pole after hitting it, and the breath of main character Niko Bellic.

Without ruining its story, GTAIV tells the tale of Bellic, immigrating into Liberty City – the city that many GTA fans

first stepped into back in 2001 – from Eastern Europe searching for the American dream. Bellic is instantly likeable like San Andreas main character Carl Johnson, or even Vice City main character Tommy Vercetti, but with some time gamers will grow to like him.

If someone is reading this and never enjoyed a Grand Theft Auto game, then move on because GTAIV is essentially the same game. But then again, the Motorola DynaTAC 8000X is essentially the same as an iPhone.

Forbidden movie to see

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If you are like many who couldn’t wait to see the movie The Forbidden Kingdom, there is a chance that there are a lot of disappointed people out there. Forbidden? A better suited title maybe forgettable.

How can it be that one of the most anticipated movies of the year could flop? That is an easy answer: Michael Angarano. If it is possible for one actor to ruin an entire film, Angarano did it.

The synopsis is fairly simple; however, it starts off very slow and a little boring. There is an amusing opening scene that included a light-hearted fighting sequence with Jet Li. Li plays the playful yet over-

confident Monkey King. When he loses his magic stick and is turned to stone by the evil Jade Warlord, he must wait for the tides to turn till he is freed.

Angarano plays Jason, an American, new-kid-on-the-block who doesn’t fit in with his modern day peers. His only outlet is

his idealistic martial arts fantasy world and his only friend, Old Hop, a Mr. Miagi look-alike played by Jackie Chan.

When trouble arises from a couple local thugs, Jason is warped all the way back to ancient China. The movie would continue to drown in mellow-dramatic dream state. But wait, there was hope. The movies only two saviors Chan and Li surface and instantly add substance and entertainment to the table.

Chan plays Lu Yan, the drunken master who is wise, but very funny. Yan assists Jason on his journey and enlightens the misguided teen to his purpose in life. As they make their way, they will eventually run into the Silent Monk played by a more

recognizable Jet Li.

At this point in the movie, one would think that it’s only up from there, not quite. Although there will be tid-bits of quality fighting scenes and some humorous dialog throughout the film, it will eventually fall short of brilliant.

Jason will sooner or later make it back to his homeland and get some revenge on what can only be described as the lamest bad guys modern-day film has ever seen.

Anagarano’s acting was so appalling and weak that the audience wants him to be killed. In the end, if it is satisfying enough just to see two brilliant characters come together on one screen such as Chan and Li, then by all means go and see it.



Li and Chan appear in their first movie together.

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Prom fright

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Prom Night, the 2008 remake of the 1980 film, stars Brittany Snow as a high school senior ready to enjoy her final days with her friends. Donna, as portrayed by Snow, appears to be a normal, everyday teen, with the exception that she has a very brutal dark past. Three years earlier, her teacher fell in love with her and became so obsessed he killed her entire family, vowing to make her his and his alone. His plans fell through, however, as he was caught and sentenced to a mental institution. But a man in love can pull off any feat and this one was no exception. He escaped from the ward, guising himself as a missing person, who he just so happened to kill, and followed Donna and her friends to their prom. The clueless teenagers settled in to their surroundings believing it would be a night to remember.

As the night progresses, the kids are separated and, one by one, their former teacher kills them in his quest to have Donna for himself. All the while, the detectives are searching for the convict but have no idea where he could be, and opting not to disturb the already traumatized Donna, watch her from a distance. The killer proves his cunning by being able to escape undetected to Donna’s house, where he continues his

murdering spree. The climax finally arrives as Donna is captured by her would be amour, while her boyfriend lies dead on the bed, his throat slashed while he slept. The heroine escapes and her attacker is killed, his vow broken.

The film, while heart-pounding and definitely earning Brittany Snow a place as a brand new scream-queen, is almost boring and predictable. The antagonist appears almost invincible, killing eight persons, seemingly effortlessly. The women could not scream loud enough to get the attention of neighboring residents in the hotel and the men were not strong enough to fight off their murderer. How is it that in such a famed hotel, no one responded to the anguished cries of victims in their last breath? Why does the teacher kill everyone that he can instead of simply waiting until he has a chance to claim his prize quietly? The script and the plot were written solely to scare and not to entertain. After the first three murders, the movie becomes almost comical. While the movie itself was of little interest or consequence, the cast was quite believable and “real”. However, another installment of “Scary Movie” would have more frights than this “thriller”. Wait for the DVD that way you can rewind it and laugh. A good effort all in all, but the product fails.

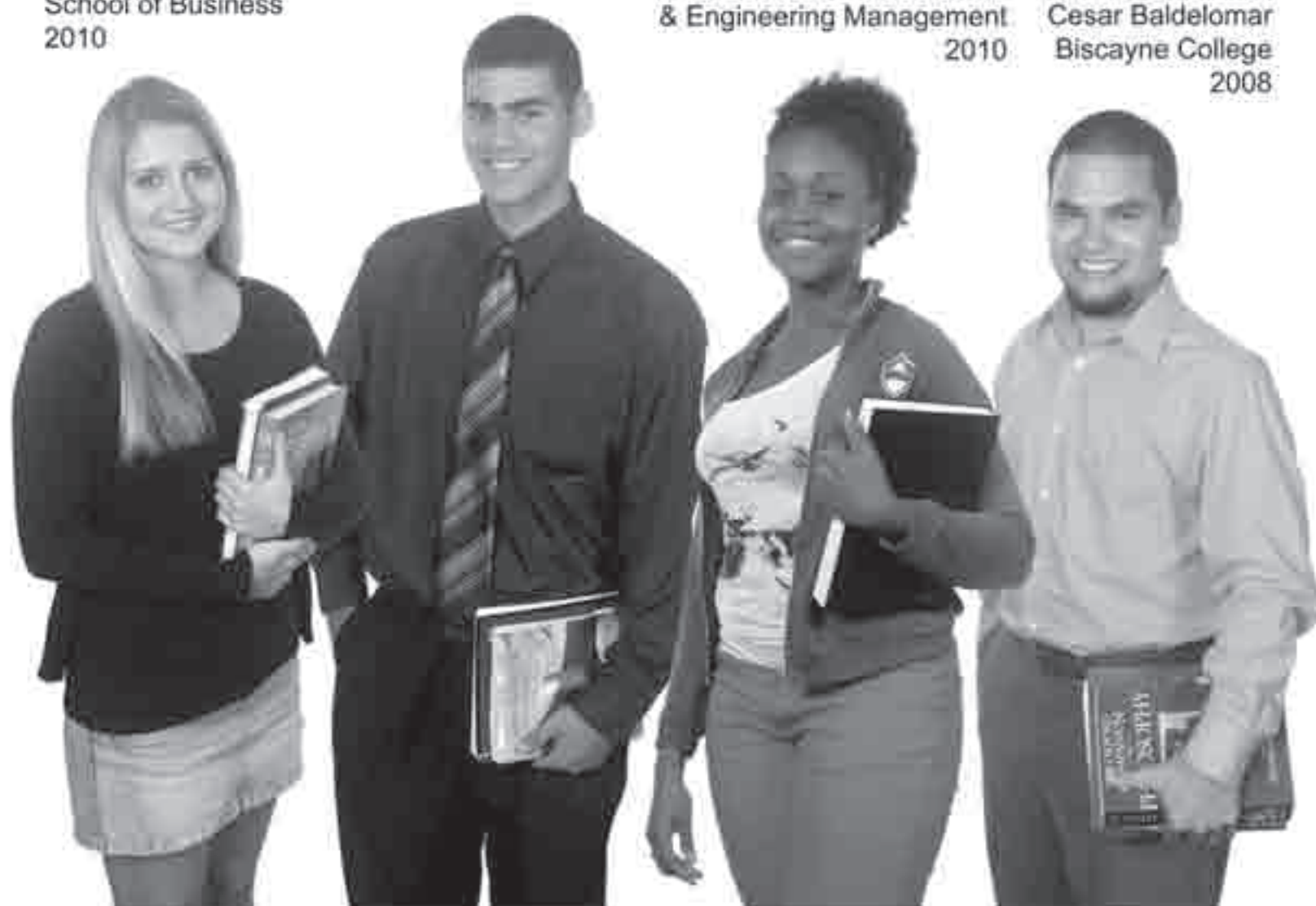
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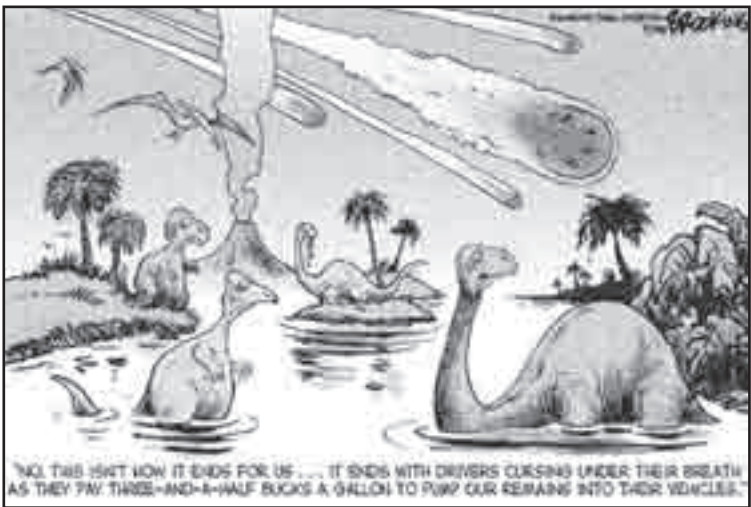
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The Long wait is over for the Dolphins

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As a result of its worst season in franchise history (1-15), the Miami Dolphins got the opportunity to select first in the 2008 NFL Draft. With an entire new front office, including a new part Owner in Stephen Ross, Vice President of Football Operations Bill Parcells and a new Head Coach in Tony Sparano, they have an entire new coaching staff. Sparano became their fourth coach since 2004.

This was the eighth time the Dolphins ever drafted in the top ten since the merger in 1967 and it marked the third time ever Miami had a pick inside the top five in the draft.

With no team willing to trade up and no clear cut consensus player for the number one pick in the April 26 Draft, Miami drafted University of Michigan left tackle Jake Long as their top choice to improve their lack of offensive lineman.

Instead of waiting until training camp to sign Long or to avoid any contract disputes or a holdout such as the one the Raiders had last season with their number one player JaMarcus Russell, the Dolphins signed Long to a five-year, \$57.75 million contract with \$30 million guaranteed on the Tuesday before the Draft.

“It’s really important for us to know Jake is going to be on the field for us on time when training camp begins in July,” coach Tony Sparano said during the press conference to introduce Long.

With that contract, the 6-foot-7, 315-pound Long becomes the highest paid lineman in the NFL and the third offensive tackle ever drafted at number one and the first since the Rams drafted Orlando Pace in 1997.

The two-time team captain at Michigan only gave up one sack

in his Senior season and that was in their last regular season game to Vernon Gholston of rival Ohio State who wound up becoming the number six selection by the New York Jets.

After the signing of Jake Long but less than 24 hours before the draft began, the Dolphins traded their fourth round pick with the Cowboys for linebacker A k i n

Ayodele and tight end Anthony Fasano. Miami traded for Ayodele to replace middle linebacker Zach Thomas who the Dolphins released and ironically signed with Dallas.

With the first round already out of the way and speculations that defensive end Jason Taylor being traded began to die down, Miami moved to the second round with two selections. With the first pick of the second round Miami stayed in the trenches and selected Clemson defensive end Philip Merlin who can possibly become Taylor’s replacement in the near future.

Merlin’s draft stock dropped because of a sports hernia surgery he had in March. The 6-foot-4, 276 pound Merlin recorded 78 total tackles, including 17 tackles-for-loss and seven sacks

in 2007 for Clemson. According to scouts, Merlin does not have great speed as he ran a 4.71 in the Combine before the draft.

After the Packers chose quarterback Brian Brohm as the 25th pick in the second round, the Dolphins clearly had to take a quarterback as their 26th pick as they did selecting Jake Long’s teammate at Michigan, quarterback Chad Henne.

In his last collegiate game, Henne torched the defending champions Florida Gators tossing for 373 yards and 3 touchdowns in a 41-35 victory at the Capital One Bowl in Florida.

For the Dolphins this could only mean a couple of things; either the coaching staff does not trust the arm of John Beck who was drafted by former coach Cam Cameron last season and not by

Parcells’ regime, or they are willing to have an open competition between those two quarterbacks (Beck and Henne) and newly signed quarterback Josh McCown who came out of Oakland.

The 28-year-old McCown was a third round selection by the Cardinals in 2002 and played nine games for Oakland last season throwing for 1151 yards with ten touchdowns and eleven interceptions.

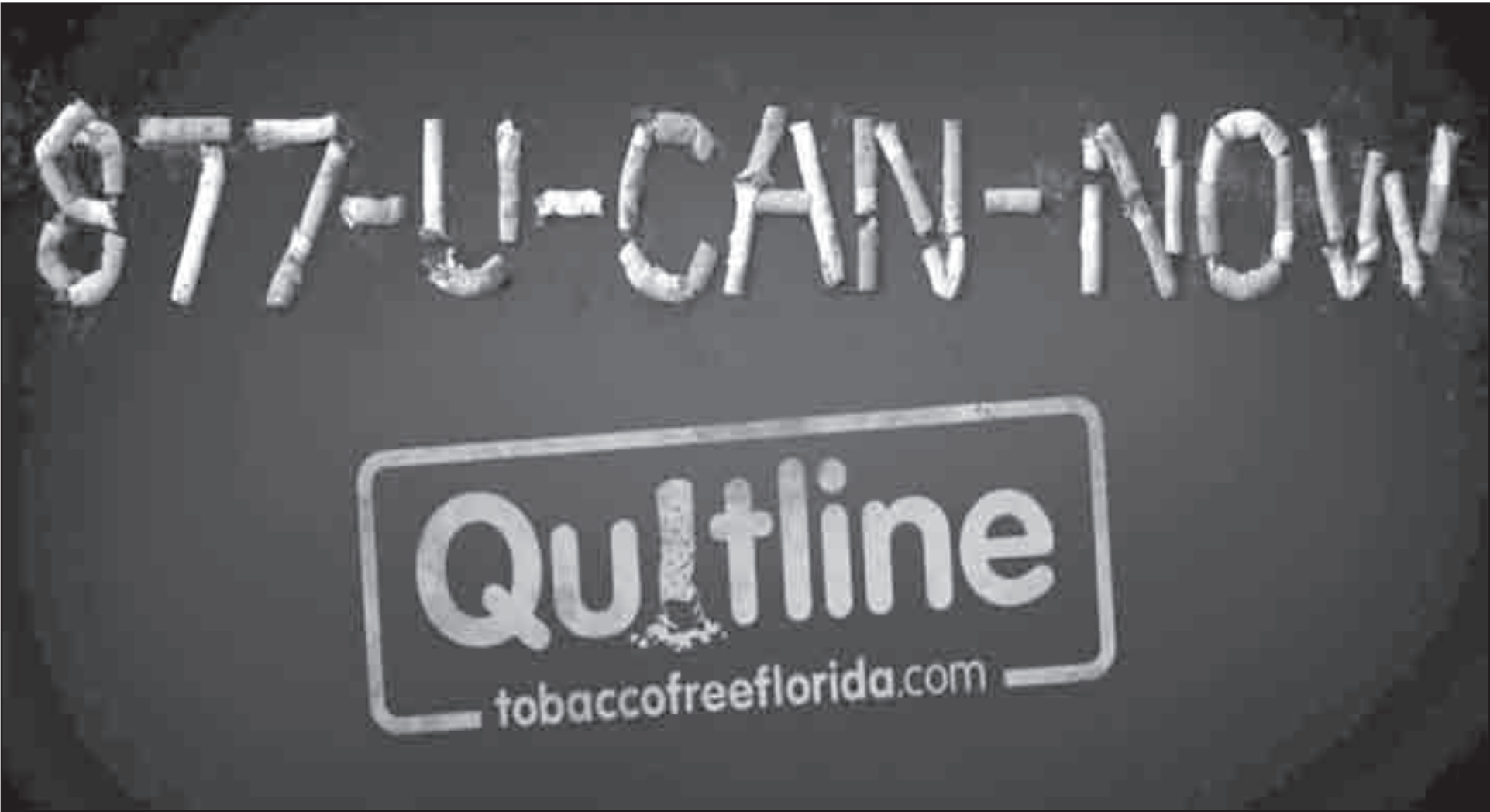
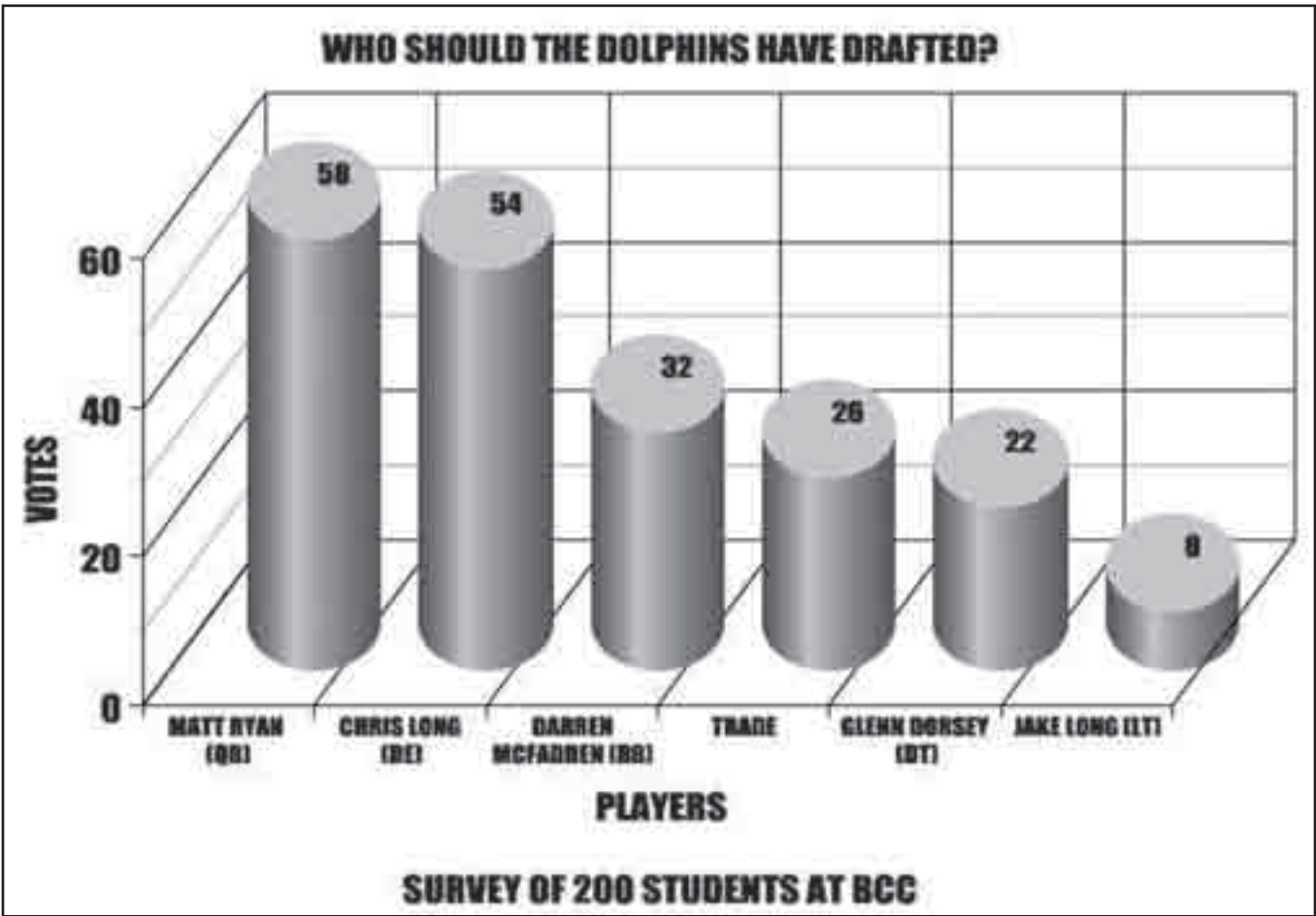
The Dolphins began adding depth to the defensive line by selecting Kendall Langford out of Hampton. As a senior in 2007, he started all his games and completed the season with 72 tackles, six sacks, two forced fumbles and a blocked kick.

The front office began wheeling and dealing again in round four as they sent first year run-

ning back and third string running back out of Florida State Lorenzo Booker to the Philadelphia Eagles for a fourth round pick which they used to draft Sean Murphy from Utah State who will add more depth to the offensive guard spot.

Miami wound up drafting another guard in the fifth round in Donald Thomas, a couple of running backs in Jalen Parmele and Lex Hilliard, and capped their draft by choosing defensive tackle Lionel Dotson in the final round.

This could very well be a start of a new look for the Miami Dolphins as they bulked up both the offensive and defensive line in this year’s draft. Jake Long was not the clear-cut number one pick but he will bully through defensive ends for Ronnie Brown and Ricky Williams for plenty of years to come.



NBA Playoffs: Make History or Be History

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The 82 game journey of a season is now past us while the 2008 NBA Playoffs have begun and these playoffs might prove to be more surprising than the last.

In the Western Conference the race for the last two spots in the playoffs became one of the closest races in NBA history which was decided between the Mavericks, Nuggets and Warriors. The final playoff spot in the west was decided by merely one game as Golden State was eliminated just before their last game of the season.

For the other teams, only three games separated the top six teams in the west as the Lakers claimed the number one seed over the up-start Hornets.

The Eastern Conference wound up becoming more predictable than the west, Philadelphia and Atlanta ended in the bottom two with a losing record. The Celtics claimed the top seed for the first time since the 1986-87 season and mounted up 66 wins, the third most in the Celtics rich history.

In the first round the top seed Lakers breezed by the Denver Nuggets in a four game sweep. It all seemed to be too little too late for the Nuggets when disgruntled forward Carmelo Anthony accused his team of “quitting” af-

ter their 18-point loss at home in game three to the Lakers.

2008 NBA Most Valuable Player Kobe Bryant averaged 28 points six rebounds and a little over five assists; center Pau Gasol averaged over 18 points and eight boards as four out of the five starters averaged over double-digits in scoring.

The Jazz faced the Rockets in the first round and snatched the first two away games led by the scoring of point guard Deron Williams, producing 42 points in the first two games. In the third game Houston edged Utah in their home court by only two points as Luis Scola blocked Deron Williams game-winning shot in the final seconds of the game.

In the fourth game the Jazz took control in game four winning 86-82, the Rockets could not come up with a rebound to give them a shot at winning the game after Deron Williams missed two

late free throws.

Despite Tracy McGrady’s 40-point outburst in game six the Jazz were too much for Houston as they pounded the Rockets 113-91. The Jazz will face Los Angeles

time classic game by the Spurs over the Suns which included a game-tying three pointer by who else but Tim Duncan seemed to rip the Suns confidence into shreds and reminded the entire league that the Spurs are still the defending champs as they easily won their series four games to one. San Antonio will face the youthful Hornets in the second round.

The Eastern Conference proved to be less eventful; Detroit handled Philadelphia in six games. Meanwhile Orlando, led by Dwight Howard’s 20 points and 14 rebounds per game, took care of the Raptors in five games. Both the Magic and the Pistons will face each other in the second round.

The Wizards faced LeBron James and the Cavaliers for the third consecutive year in the playoffs as the injured Gilbert Arenas guaranteed the Wizards would get past the Cavs stating that the “third time is the charm”.

Unfortunately for Arenas and the Wizards, Cleveland wound up to be too much for Washington;

the Cavs won the series in six games as LeBron James scored a triple-double in the final game, scoring 27 points, 13 rebounds and assists. Cleveland has moved on to the second round for the third straight season.

The top seeded Boston faced the last seeded Hawks in the first round as the Celtics took the first two home games in dominant fashion.

Although this series began to seem like it was the easiest series in the playoffs, they were proven wrong; Atlanta stormed back taking games three and four at home.

The Celtics controlled home court again taking game five, but the feisty Hawks tied the series yet again stealing game six with the clutch free-throw shooting of Joe Johnson and Mike Bibby.

With the series shifting back to Boston for a final game seven, the Celtics showed why they had the best record in the league sending Atlanta home in a 44-point victory (99-65). Boston will face the 2007 Eastern Conference Champions the Cavaliers in the second round.

As Atlanta proved, anything can happen in the playoffs this year and although the experts expect the Boston Celtics to face the L.A. Lakers in the finals, expect the unexpected.



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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Publication after publication, readers assume that we are biased with what goes in the paper. They assume that we cover more news for one campus than the other major campuses and centers. Well, here are your answers that you have wanted to know.

We are not biased with what goes in the paper. We always look for news and are open to suggestions. Sometimes, the ideas people give us can be outdated and we cannot run it. One thing people should remember, this is a student publication; therefore, faculty should not be writing articles expecting them to be published. The students from the paper can do an interview and feature a faculty member or a professor. Sometimes, there is conflict of interest. If someone quotes themselves besides the newspaper, it's considered conflict of interest and we cannot run it. Keep in mind we have other things to do. We are students trying to maintain good grades; we have to work and study for tests. We do this to inform you, the readers, of what is going on at BCC. We have a limited amount of staff. Writers come and go. There are times we give five stories to a writer and that is a lot. There are times a writer cannot get in touch with a possible source to write an article for the paper. Sometimes, writers take on a story and never show up again, and it looks bad on us that we do not cover it. That is why most of the stories go to certain writers.

I get complaints that we do not cover certain campuses, especially North Campus. We would like to have more coverage on North, but we need more writers, and it would be great if someone from North Campus could find out what is going on and cover it. Unfortunately, we do not have coverage for North in this publication. Hopefully in the next issue we will. We are always looking for writers, no experience needed. We just ask that when you take on a story please do it, if you need help call us, e-mail us and we will help.

Another complaint was that we supposedly made South Campus look bad when we had our front page about a laptop robbery. Well, it is not our fault that there was a robbery; we take news as it comes. We go by accuracy and truth. It is not as if we were making it up.

Throughout the entire year, I tried to make things equal and be open minded of what was going on at BCC. I made sure to have different main campuses on the front page. We tried our best and every other week we were in the newsroom juggling our busy schedule to produce a newspaper for you, readers, to inform you of what is going on. Just keep in mind, compared to other community college newspapers, we are one of the best, and we try to cover things outside of BCC.

Well, my time here is up. I have been here for three years, and now, it is time to move on. There will be two editors taking my place, Bruno Niccoli, Sports Editor, and Kevin Rosenberg, Copy Editor. I know they will do a good job and cover BCC for the students, faculty and staff. I will miss you all. Most of all, I would miss my mentor, adviser Jennifer Shapiro. If it were not for her, I would not be where I am. I would like to thank Chris Cutro for his input on making the paper better and the pictures clearer. Also, to Dr. Barbara Nightingale for helping me to be a better leader and helping me get scholarships, and other teachers, I have, and I cannot keep naming them because there is a long list of teachers, students and faculty I would like to thank/ miss. Most of all, I will miss The Observer. I have seen the paper get better each year, and I have seen the college grow from the time I have been here. I will not forget where I began my career. I started here at BCC, and it did open doors for me. Take your time to be on campus and realize the benefits that BCC has to offers students. Remember to follow your dreams, do not let anyone bring you down, and motivation leads you to your destination. Keep reading the paper and good luck to all. I wrote something for all the graduates and future graduates. It was a song but I cut it down to a poem. It's called Moving on.

These are the last days of the week.
These are the moments to share with each other
Before we say good-bye at the same time and moment.
Keep thinking about those times that we shared
How I wish to go back there.
Everything is changing it is so confusing,
Where do we go from now
What are we going to be like in the future
Those were the days when we used to trust each other
These are the times to share and remember the past.
There are the nights I reminisce of what happened,
These are the times to share
As the change in our lives begins to move on.
These are the times to stick together.
These are the days that would last forever,
Before we move along in our own pathways.
Keep thinking about you and me, how would we be?
Things come across my mind,
Why do things change.
Would it be better if there were no change at all
So there is no more saying good-bye?
These are the times to open up that yearbook
To sit there and reminisce of each year.
These are times to remember your enemies,
our good friends and the good times.
Moving on, moving on

Sincerely,
Heather Dulman,
Editor-in-Chief

From Our Staff

The power of a name

The Broward community is familiar with BCC. If someone asks, "Where do you go?" A reply of "BCC" will instantly be understood. However, in one year, will someone understand what is being referred to when a student replies "Broward College?"

"Is that a new school?" They might say. As we reported in the March 24 and April 14 issues the college will be undergoing a name change because of the Bachelor's in Education degree. Though we don't disagree with the school wanting to add a bachelor's degree program, there are two questions worth considering. Is this the right time, and, when all is said and done, will it have been worth it?

Both the Miami Herald and the Sun-Sentinel have reported on the budget cuts that state universities have received from the state government. Because of this universities have capped enrollment, thus sending more students toward community colleges. So with potentially more students coming our way, the school will certainly need money, money that will be drained by the name change and the marketing that will go along with it.

Although the change is to be implemented in the most cost effective manner there are parts of BCC already affected by budget cuts that could benefit more from that money. Not only are colleges facing budget issues, but the entire state, or the entire country, is in an economic crisis, and because of these reasons a name change should be put on the back burner.

However, the *potential* revenue that could be generated with a name change can't be denied. Emphasis added to "potential" because the amount of money, whether in large or small amounts, is not known. It's also possible that the name change won't bring any money at all.

As previously stated, people are familiar with BCC, and that familiarity can not be denied. We will admit there is a negative stigma towards community colleges, and there are people who avoid them because of that stigma. However, there are some who feel it is from a community college that they can get into a four-year university, or prepare themselves for a four-year university.

There are also those whose only option is a community college. Of course that option will still be there, but when they hear "Broward College" they won't immediately think that it's Broward Community College, unless the marketing campaign is effective, and the most effective marketing campaigns are those that cost a lot of money. Then we're back at stage one.

Again, we aren't opposed to adding a bachelor's degree program and we aren't even opposed to the name change. What we're saying is that maybe it can be held off for when the college is in a better position financially and the state economy is in an upswing.

America isn't really a Christian nation

JOHN WILSON
STAFF WRITER

When the annual income of your household clearly states to you that there's a definite chance on NOWHERE being your destination as far as generation movement is concerned, you turn to Jesus for justification and comfort.

When your peaceful idyllic life in the suburbs is torn asunder by the menage-a-trois of Second Amendment rights, teenage angst, Pfizer-induced despair and the blurred divider between entertainment and reality, Christ is always around with open arms.

When it's election time in any political theater and your heart is waiting to be tugged by a politician whose fingers know how to work the avenues of homosexuality and the sanctity of marriage, best believe a quotable featuring "Our Lord Thy God" will be popping off.

This usage of Christianity as a Staples' Easy Button to get the masses in line (when the tenets of the Patriot Act aren't good enough) doesn't surprise me one bit, for it's obvious that when it comes to Christianity, the nation itself uses it rather than immerses in it.

According to data from the American Religious Identity Survey (ARIS), in 2004, close to 80 percent of the US population identified themselves as Christians. In the same survey, about one percent of the population is Judaic-identified

and almost one percent Islamic-identified.

It is true that in any religion there are the fundamentalists and the casual observers, the Bible thumpers and the "I go to church on Easter and Christmas; isn't that enough?" people. However, is the United States of America absolutely Christian in nature? Hell No!

How can freedom of religion exist when minorities who are not Christian arouse more suspicion than a Jesus fearing Klan member and a rowdy Aryan National Supremacist who loves Christ and his "white" robes?

We're Christian when it supports our interests.

Speaking of interests, when it comes to the money, how can it be forgotten about the Masonic symbols and biased assumption from the daddies of the country?

Christianity is so prevalent in the States that even in the times of the colonies Founding Father Benjamin Franklin can suggest the line ANNUIT COEPTIS (God has favored our undertaking) be on the dollar bill. Everyone in the room (some slaveholders who diligently went to church on Sunday) naturally assumes the Father of Christ, not Allah nor Yahweh as the god Mr. Franklin is speaking of.

See even in the colonial times when the land was used as a dumping ground for those outcasts of the traditional Christian practices and whatnot, from Acadia to Argentina recruitment

was moving along with ownership of land. Whether it was the Bible, the Baptism, the beheading, or the booty, the one aspect guaranteed by the conquerors of the New World was that all is guaranteed in the name of Christ.

That's why in these days with the presidential election Hillary Clinton can have somebody in her camp find a picture of Barack Obama in the traditional wear of a Somali elder and have the Bible thumpers scared by mentioning his intangible ties to Islam. Never mind the fact that he is a member of a well-known church in Chicago or that Mrs. Clinton is opportunistic to be a NY Senator just for the delegate number she wouldn't have in her own state. The insinuation of him not being a Christian and him wanting to be president when all previous were bearing the cross (when advantageous) is enough to get the Southern Democrats clutching Christ Clinton as the savior for 2008.

Republicans use the same tactic when they can't use patriotism as a leverage.

In the end most Americans are Christians at convenience. For some people, it's all they've known, like cave dwellers. For others it's even trendy, like reading the Kabbalah (a Judaic text) when Madonna shone a *Ray of Light* on it. Will the Holy Spirit or full bottles of that Beefeater gin hold when the recession really hits and foreclosures become as common as bullets in Iraq?



Relay For Life



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Broward Community College was the proud host of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. The event took place on April 11 beginning at 10 a.m. and lasted until 10 p.m. at BCC South Campus. The event is usually 24-hours to convey that "Cancer never sleeps." However, since it is BCC's first time hosting, it was conducted over a 12-hour period. The lake at the campus was lit by hundreds of luminaria that were purchased in remembrance of a loved one lost to cancer, to represent someone fighting the disease, or celebrate the life of someone who has won their battle with cancer.

The relay began by the participating cancer survivors names being called and announcing the type of cancer they had and how long they have been a survivor for. They got a sash to display over their unique shirts and began the first lap. The next lap was by the caretakers of the survivors. "It gives the survivors a public chance to say thank you for being there for me," says Cindy Denkhoff, Senior Executive Assistant of Information

Technology.

Luminaria are paper bags that are filled with sand to weigh them down in which a

those walking and running for the cause help raise money for the American Cancer Society. Senior Professor of English at

says Ellingham. He has always financially contributed to the cancer society, and is doing so this time in the name of his wife

Society. People who wish to contribute can still do so until June 30. "Last year two BCC students were given scholarships from the American Cancer Society," says Denkhoff. It is an opportunity for the community to come together to support a great cause. "Having the Relay for Life on our campus gives me an opportunity to become more personally involved and also to help increase awareness of the need for more knowledge and research for all types of cancer so there can be more survivors," says Ellingham.

In honor of those winning their battle, there was a survivor dinner that was hosted by Alpha Delta Rho chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. The food was donated by Nicks Bar and Grill on Hollywood Beach and the dessert was donated by Lackmann. Hopefully BCC will be asked to host the even again next year since "the relay was a great success. It took a lot of work from great people to put together an event like this," according to Denkhoff.

To make a contribution, contact Cindy Denkhoff at cdenkof@broward.edu, or log on to <http://events.cancer.org/rflcolleageanduniversitiesfl>.



Brenan Doak helping to place the luminarias around the lake.

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small candle is placed in. The light given off symbolizes the hope and perseverance of those battling the disease. The pathway around the lake was decorated with the lights as

BCC, Dr. Pat Ellingham, lost his wife to cancer. She battled breast cancer for 17 years. "She accepted what life gave her with more grace than I think I, or most people, would have,"

and a fellow faculty member who is a survivor.

Fifteen teams were formed and 20 survivors participated. The relay raised about \$ 12,000 for the American Cancer



One-third of all cancer deaths in the United States could be prevented by following a healthy diet and maintaining a healthy weight.



Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon, initiated the American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Tacoma, Wash., in the 1980s.



In 1986, 19 teams participated in the first relay event in the Stadium Bowl. A total of \$33,000 was raised.



More than 4,800 Relay for Life nationwide events are full-filled, overnight and up to 24 hours.



With the research and funding from the American Cancer Society, billions have been invested in cancer research, and a total of 40 society-funded researchers have won the Nobel Prize.



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