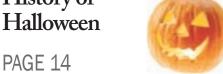
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### **COLLEGE UNITES AGAINST BOARD**

BCC FACULTY ARE DENIED CONTRACTS BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES; STUDENTS JOIN IN PROTEST



Left to right: Reference Librarian Neil Linger, Biology Professor Greg Reeder, Student Stephanie Nertz, Biology Professor Steve Lytle, and President of Phi Theta Kappa, Maksim Yermakov, along with other staff, faculty, and students, were present for the protest against BCC's Board of Trustees.

**CENTRAL BUREAU CHIEF** 

Faculty members, dressed in black and graduation attire, picketed on what they viewed as a violation of an agreement made between the United Faculty of Florida (UFF) and the BCC administration on Oct. 12 on Central Campus.

According to Catherine Leisek, Professor of Art and Union Chief Negotiator, the State Collective Bargaining Act was violated, which mandates that when both parties have arrived to a provisional consensus, it must be written out and signed. Leisek mentioned that the Board affirmed that an agreement was not reached and therefore there was not a provisional contract. The UFF maintains that the faculty ratified the contract on the July 21. The administration requested that the UFF reopen the contract for bargaining on July 7, but they refused to do so.

During the meeting, the UFF was informed by Dr. Calderon that the Board

did not agree with the provisional contract and therefore they recognized it as being void. In addition, the Board saw many sections that needed to be rewritten. They also eliminated three letters of understanding from the document. Leisek identified them as a seniority definition, a health care task force and the mission goal for the year, which is diversity. Leisek also said that there were certain agreements that was reached last year and pulled back this year. The faculty originally requested 161 days of work and two professional development days, but was denied by the Board, said Green.

"Overall, I think the teachers are treated abominably. They are grossly underpaid. They are not even making a living wage in Florida. Inflation in this state was 5.8 percent and most teachers only got a 3-4 percent raise," Leisek said. Other members of the faculty also expressed their

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### Learning to be a leader

BY EMILY MOORHOUSE

STAFF WRITER

In the past few years, it has become a tradition for the Student Life Departments on each BCC campus to team up every semester and host a Leadership Retreat for students. While past retreat topics have included ethics and leadership styles, the Fall 2006 retreat, on Friday, October 6, and Saturday, October 7, focused on business etiquette, teambuilding, and communications.

Over 60 students came dressed in business attire to the Riverside Hotel in Fort Lauderdale from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday for the "Etiquette Essentials for Success" portion of the retreat. Students circled around several

tables for a three-course instructional feast including soup, chicken breast and potatoes, and key lime pie. World recognized etiquette expert, Jacqueline Whitmore gave students a crash course in Continental, American, and "barbarian" styles of eating, proper place setting, making toasts, and dressing appropriately for professional settings. Among the advice Whitmore gave to the students was to make sure that their socks matched their pants and their belts matched their shoes. North Campus student, Paola Mariselli, says she enjoyed the session, but wishes it was "a little more advanced."

The next day from 9:00 a.m. to

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Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2006 @ 12-5 p.m. in Bldg 19/ Central Park Cafe

### Health speaker motivates students to eat healthy

BY DANIELLA DORCELUS CENTRAL BUREAU CHIEF

Deanna Latson, a health educator and motivational speaker informed students on the importance of nutrition on October 17, 2006 at Central Campus. Latson explained the harmful effects of meat, which includes heart disease, cancer, strokes and difficult digestion. One of the ways that she was able to get her point across was by showing a video relating to the topic.

The video portrayed a health care worker who described an incident when a patient had many fatty deposits surrounding the blood plasma. The patient later found out that he had atherosclerosis. According to Medlineplus.gov, atherosclerosis is a "condition in which fatty materials [collect] along the wall of the arteries." He was then asked what he had eaten and responded by mentioning that he had a cheeseburger and a milkshake prior to visiting the doctor's office. In reference to the clip, Latson mentioned that nutrition is one of the biggest factors that play a role in overall health and yet medical schools spend less time educating doctors on this subject. The presenter did not merely state facts and statistics but provided a personal touch to her lecture.

Latson disclosed that she was bulimic for eleven years and during college, she became extremely overweight. With her busy schedule and the lack of favorable food in the school's cafeteria, she found herself going to McDonald's constantly for meals. Her life changed dramatically when she met this very vibrant and happy student at the university that she attended.

That student had more energy than Latson although she was 51 and Latson was 21.

Latson later learned the key to being and staying healthy from that pupil. During that time, she taking an excessive amount of

medications because of his health which was the result of a terrible diet. In fact, her family had a background of unhealthy eating habits. Three of her relatives died early because of heart problems, including grandfather three months before father's wedding. She was trying to convince him to change his eating habits and sedentary

lifestyle but he was cynical about the whole thing

until Latson became upset and

threatened to never forgive him

Motivational speaker Deanna

found out that her father was if he did what his grandfather did to him. She was referring to her

> grandfather's death months before father's wedding since she was planning to get married soon. Her father promised that he would be dedicated only six months of an exercise program. After he made that decision, changed dramatically for the better.

Although Latson's father hesitant about the regime at first, within 2

months he informed his daughter that he will never go back to his old lifestyle. During the third month, he told his colleagues that they were killing themselves by eating junk. Overall, Latson's father lost 85 pounds and proved the doctors wrong by becoming completely independent of all the medications that he was once taking. Latson mentioned that prescription drugs are not the answer to solving health problems. It is basically covering it up instead of getting to the root of issue. It was mentioned that heart disease is one of the leading deaths in Americans today and yet it is the number one most preventable disease. The speaker also stated the significance of goals in her presentation.

Latson informed that audience that goals are ten times more likely to occur if they get written down. She gave two examples to demonstrate the impact of doing this. Jim Carrey was living in poverty and wrote himself a check for \$10 million dollars. He dated the check and wrote that it would be for acting services rendered. Carrey actually received that same amount when he landed a role in Batman. When Michael Jordan was younger, he always wrote in his wall that he would become that greatest basketball player that the world has ever seen. Most people today would agree that he is one of the best player's in the National Basketball Association (NBA).

According to gotohealth.com, Latson resigned as a professor at San Francisco University in order to travel and educate people on the importance of health and wellness. She has earned her Clinically Certified Nutritionist's degree (CCN) and a Masters Degree in Health communication. She is presently completing her Naturopathic Doctor Degree (ND). Latson has traveled globally to speak with over 100,000 people of varying ages. She has presented to more than 300 colleges and universities including, Stanford and NYU. Additionally, she has been requested to speak back by major corporations such as AT&T and Visa.

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# Luncheon to educate about breast cancer

**BY ANDRES LOPEZ**STAFF WRITER

The month of October is with synonymous various religious holidays as well as with some non-religious holidays, such as Columbus Day and Halloween. However, the month of October also has a significance that transcends languages and cultures throughout the world, because it has been classified as Breast Cancer Awareness month. A 31-day period that attempts to educate and inform the public about information that is serious and perhaps fatal if not acknowledged in time. Some of the issues that are stressed during this month are: risk factors that contribute to either a healthier life or to the deterioration of cell tissue, symptoms, diagnosis, treatment and also about little known facts about breast cancer such as that men can also develop breast cancer like in the case of day time television host Montel Williams.

Breast cancer makes no discrimination as far as to which person it affects. Even glamorous celebrities struck by this cancer that took the lives of 40,410 women in 2005 according to the statistics provided by the American Cancer Society. Famous women like Edie Falco, Melissa Etheridge, Olivia Newton John, Suzanne Somers just to name a few, of the microcosm representation of all the estimated 270,000 women that are diagnosed with this type of cancer each year. Breast cancer is the second most common cancer among women, coming in first place is skin cancer.

The knowledge of the symptoms as well as the different methods of diagnosing breast cancer should not be a deterrent for men wanting to find out more about this deteriorating and often fatal disease that is diagnosed to close to 1 percent of all the cases related to breast cancer each year. Men should also be encouraged to be familiar with the vast knowledge that is out on various websites that are available to the public, for instance www.cancer. org that not only displays statistics on the subject but also educates.

The Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 25 from

11 a.m.- 1 p.m. at the Southern Breeze Café, Building 68 and will be presented by the American C a n c e r Association.

### Modern Halloween is candy-corny



PHOTO BY HEATHER DULMAN

Decorations in Student Life on South Campus both turn heads and bump up the cheese factor of modern day Halloween.

BY HEATHER DULMAN SOUTH BUREAU CHIEF

It's that time of year to search for that particular costume to be some one who you are not. Soon the student can munch on that free candy and celebrate Halloween and take time out of the day and hang out at the Southern Breezeway and Southern Breezes Cafe on Tuesday, Oct. 31. Student Life and Student Government are planning on fund-raising a haunted house in the game room for a week starting Oct. 23 to Oct. 31. Students can still go into the game room and play their games a n d watch movies. The

Original front doors would be for the haunted house and the other side door would

be used as the entrance for the game room.

For those who are interested in scary movies Their will be a Halloween Cinema at the Southern Breeze café located across from the game room and by building 68 and the cafeteria. The movie that will be shown will be Saw II. Since Saw III is coming out on Oct. 27, it would be a great way to follow up on the

mind boggling puzzles of Jigsaw. The movie times are 9-11 a.m., 12-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.

There would be a costume

at 12-2 p.m. Rose
Ortega said, Prizes
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first, second
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place winners.
The costume
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display character of the costume. D.J Danny Neptune from the south beach club Fat Tuesdays will be there and hosting the costume contest. Candy will be distributed to anyone who wants any. So come out and see what the hype is all about.

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### Sounds from Spain sooth North

BY ARCHIE ASAR CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Winds from the east blew in the sounds from Spain as Javier Mendoza entertained the North Campus Students, faculty and staff at the Hispanic Heritage version of the Coffee House Concert Series on October 5th.

In his third visit to North Campus, Mendoza remains the only entertainer to come back to the Coffee House Concert series since its conception. Mendoza, who is originally from Madrid, Spain, says "this is the best college Venue he gets to play every year." Archie Asar, who is the Entertainment Coordinator at North, agrees by saying, "he is the best performer he gets to see year after year."

Mendoza blends his Spanish roots and classic and modern rock influences, all of which delivers a unique transitional sound that reaches ones soul and gets you up and grooving. Javier is back in the studio finishing up his brand new CD that is due in spring. Producers David De Las Heras will be flying in from Spain to work on the album along with Saint Louis' producer Jacob Detering.

Javier says, his new album will have lots of Flamenco flavor, and is looking forward to coming back to the Miami Area to perform at local venues. Javier has won The Audience Award for best Latin Artist in Saint Louis' 2006 Music Awards sponsored by KDHX. Javier has resided in Saint Louis in the past several years.

Students absolutely loved Mendoza and show dedication by purchasing over 30 CD's from Mendoza's seven current albums. Over 100 students, faculty and staff were hand. Just like every concert, a Coffee Bar, Muffins and Danishes were served.

Professor Paul Ricker, who brought his class over to see Mendoza, said, "this is a great setting and music is great, and my students enjoyed the free coffee and the entertainer."

If you would like to see Javier Mendoza live, he will be performing at the South Campus on October 11th, at the Southern Breezeway by Bldg. 48 at 12:00 p.m. Students can also visit myspace/javiermendoza to listen and download songs for free.

Next Coffee House Concert is scheduled for November 14, 2006 at 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. and will feature Mary Arden Collins from Hollywood, California. She is an emerging star who is now touring the college scene.

For more info please contact Student Life on North Campus at 954-201-2484.

#### Festival celebrates Hispanics

**BY ANTHONY PERRUCCI**NORTH BUREAU CHIEF

The smells and sounds of Hispanic culture mixed together on October 9th in the Omni Auditorium at BCC's North Campus.

The Hispanic Heritage Festival capped the recent week that the month-long event spent at North Campus before moving on to the other campuses around the county. The event, meant to celebrate the history and impact of Hispanic culture was by all accounts a success. The event is now in its "10th year," estimates North Campus Entertainment Coordinator Archie Asar.

The smells of food such as paella and live music courtesy of Miami-based band Locos por Juana drew dozens of students into the Omni.

The event was held in the gymnasium adjacent to the auditorium, where tables and chairs were set up in the center of

a basketball court ringed around the perimeter by seven tables staffed by members of various clubs, each with a "theme" corresponding to one of several Latin American nations.

The first table, manned by the "Blue Hawks" of the Student Ambassadors, was decorated according to the theme of a Mexican-style quiencenera, the traditionally elaborate fifteenthbirthday celebration held for a Mexican girl in celebration of her becoming a woman.

At a nearby table, themed to Ecuador and run by the Science club, students snapped up slices of a cake made with pumpkin, labeled torta de zapello.

Next to that, the Peruvian table, run by Dezignation (Fashion Club,) club president Julia Matchanickal sliced a San Jose-brand Peruvian cookie, baked with dried fruits.

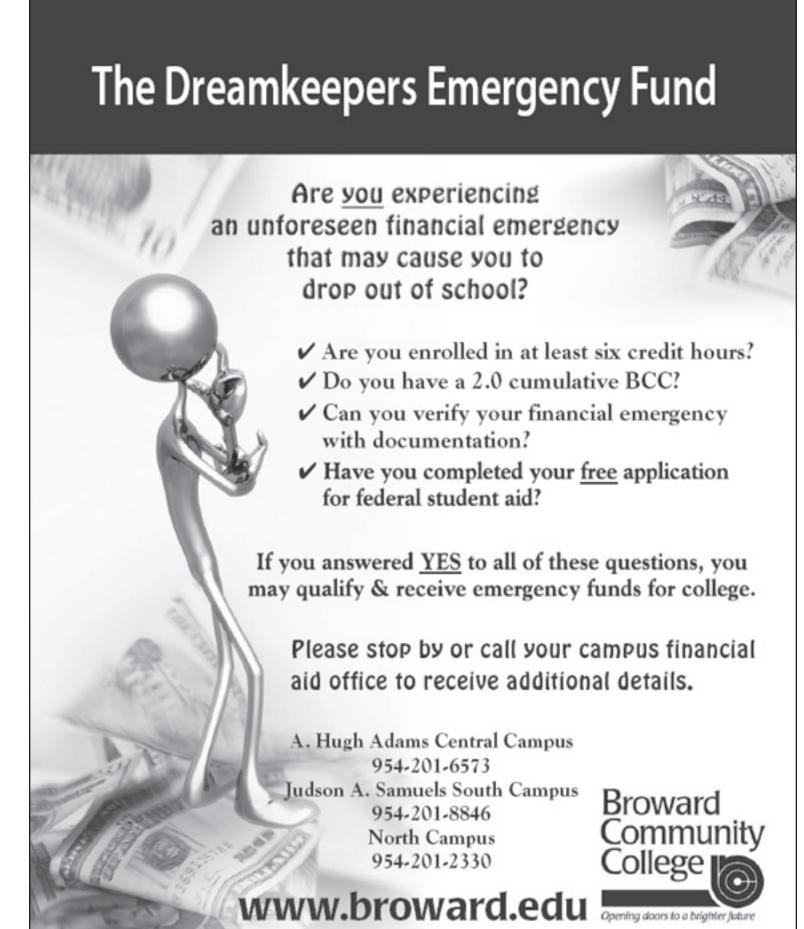
At the next table, decorated in the colors of Argentina, Computer club president Alejandro Carlstein attempted to persuade passers-by to try a taste of mate, a heavily-caffeinated traditional drink made of herbs. The drink, which is traditionally social in nature and drunk through a shared metal straw, did not draw a large number of takers. The nearby bowl of meat empanadas, however, was plucked bare leaving exposed a bed of blue and white paper napkins.

BCC student Kimberly Munive munched down a bowl of plantain chips. What was the best part of the festival? "The food," said the American-born daughter of Ecuadorian parents. The pumpkin cake, especially "was really good." Although she did not try the mate at this particular event-"My brother got sick with mono once," she explains of her hesitance to drink through the communal straw-she does concede that "[mate] is really good."

Locos por Juana, who played their Latin-tinged brand of rock at the event, exemplified the spirit behind the event. The band, which was nominated for the Latin Grammy for Rock Album of the Year for their second album, Musica pal Pueblo, is comprised of Colombians, Venezuelans, Argentines and Puerto Ricans, according to guitar player Marc Kondrat

Kondrat went on to explain that New York and Los Angeles, despite their large Latin populations, remain to a large degree very segmented. The nationalities tend to be more insular. South Florida, by contrast, is more of a melting pot atmosphere, and the band reflects that. "It's like us coming together," says Kondrat, "and we call it one sound."

As the band grooved its way through the second song of its set, members of the Dynamic Soul Dancers took their leave from their Puerto Rican—themed table to dance in the free-throw lane. "We have a good reaction," to that sort of thing, said Kondrat, adding that theirs is "a party band—music heals you."



# Students enjoy free food, festivities

#### BY EMILY CORNWELL WHC BUREAU CHIEF

Considering the Willis Holcombe Center, BCC's downtown campus, is one of the smallest, sometimes there isn't a lot going on. But thankfully, what is put together by the Student Life department and staff is always fun, filling and most times complimentary. From their free movie nights, to the brand new Taco Tuesdays, WHC is always looking out for students' entertainment and stomach.

On Oct. 10, WHC's Student Life put together another quality way for students to spend time between classes. At 12 p.m. the very first 'Taco Tuesday' was held, and it was a total success. While students enjoyed their lunches, they were also greeted and graced with the presence of their dean, David Asencio.

Since Dean Asencio began at the downtown center two years ago, he has been holding "Lunches with the Dean." These hour-long lunches are held monthly, and allow students an open forum for questions and suggestions. At this particular luncheon, issues such as dress code and lack of classes at the WHC were tackled. While the dean informed that a dress code will not be enforced, he also explained the reasoning behind the shrinking number of classes available. Sue Hawk Finn, who also attended the meeting, summarized it by stating, "It's almost like a catch 22, you need classes for students to fill and students to fill those classes." But because the enrolment at WHC has been continuously dropping, there cannot be any addition of classes that will not be supplied with students. Next month's lunch will be held on Nov.15, and will be featuring a new food theme along with many new questions and answers from the Dean.

Another upcoming event that follows the downtown center's typical beneficial happening is the Health fair. The morning of Nov. 9, free nourishing smoothies and breakfast will be supplied for all who attend. And with the help and suggestions of the downtown staff, information on healthy student living and eating habits will be given as well. A blood drive will be held, along with giveaways, of course. Learning is so much more fun where there's great food involved. And for that, the downtown center always comes through.

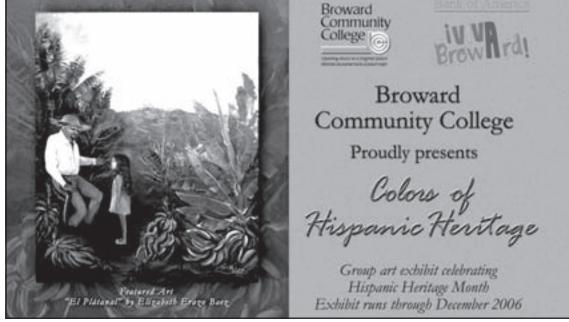
### Colors of Hispanic Heritage Art

PRESS RELEASE

Opening reception Wed., Oct. 18, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in Fort Lauderdale.

Six artists, from almost as many Latin countries, will display 29 works at a show called "Colors of Hispanic Heritage" from Oct. 12 to Dec. 8. It can be seen at Broward Community College's administrative art space on the panoramic 12th floor of the Willis Holcombe Downtown Center at 111 East Las Olas Blvd. in Fort Lauderdale. A festive reception, open to the public, will take place on Wed. Oct. 18, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Curating the show for the second year in a row is Elizabeth Erazo Baez, a painter whose works will also be on display. She has put together a mix of media, including photography and glass sculpture. The other exhibiting artists are Mirta Lopez, Lourdes Crosby, Mima Marin and Luis Matos, who hail from Puerto



The flyer for the "Colors of Hispanic Heritage" exhibit.

FILE PHOTO

Rico, Cuba and the Dominican Republic.

The event is presented by the Broward Community College Board of Trustees, and Dr. Larry

Calderon, BCC's President.

The artists are also contributing several pieces for a silent auction that will be held for the benefit of ASPIRA, a nonprofit organization devoted to helping Latino youth. Business attire is requested.

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### No contracts for college faculty

#### BCC students and professors work together to restore contracts during protest at Central Campus

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indignation over this matter. Members of the UFF believe that the President should have more authority on the decisions that are made on behalf of the college. Deborah Nycz, former Senate President of the union said that the Board is getting too involved in the operations of the college.

According to Nycz, who has been with the UFF for 25 years, negotiations regarding contracts usually starts

in February or March. The more significant aspect of the agreement is discussed over the summer. One of the things that the UFF requested was a clear definition of seniority. Nycz said that seniority should be defined as the number of years one has been employed as faculty (not an administrator) of the college. People who have worked with BCC for a long period of time usually get priority when choosing class schedules. In the past, faculty members that

have been transferred from one department to another but have been an employee of the college for a long time have received less priority. This is because the term "seniority" has not been clearly defined. By doing this, it will ensure that everyone is treated equally by having a standard to follow. Other dissenters continued to express outrage over this matter.

"...teachers deserve to live comfortably like everyone

else since they educate people so that they can go out

Donald Cleveland, a counselor

at BCC, strongly believes that

"your word is your bond." He felt

that the Board acted unethically by

going back on what was promised.

Cleveland said that they are

giving a bad example to students.

In response to the allegations by

the faculty, Dr. Larry Calderon,

the college's President, refused to

comment on the matter. However,

the Chair of the Board of Trustees,

Levi Williams made a statement

on behalf of all the members of

and make a difference."

the Board. "I think it's unfair for the faculty's union to represent such a disingenuous position and take such drastic actions as to negatively impact the educational process of our students. The Board is committed to quality education, the faculty, administration, PTS employees and all those that serve BCC and our community," said Williams. Faculty members also received support from students

during the rally.

The first student seen protesting was Athena Sheth, a 22-year-old sophomore.

She found out about the picketing from a flyer at the Behavioral Science Department the day prior to the event. "I felt like this was something important to me because teachers deserve to live comfortably like everyone else since they educate people so that they can go out and make a difference," said Sheth. Several students from an Introduction to Education (EME 2040) course demonstrated their appreciation for teachers by also picketing.



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Professor of Nuclear Medicine Lorenzo Harrison, and Biology Professor Greg Reeder.

"Teachers don't make a lot of money as it is and the fact that their contract is not being honored for the cost of living is totally wrong. If it wasn't for teachers, there would be no campus," said Fabiana Smith, a student from the EME 2040 class.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Oct. 25, at which time the Board will vote on the 2006-2007 annual salary increases for non-represented PTS/administrative staff; the issue of faculty raises will not be voted on during this meeting.

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### Leadership retreat entertains and educates

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4:00 p.m., around 50 students gathered at the Omni Auditorium for a much more relaxed leadership "Communications experience. and Teambuilding." Long-time motivational speaker, Troy Stende, facilitated a series of engaging group activities. In one of the lighter-hearted of these activities, students were asked to find as many people with the same birthday month or the same number of siblings as possible. Students were also asked to pair up with new people to share about life stories or dreams and to recognize one another. More challenging, was a trust exercise which involved partnering with someone unfamiliar and taking turns having one person blindfolded while the other guides him or her safely around the room. In another blindfolding activity, students were asked to write down something they would like to commit to on the back of a mouse trap and, as a way of proving their commitment, set the trap, let their partner instruct them to place their hand on top of it, and then quickly pull away their hand before the trap went off.

Through initiating various group efforts, Stende caused students to be more open and comfortable with one another. He shed light on how much simply interacting with other human beings helps us to grow internally. Central Campus student, Diego Morano, said his favorite part of the exercises was "talking, meeting, and interacting... getting

to know people more deeply." Two key points Stende stressed were that our inner voices and the positive or negative attitude of other people in our lives can physically make us weaker or stronger and that a lot of times we constrain ourselves to unwritten and unnecessary rules. "I hope the participants had an experience that they can apply to their life

and that they will really believe in themselves," said Stende. "They can do so much more than they give themselves credit for."

Whether students attended just one of the leadership-building sessions or both, they certainly gained core tools in taking on the world of success. Central and North Campus student, Ekaterina Kostioukhina, was able to attend both days of the retreat and said "I am thankful to BCC for organizing it... for investing in us. I need to write them a thank you note." For those who missed this opportunity to learn life skills that are not taught in the classroom, there is a weekendlong retreat planned for February 2007 at the Pine Lake Retreat Center in Clermont, Florida.





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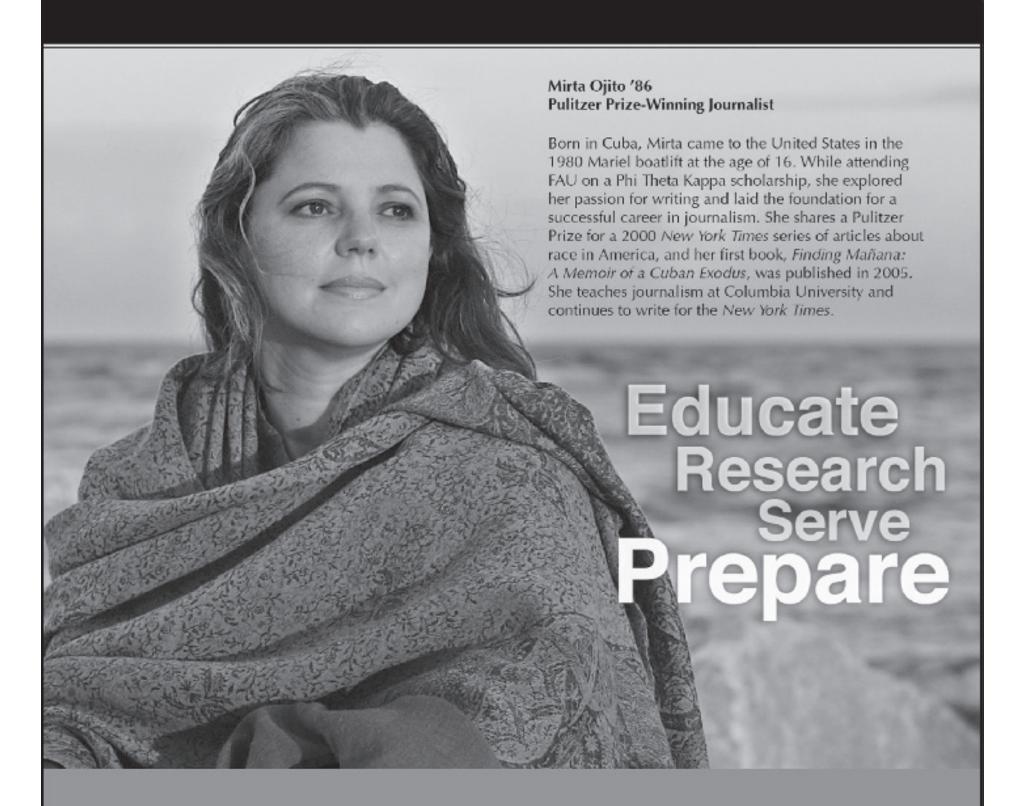
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### The Science of Sleep isn't tired

**BY CAMI CARR** LAYOUT EDITOR

Science of Sleep" trilingual odyssey written directed by Michel Gondry produced Warner Independent Films. Garcia Benal, star of "The Motorcycle Diaries" this Fantasy/Romance about waking meaning reality, fantasy and love after loss. starring is Catherine Gainsbourg, the new wave French screen that starred in "Lemming." Ahost of other little known, though fantastic actors and actresses with singular European flair.

back to moving France from Mexico upon the death of his father, tries to Stephane (Benal) reacquaint himself French way of office prospect meets his neighbor, the similarly named (Gainsbourg.) Stephanie Though Stephane also problems to deal other has a he problem distinguishing his dreams from reality.



A screen capture from the film shows actors Alain Chabat and Gael Garcia Benal in a dream scene where Benal's hands swell to fantastical proportions.

At times, his life becomes a waking dream filled with beautiful imagery fantastical fantasy. Many dreams occur during the film quite remarkable such as when he dreams of his new jobs but suffers from a severe his hands that uncontrollable as his coworkers force him to do his monotonous tasks. His love for Stephanie is constantly in the air and on his mind during the and they embark upon a project of puppetry where he invents the idea ofaforestinaboatthat'stryingtofind its home. Though sometimes the

founders movie nearly unperceivable fantasy and fairytale it still holds you based on relationships of the characters in the story.

The movie ends Stephane's departure back to Mexico City being sabotaged by his emotions when he visits Stephanie one last When he comes into her apartment he drops asleep in her mezzanine bed dreams of the two of them galloping away puppet pony over until they reach the ocean where lies the forest in the boat waiting to take them away.

### Horror movie sequels more cheesy than spooky

BY HEATHER DULMAN SOUTH BUREAU CHIEF

One, two, Freddy's coming for you. Three, four better lock your door. A lot of the movies that are coming out for this Halloween are the sequels of the blockbuster thrillers previous movies that were out from a year to two years ago. There is no comparison of the Freddy and Jason movies back in the day.

Yet again the director must have a grudge on the moviegoers because the director has made a sequel. The Grudge 2 is currently out in the theaters trying to start off where the first one left off. Sarah Michelle Gellar plays the character of Karen Davis and Amber Tamblyn as Aurbrey Davis the two former soap stars are on the big screen now. Aurbrey now gets herself into a curse like her sister. The movie had some girls jumping however it was not the best horror movie of all time. Some guys and girls were in giggle fits over some of the more "scary" scenes.

It seems the so called audience wanted to know more about

Tommy Hewitt also known as leather face; known as The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: the Beginning. Tommy, who worked at a meatpacking industry in Texas, found himself out of work and scarce of people; which lead to the slaughtering of people like they were cows. The movie was a waste of film and the money to produce in the theaters.

The mind-boggler Jigsaw in Saw III is back again one more time to finish off and make people learn from their lessons. Supposedly he died but the previews show differently then what the moviegoers thought. Unlike other movies The Saw trilogy came out every year starting in the end of October of 2004 and now in 2006.

The horror movies these days are over done and unoriginal. How many times can they make the same movie? The only movie that seems interesting is Saw III. The other two are waste of film and should be taken out of the theaters as soon as possible. Hopefully there will not be another remake and another sequel of these played out horror movies.

### The Marine is this year's volatile military drama



John Cena shines in "The Marine".

BY MIKE GONZALEZ STAFF WRITER

A new action star is born in "The Marine," which top lines WWE superstar wrestler John Cena in the organization's latest attempt to branch out into the big screen.

The film starts with John (played by Cena) infiltrating what we're told is an Al-Qaeda compound outside of Tikrit, complete with buildings

and military vehicles and all sorts of bad guy stuff that's ripe for blowing-up. This is not the Al-Qaeda insurgents read about in the newspaper everyday where there are endless amounts of military trucks or any kind of hard target that our action heroes can just swoop in and destroy.

Stateside, he finds himself back in action, when his wife (played by Kelly Carlson) is kidnapped by a murderous gang led by a merciless criminal named

Rome (played by Robert Patrick) after stopping for gas. Patrick's character gets a couple of laughs simply because he's a sociopath with a sense of humor. Requesting that the bystanders in the robbery avert their eyes, for instance, he claims to have "severe intimacy issues." And his deadpan reaction when one of his associates compares the unstoppable hero to the Terminator is priceless.

Anthony Ray Parker, Manu Bennett and Abigail Bianca play

his abusive, bantering band of thugs. With everything on the line, the Marine will stop at nothing to carry out his toughest and most important mission.

First-time Director Bonito milks every action scene for all their worth and has already proven himself a solid Action Movie craftsman.

"The Marine" is rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violent action, sensuality and language.

### Joey; not just another talented DeGraw

BY JESSICA KRIEGER CO-MANAGING EDITOR

Ever wonder who that strong mysterious voice of A&E is? It's the singer song writer Joey DeGraw.

Joey comes from a very musical and talented family. His father Wayne had his own band "The Peoples Band" in high school after both of his sons Joey and Gavin were in there teen years, the band was reunited with two new faces. Wayne taught both of his sons everything he knows.

Joey was born Aug. 21st, 1973, in the Catskill Mountains. He began to play the guitar at the age of five and the piano at the age of eight. After graduating high school, he had over 50 songs written down, and knew his dreams were close. Joey once

said "it was obvious that I was way more interested in writing than anything else and music school can't teach you how to write great songs."

The only thing left to do was practice and become known. He later played in cover bands with his younger brother, recording artist Gavin DeGraw. Meanwhile, his strong voice landed him many "voice overs" for commercials some including Capri Sun, Lipton Ice Tea, Red Zone deodorant and the many voice of A&E, he introduces the show and tells viewers what is on the agenda for the program.

For a while Joey was touring the world with his equally talented brother Gavin DeGraw. On tour whenever there was a second of down time Joey was right in the studio working on his CD

Midnight Audio, at Sony Studios in New York City; Midnight Audio is a straight edged rock record with hard-learned lyrics, devastating melodies honesty. His independent release of Midnight Audio was finished and released in the summer of 2005. Since then his fan base and current reviews have gotten more famous and prestigious.

"What makes Joey such a deep writer and overwhelming talent, besides his god given gifts, is that he goes out of his way to not be famous. It is all about music as an art form. He is a purist and the only young blood in music today that gives me hope," said Chris

Currently Joey is playing venues around New York City, while getting ready to go back on tour. His CD can be found in



Joey DeGraw shows his individuality with his own unique talent.

various stores and of course online. Joey also has his own clothing line called Useless Couture, it's very retro stylish and hip. Joey's CD

and clothing line can be visited at www.JoeyDeGraw.com.

### Man of the year

**BY MIKE GONZALEZ** STAFF WRITER

What would happen if one of the nation's funniest men became its leading one? Oscar award winner Robin Williams reunites with Barry Levinson, the director of Good Morning, Vietnam to answer just that question in the tale of an entertainer's accidental rise to power. Mordant performer Tom Dobbs (Williams) has made his career out of cracking on politicians and speaking the mind of the infuriated nation on his talk show. He tells scornful jokes at a fractured system night after night until he comes up with a really funny idea: why not run for president himself?

Also starring Christopher Walken as Jack Menken, Dobbs' campaign manager, and rising comedian Lewis Black, who plays a wise-cracking head writer, helps Dobbs in his quest to debate elected drones and asks what frustrated voters have so often pondered: "What has happened to leaders' responsibility to the very citizens they serve?"

On the other side of the movie, Eleanor Green (played by Laura Linney) works for a company

that has the contract to put new electronic voting booths in every precinct in the country. On a beta test of the programming, she discovers something is wrong. The machines seem to work at the local level, but when the major votes are tallied, the system keeps handing victory to the same person, despite the actual vote count. She realizes that if this is not fixed, the election will be a fraud. She tried to contact her bosses, but the company understands that if this information gets out it will bankrupt everyone.

Linney's boss assigns evil lieutenant Stewart (played by Jeff Goldblum) to have Eleanor attacked and injected with a cocktail of recreational drugs, so she will lose all her credibility and won't be able to harm the company, Delacroy Systems.

With great movie stars and a catchy plot, "Man of the Year" is a satisfying candidate for the disposable movie dollar with a story that stays on your mind. This movie is Rated PG-13 for language including some crude sexual references, drug related material and brief violence.



Robin Williams sticks it to the man in his newest film, "Man of the Year."

### Jet Li's "Fearless" ignites in fire and justice



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Huo Yuanjia (Jet Li) and Anno Tanaka (Shido Nakamura) square off in Jet Li's Fearless.

BY LETIKA MOORE CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This is a must see movie starring Tian Jai as Jet Li. Li strikes back again with his energetic burning spirit and storytelling of a young Chinese boy who wants to be just like his father and master the art of Chinese boxing. His father however, wants him to study and be a diligent student; somehow Huo Yuijang still finds a way to study martial arts without his father knowing. Thirty years later he grows up to be the best and strongest martial artist in his town. He succeeds and is number one. He puts everything aside to uphold his title, even his daughter. His daughter in the movie constantly waits for her father every night, but he's always

out drinking with his disciples. Yuijang's mother advised him to look for a mother for his daughter, but he was too concerned about winning and upholding the number one position. In a turn of events, one of his disciples lies to him (about Master Qin beating up one of Yuijang students'.) Yuijang seeks revenge by killing Qin and in return Yuijang's daughter and mother gets slaughtered by Master Qin's foster son. The next day Yuijang finds out that his disciple slept with Master Qin's daughter. After all of this turmoil Yuijang leaves his home town and moves to an island off the shores of China to live with an indigenous tribe. Mei, a blind women shows him that life sometimes hurts but one has to move on. He takes heed to her

kind words and returns home with a better understanding of Martial Arts. After thirty-something odd years later, he finally learns that his father was trying to teach a valuable lesson: "Hatred and revenge breeds only destruction and loss." He then begins to teach his students that martial arts is about mastering ones self rather than using it for revenge. Yuijang's father never used martial arts to avenge or kill anyone but it was rather about integrity, respect and spirituality. Jet Li Tian Jai in real life, has had a few losses for his bad judgments, however in the making of this movie he hopes to instill a lesson that all martial art students should learn: "Revenge is never the answer," no matter how badly an individual has wronged you.

### The Departed imparts entertainment

BY AMANDA FERNANDEZ STAFF WRITER

In this action packed mobster flick, based on true characters and events, Colin Sullivan played by Matt Damon is a member of the South Boston police force who rises in power to the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) as well as an informant for notorious Irish-American mob boss Frank Costello, played by Jack Nicholson. The state police wages war with the Irish American organized crime lords and send an under cover cop, Billy Costigan, played by Leonardo DiCaprio as a "mole". Both Sullivan and Costigan drown in their double lives as they gather information concerning the plans and counterplans of both the SIU and the crime syndicate. However, it doesn't take long for the mob and police force to figure out that there is a rat in both families. In a twist of events both Sullivan and Costigan inquisitively and quickly try to reveal the identity

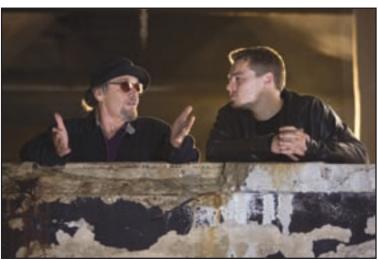
of one another in order to save himself. The film becomes a question of whether either of the they've befriended and or loved.

Also starring along side Damon. DiCaprio and Nicholson are Alec Baldwin, Martin Sheen and Mark Wahlberg. This all-star cast gives an incredible performance as an ensemble; it wouldn't be a shock to see DiCaprio, Damon or Nicholson receive a well deserved Oscar nominee(s.) Of the strong supporting cast that encompasses Baldwin and Sheen, Wahlberg additionally outdoes himself and should be considered for an Oscar nomination. Nicholson, who is a veteran of the Oscar race, is extremely witty and is his usual charismatic energy made the mobster drama more believable. He originally turned down the film but later agreed to play Costello because he had previously done a few comedies and wanted to reprise the role of a villain. He chose Frank Castello because he considered the role to be "the

ultimate incarnation of evil."

Another performance was men is willing to betray the people Leonardo DiCaprio. Leo has wowed us with performances such as What's Eating Gilbert Grape, The Basketball Diaries and The Aviator, which landed him an Oscar nomination for Best Actor. However, in this film, his brilliance overpowered his legendary good looks and hopefully we'll see him pick up an Academy Award this year. We can't help but hope the same for Matt Damon whom we remember best from Good Will Hunting and The Talented Mr. Ripley. This cast is simply point blank and is in one short word, impeccable.

Not to mention the almost guaranteed Oscar win for legendary director Martin Scorsese, who brought us award winning films such as Goodfellas, The Aviator and Taxi Driver. "If Scorsese doesn't pick up an Oscar for best director this year, he never will." said Eric Fernandez after attending the premiere



Jack Nicholson and Leopnardo Di'Caprio shine in this season's modern cop drama of undercover and corrupt state police officers in Boston,

midnight showing of the film. Many find it ironic how Scorsese is not only one of the most legendary directors in Hollywood but also directed some of the most notorious films in history yet he has yet to win an Academy Award acknowledging his gifts.

Bottom line, this film is an absolute must see. Between the

amazing cast performances and the non stop adrenaline, moviegoers will be completely blown away from beginning to end. Not only was this plot accurately and incredibly portrayed but it was also unpredictable. I give two thumbs up for this fantastic and energetic movie.

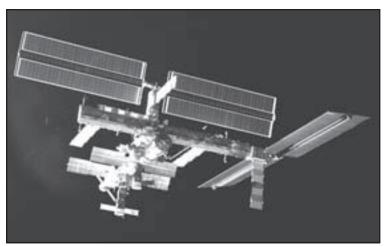


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The International Space Station (ISS).

#### BY RICK DAVIS STAFF WRITER

On September 12 construction on the International Space Station got back underway with the installation of a new structural truss containing solar panels that will help to power the coming additions. Construction on the ISS which began in 1998 and had been originally planned to be complete by 2005 however the Columbia disaster in 2003 forced a serious delay as all shuttle launches were grounded for two and a half years.

A meeting of the nations involved in the ISS was conducted this year in which they confirmed their commitment to complete the station by 2010. For that to happen no fewer than 12 shuttle missions dedicated to ISS construction will need to be completed along with four more that do not solely add new equipment. In total 33 shuttle missions will contribute to construction along with countless other US missions and support from the Russian, European and Japanese space agencies. Once complete the ISS will have a mass of over 400,000 kilograms, utilize 100 kilowatts of power and have about 1,000 cubic meters of pressurized area for the crew to operate in.

The coming additions to the station will serve a variety of needs. First, will be a new module called simply "Node 2" built by the Italian Space Agency and will provide critical life support abilities such as air and water. Next will come a pair of laboratory modules, the Columbus built by the Europeans and the Multipurpose Module from the Russian Federation. The additions will conclude with a Japanese module, another Russian addition and more support and habitation nodes from the US and Italy.

A hefty price is paid for such innovation as estimates place the total cost of the ISS somewhere above \$100 billion (US) which does not include the estimated \$5 billion annual cost for Space Shuttle operations that have until recently been the sole delivery method for the station. In the long run through, the innovation required to build and operate the station, as well as what is learned through it's use will far outweigh any financial costs as humanity uses it as a stepping stone to the moon, Mars and beyond.

### Space station flies high Nobel Prize awarded in physics

BY NATHAN PHELPS SCI-TECH EDITIOR

Referred to as the "handwriting of god" by Time magazine, the Nobel prize for physics this year was awarded for a look at the beginnings of everything we know and are today. The 2006 Nobel

Prize for physics was awarded to John C. Mather and George F. Smoot "for their discovery of the blackbody form and anisotropy of the cosmic microwave background radiation." They were the impetus behind launching | A map of the Cosmic Background a space mission Radiation across Earth's sky. which attempted

to understand the origins of galaxies, stars and the beginnings of the universe. According to noted physicist, Stephen Hawking, the results are "the greatest discovery of the century, if not all times." The unmanned space craft was launched by NASA in 1989. The Cosmic Background Explorer (COBE) satellite searched for the cosmic background radiation throughout Measuring the Anisotropy in the cosmic background radiation, which is the directional energy fluctuation in the of the universe, is the first step to understanding how it all began. This has lead

(CMB) radiation that would be emitted from a cataclysmic blast of the "big bang." Within the first nine minutes of observation this background radiation was

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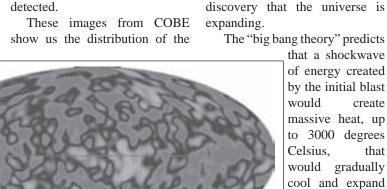


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space begins to cool and the spectrum of electromagnetic waves begins to change so that it is no longer emitting visible light and is therefore referred to as "black." It is believed that when the "big bang" occurred, the energy of space was not distributed equally. For astrophysicist this is the Holy

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### The expanding universe

BY WILLIAM BREIM SCI-TECH EDITOR

The question about the origin of the universe is in the realm of inquiries which are fundamental to the human experience, a question most of us will ask ourselves at one point or another. It is the question that has spawned countless creeds, belief systems and religions. After all, that is explaining where we come from is what religion aims to do.

Science is by its nature a logical way to evaluate empirical knowledge, which means it relies upon observation and experimentation, which is greatly contrasted against religion that is based on insubstantial evidence. When it comes to the bigger questions the divide only widens. There are two major ideas on Earth about how it all came to be: On the religious side you have an

act of a deity, and on the scientific side you have the Big Bang, one of today's leading theories.

First of all let's clarify that theory is a word that has two meanings. In everyday life it is used to describe a guess, an opinion often not based on facts. In the scientific context a theory is a proposed description, explanation, or model, capable

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### The end of a star

**BY NATHAN PHELPS** SCI-TECH EDITOR

as a region of space-time where escape to the outside universe is impossible. To become a black hole, a star must be at least 10 to 15 times as massive as our sun. During the lifetime of a massive star the nuclear fusion in the core generates electromagnetic radiation. This radiation exerts outward pressure that exactly balances the inward pull of gravity caused by the stars mass. Some of this radiation is emitted in photons, particles of light. As the star begins to die the outward forces of radiation diminish, allowing gravity to compress the star inward. The contraction of the star causes the temperature to rise allowing the remaining nuclear material to be used as fuel. Eventually as all the nuclear fuel is used up the core collapses

in upon itself. This collapse creates a supernova explosion. the gravitational pull is so strong that its escape velocity exceeds the speed of light and because no light can escape after the star reaches infinite density it is called a black hole.

The existence of black holes has been questioned, but there is much proof of their reality. Einstein's Theory of Relativity predicts the existence of black holes. However, Einstein, vigorously argued himself, about the improbability of their existence. He, along with most respected scientist of his time, believed that black holes were just to be a mathematical curiosity. With today's scientific abilities, we rely on the indirect evidence that builds quite a compelling case for their reality. By using a spectrascope, the Hubble Space

Telescope has the ability to measure the speed of gases that The star caves in to the point of swirl around the entrance to the Ablack hole is the evolutionary zero volume and infinite density. supposed black holes. These gas end of a massive star. It is defined Typically, in a star at this point swirls are known as a black hole's signature. By measuring the speed of the gases the mass of the black hole can be calculated.

> Although there is much to learn about black holes and their possible purpose in the universe there are several theories to explain them. One theory is that there is a black hole at the center of every galaxy and it is this that actually holds the solar systems together. They also have very practical possible applications to our universe. They act as a disposal system for waste products such as nuclear byproducts and it has even been suggested that there could be a possible use for time travel. No matter what the eventual truth that is discovered there is no doubt that they are one of the most fascinating possibilities in the universe.



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### The expansion continues

of predicting future occurrences or observations of the same kind and capable of being tested through experiment or otherwise falsified through empirical observation. It follows from this that for scientists "theory" and "fact" do not necessarily stand in opposition. It never fails to amuse a scientist when someone uses the word theory in a condescending way, as in "evolution is just a theory."

The theory of the Big Bang is the idea that roughly 13.7 billions years ago the universe was created out of an explosion from a point called a singularity. The idea was spawned and is partly supported after Astronomers Edwin Hubble Milton Humason's first observations of speeding galaxies that proved the universe is in fact expanding. This led to the conclusion that if the galaxies are speeding away from one another, going further and further back in time they had to be closer to each other, in fact the Big Bang supports that all the matter in the

admissions

■ CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12 universe was held at one point. The theory of the Big Bang also predicted something called the Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation (CMB) which is the best evidence for a hot Big Bang origin of the universe. Electromagnetic radiation has been observed throughout the universe. If you can find an old television set with a dial and tune it to an in-between channel all that static is due partly

> In the Big Bang, matter and energy were created. 13.5 billions years ago the first stars formed. These early stars are very special because they made virtually everything we are made of. Stars burn by fusing two hydrogen atoms, transforming it into one helium atom. The one helium atom is a little lighter than two hydrogen atoms. That missing mass was converted into pure energy. How much? That is given by the famous E=MC2, where energy equals mass times the speed of light squared. By this fusion process you eventually get all the other elements on the periodic table. The calcium on your bones was fused inside a

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star. Only 5 billion years ago our sun ignited and our solar system started taking shape, earth formed 500 thousand years later and 3.7 billion years ago the first amino acids joined the primordial soup in earth's ocean and soon after cells formed and life was taking hold on this planet. Dinosaurs died 65 million years ago and the modern humans arose in Africa only about 150 thousand years

Now that is the explanation for the origin, but where are we going? Well, that all depends on gravity. If there is enough matter in the universe the gravitational force will eventually stop the expansion of the universe and bring it back collapsing on itself, something known as the Big Crunch. Observations though point to a relatively calmer end to the universe, it is proposed that the universe would slow down but continue to expand, at one point the universe would not be dense enough for star and galaxies to be and the overall temperature would approach absolute zero, which would be a very cold and dark death.

Many of us see the world and the stars and in its beauty we see the need for a designer, but the beauty of science is even grander, it is constantly evolving and open for change. When something is willing to be proven wrong, progress is the result.

#### HOW DOES IT WORK?

### Orbits of the stars

BY RICK DAVIS STAFF WRITER

The basic concept of an orbit is familiar to nearly everyone although many do not fully grasp the mechanics behind the concept or just how far reaching this concept is. Reaching back to ancient times the concept of orbits started as society postulated the Earth as the center of the Universe, with everything else revolving, or orbiting around it. Soon after, around the sixteenth century, Johannes Kepler announced three mathematical laws that showed the Sun was the center of things, the planets traveled in elliptical orbits not circular as had been believed and there were larger relationships between the orbits. Issac Newton expanded on these principles showing that Kepler's laws could be derived from Newtons laws of Gravity which offered exact calculations with repeatable results.

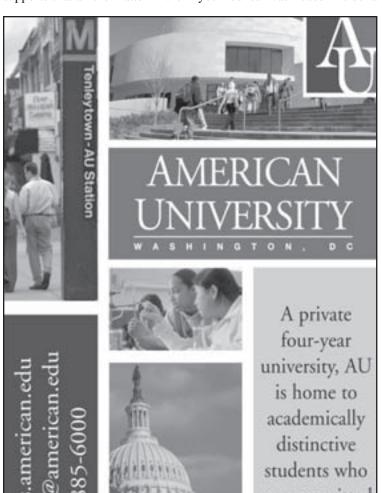
These principles came into play through the space race during the cold war as the world rushed to launch satellites into space for a variety of purposes. Through the 1970s and 1980s when hostilities shrunk and science came closer to the forefront advances were made to determine new orbits. Technology progressed so that finding an orbit of a satellite, moon or planet was common although now the orbit of our solar system was tracked within our galaxy and soon after our galaxy's orbit was tracked within the local group.

Today, orbits are calculated and checked against over 8,000

objects that orbit our planet. Collisions must be avoided between the objects as well as mankind's venture into space as these objects could damage or destroy the Space Shuttle or International Space Station as they coast through the vacuum of space at 17,500 mph.

In the span of only a few hundred years mankinds view of the heavens went from the Earth orbiting the sun with a handful of visible stars and planets to a much more complicated view of the known Universe.

Everything can be related according to basic rules of orbits starting with our sun. We have nine planets that orbit the sun, many of these have smaller objects that lie in sub-orbits of the planets called moon. The largest planet, Jupiter, has over 60 moons. Our own planet has artificial objects in orbit, called satellites although sometimes it's literal space garbage, and some planets have objects we sent into orbit as well. This along can be a confusing image although it does not stop there. Our Solar System orbits within our own galaxy every 226 million years, from there although our observations have uncovered information we are unable to even approximate calculations. For example, we know our galaxy is part of a group of about 40 galaxies, called the local group, which orbits with other clusters to form a supercluster. The orbits of superclusters have been hypothesized as have larger groupings however this reaches the end of not only our skills at approximation but limits of imagination as well.





### The not-so-scary history of Halloween

BY CAMI CARR LAYOUT EDITOR

Originating as Samhain in Ireland, Halloween began as an end of summer celebration to commemorate both the harvest and fire. It was first known as All-hallow-even because it was the eve before the celebration of All Saints Day. Pope Gregory IV instated All Saints day originally to fall on April 20th, though switched it to coincide with the original, though now changed, Samhain once the Celts were converted to the Catholic faith in 835 A.D.

The holiday was celebrated with feasting, games, ritual and prayer for both the harvest and the departed souls of their colonies.

England added a spin to the day by adding costumes to ward off bad spirits from finding those they meant to do harm to. They also developed Fancy Dress Parties as time went on in which they drank spiced wine, bobbed for apples, did special harvest reel dances and toasted the passed souls to which they wanted to pay tribute.

In many other countries such as Mexico, Halloween is seen as a day to mourn for and celebrate the lives of the dead by feasting over graves either picnic style or on tables. Though the feasting only takes place after decorating the graves lavishly and having parades where everyone involved dresses as skeletons, which represents the figure of the grinning death.

The origins of trick or treating come from a practice called guising which heralds from Ireland and Scotland where children went from door to door begging in costumes for fruits, nuts and other small treats with which to celebrate the harvest.

The history of Halloween pranks and tricks is a long standing and rich one. Pranks and their practice seem to spring from the practice in Ireland to build bonfires and dance among them in costume to scare the foul winter spirit away before they could frost their late crops.

Icons of the holiday in modern time prove to be witches, ghosts, black cats which for centuries have represented bad luck, carved jack-o-lanterns and spiders, to mention a few. Costumes can be found from priests to the devil, doctors to nurses and vixens to vampires.

The singing of songs and having of parties seems to abound

in modern day along with the practice of trick or treating, which seems will never fade.

Though the holiday is banned by some Christian sects to their parishioners, Halloween and its deep rooted history always changes the face of the month of October, adding a mood of spook and glitter as the cooler weather takes over the air.



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This photo shot in southern New Hampshire during the winter shows a cemetary through its metal gate. Upon developing, a misty mass appears in the left half of the photo. Ghost or not? You be the judge.

### Breaking fast and having fun; celebrating Eid al-Fitr

**BY BELAL JABER** STAFF WRITER

"The holidays" is an expression used to apply to three days: Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. But, with modern communications, the global economy and a never more diverse nation, "the Holidays" has taken on new meaning.

The fact is that between now and January, there is an array of religious, ethnic, cultural and national holidays. Some are celebrated by all of us. Others are marked by different groups in our society, and still others are celebrated abroad.

Eid al-Fitr is celebrated by Muslims and marks the end of the Holy Month of Ramadan which just concluded. During that time, Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset abstaining from food and water. Fitr means "to break" and therefore symbolizes the breaking of the fasting period and of all

sinful habits

"It feels good to celebrate with friends and family after a month of fasting," said BCC student, Mohammad Itayem. "It's really difficult all month, but once it's over, it's great to just relax and go back to normal."

On the day of the celebration, a typical Muslim family gets up very early and attends special prayers held only for the occasion in mosques. The prayer is generally short, and is followed by a celebration. The festivities start after the prayers with visits to the homes of friends and relatives and thanking Allah for all blessings.

"Afterthe prayer and festivities, I'll go to the park and see people I haven't seen in a while," said BCC student, Belal Ziadeh.

Eid is a time to come together as a community and to renew friendship and family ties. This is a time for peace for all Muslims in the world to devote to prayers and

mutual well-being. It is a joyous occasion with important religious significance. After attending the special prayer in the morning, worshippers greet and embrace each other in a spirit of peace, love and brotherhood. Visiting friends and relatives is common as is the exchanging of gifts.

"Sometimes, the media can portray Muslims the wrong way," said Ziadeh. "But this holiday shows that we like to celebrate just like everyone else."

# Thank goodness for dust

BY LAUREN VELAZQUEZ MANAGING EDITOR

Five months deep into hurricane season and there are still no consistent signs of hurricanes for residents in South Florida. What a relief for those who faced hurricane Wilma last year. Hurricane Season starts June 1st and ends November 30th. Now what could possibly be the reason for no hurricanes lately? Could it be luck? No actually you can thank dust. Yes, dust and not just any dust but Saharan dust. Before dust clouds were sparse when hurricane activity was fierce, but as time passed by stronger dust storms formed which led to fewer hurricanes across the Atlantic. The main focus according to scientists was the direct connection between hurricanes and warming ocean temperatures. Now dust contributes to the research. Researchers began to pay closer

attention to the environmental impact of dust after realizing that millions of tons of sand rise up and travel across the Atlantic from the Sahara desert. Does that mean that in the future weather forecasters could track atmospheric dust that leads into the help of stopping hurricanes? We can only hope for such advances. This process occurs when the Saharan sand rises when hot desert air collides with the cooler drier air of the Sahel region. Because those conditions cause the sand upwards. Afterwards very strong trade winds blow the sand westward into the northern Atlantic Ocean. It is said to believe that dry dust ridden layers of air help dampen forming hurricanes, which must have heat and moisture to fuel them. As of now, we are near the end of hurricane season and we can thank "dust" for helping prevent hurricanes from occurring in South Florida.



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### Wi-Fi available across all campuses

BY RICK DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Have you wondered where your laptop could access the Internet while on campus? Are you curious which access points are for student use? Here is an overview of the state of wireless connections at BCC.

Basically, wireless is a connection to the Internet that does not require a physical connection, like a cord, and can be used through laptops, handheld and other electronic devices such

as the Sony PSP game system. These connections are categorized by the technical name of 802.11x, where the x is a letter that describes the connections speed, range and other specifications. It is important that you check your device for which connection types it can use.

Don't bother asking around school for the answer to this question because very few people know the locations and limits of BCC's wireless connections. In fact, nowhere in any official publication is there a list of

connections or information on which connections students can use. Howard Dansky, The Director of Telecom and Network Services, however, did supply the relevant information. See the end of this article for specific locations and keep the following in mind: According to Dansky, if you find an unsecured connection at any campus, you are welcome to use it. Also, most of the access points are 802.11b, but other types may be found.

There are plans in the works to expand and upgrade the wireless

connection across all BCC campuses. The biggest of these will be a college wide login system so that there is no confusion about which connections are for student use. Also, a committee will be formed to consider deploying newer technologies such as 802.11n and WiMax.

It appears that only recently has BCC made an attempt to centrally organize its wireless connections and set up some kind of system for their official use. There are other Florida community colleges that have done this already and it appears that finally BCC is going to as well. With no one to contact about their use, the surprising reality seems to be that any connection may be used until such time as the new system is deployed. Of course, with none of the connections officially or specifically for student use, finding support for any connection problems will be difficult.

Various hot spots are the Cyber Cafe on North, the portables on South, the library, Bldg. 7, Bldg. 19 & Bldg. 69 on Central and the Student Rec. Area on WHC.



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Women (L to R): Ashley Price, Brittany Westcott, Stephanie Iscovitz, Kate Gemignani. Men (Top to Bottom): Mike Wiesend, Daniel Dickey, Adam Scott, Nathan Aaron.

BY HEATHER DULMAN SOUTH BUREAU CHIEF

Watch out for Alan Ayckbourn's Bedroom Farce, the new BCC production that will be showing at the Fine Arts Theater (Bailey Hall) on Central Campus (Building 6 room 200) from Oct. 26-Nov 5.

The play is going to be directed by Deborah Sanchez, who said that the play is going to be "very funny play and audiences will enjoy it."

The play is about four couples and three bedrooms that take place on one hectic night on the same stage. Two of the characters Kate and Malcolm are having a house warming party which brings out the crazy shenanigans and chaos with the other six characters.

"As I see the play, the spine or main action is looking for constancy in our most intimate relationships...the theme is how precarious is the balance in male/ female relationships. Relationships are in a constant state of flux, heavily influenced by other people, circumstances,

and environment," said Sanchez. Bedroom Farce is a comedy; the characters are serious about their needs and wants with their obstacles and conflicts in life. It seems like anyone can relate and it is a must see for students and other people. The point of view of the playwright for this particular play is it is "humorous that people cannot get along."

There will be an opening night gala reception and fundraiser that will be held in the Curren Room (Building 4/ Room 207) in Bailey Hall on Central Campus from 6:30-7:45 p.m.

The cost is \$25 for opening night only, which benefits the Richard G. Hinners Scholarship. The scholarship is a dedication to a colleague who passed away in 2002. The rest of the performances will be \$10 for general admission and \$5 for BCC students with I.D. The show times are Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.

For more information on the play, if for any questions, call the Bailey Hall Box Office at 954-201-6884.



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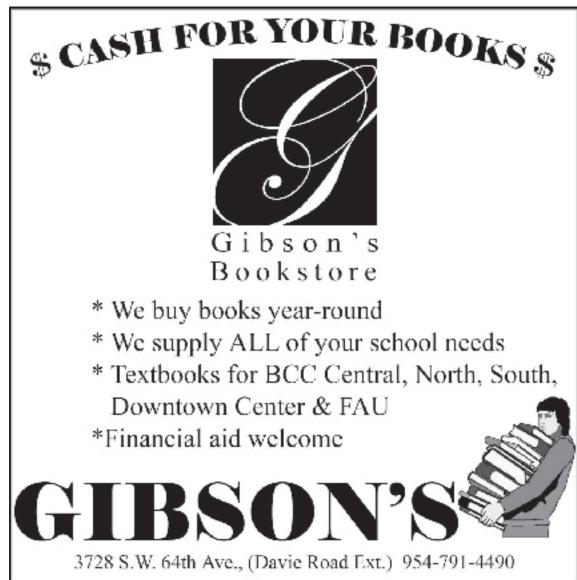
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### "Thinkfast" trivia competition scores big

BY ANTHONY PERRUCCI NORTH BUREAU CHIEF

Wednesday, October 10 I went to the North Star Cafe at BCC's North Campus to cover a ThinkFast Trivia competition. It wasn't too long before my initial plans—watch, get quotes, leave—were scattered to the four winds. And I, in the interest of better serving you, the reader, threw myself headlong into full All while recent hip-hop songs participation.

The event, frankly, seemed to be off to an underwhelming beginning and clearly didn't grab the interest of the at-mosttwo-dozen people in the Cafe at the time. Indeed, even when the lights went out and the large video screen came on, marrying clips of extreme sports and an utterly indescribable, and not in a good way, dance-club version of Nirvana's Smells Like Teen Spirit, the whole endeavor seemed to land with a thud. Conversations One of the first questions is about kept going, people kept leaving for class, and the room was less than half-full at best.

Quickly, however, things began to pick up, and by 12:35 our emcee, Jay, was bantering with the crowd, and after following what sounded for all the world like a pre-arranged script, raised the \$200 grand prize to \$300. Students in attendance, of course,

immediately found themselves very interested indeed and there was quickly a brisk rush to pick up one of some fifty-odd wireless remote controllers to be used in the game's first two rounds. These two rounds use a sort of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire"style template, where the quickest to answer a multiple-choice question nets the most points, and runners-up fight for the leftovers. thump loudly in the background.

The questions themselves were mostlypop-culturebased, although there were several questions so esoteric that it seemed that unless one happens to be, for example, an art history major (there were no less than four questions requiring the identification of early Impressionist works, and how many BCC students really know who Auguste Comte is?) you'll be better off guessing.

By 12:35, we were underway. the movie Speed, and Mase is playing through the speakers. The mid-90s can't be too happy that we continue to mine their culture for our own amusement.

Between the learning curve involved learning to use the controllers and early questions about The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test, enthusiasm was slow to build, but once it did it reached a

fever pitch, and for much of the event, stayed there. Shockingly enough, not even the inclusion of music videos from the likes of Nickleback, Fall Out Boy, or the new Green Day could dampen the spirits of the assembled.

The end of each multiplechoice round has an interesting twist: Participants can wager 0%, 25%, 50%, or 95% of their points total on the next question, the final of the round. I promptly lose a quarter of my points by not knowing that Mitch Albom writes for the Detroit Free Press.

One representative each from the teams with the four-highest points totals at the end of the round take their places behind game-show style podiums. The four answer a series of questions, buzzing in to answer. The eventual



winner correctly answers five questions and is locked into the final round.

Our second round begins. By now the event really began to pick up steam, and great fun was had by all. And especially by me, since I managed to catapult myself into first place, thanks to my knowledge of cartoon characters and NBA owners and who Vladimir Putin is.

Shortly after I managed to pull off an astounding run, taking advantage of the large number of people too busy bouncing right and left, letting their shoulders lean to answer questions about homeostasis and Renoir, I found myself in possession of third place and 12,875 points. And then the wheels fell off: I don't know anything about shows on MTV, and don't make it higher than sixth place for the remainder of the round. Not even when I correctly identify Freemasonry.

The end of the second round proceeded much like the end of the first, and after a winner was determined and the winners of the two rounds took their places behind their podiums, six members of the crowd were lined up to compete to fill the other two spots. I'll spare you the details of what happened, but to say this: There was a Britney Spears competition. And a man won. He

and the runner-up assumed their places, but with a twist. If either of them were to incorrectly answer a question, they would lose their spot and another member of the audience would take their place.

And of course, one of them did. In the process of trying to fill the vacancy, I found myself in direct competition for the spot. And a spur-of-the-moment freestyle battle-rap competition ensued. I spat my rhymes, defeating my opponent and making him feel really badly about himself.

To win the final round, one must correctly answer ten questions worth 100 points each. And in the end, the head start my opponents got was too great an obstacle to overcome. By 1:40, our champion was crowned and collecting his \$300 prize and several runners-up stood outside, gushing about the competition.

"It's awesome," said student Krizten Galiano, "It makes me feel smart." Friend Vanessa Chamorro echoed the statement, saying the event was "so exciting."

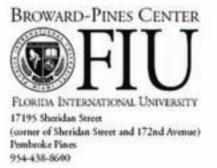
The students, who have attended previous ThinkFast events at BCC, said they're ready for a return engagement. "I can't wait," says Chamorro of future events.

"Yeah," shrugged student Ricki Wolf, standing to her left. "I want money."

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### Yankees' pitcher crashes in Manhattan

BY EMILY CORNWELL WHC BUREAU CHIEF

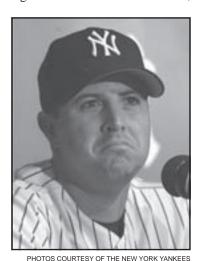
When I received the text message "I guess some plane hit a building in the city" from my friend in Long Island last Wednesday afternoon, I froze. I started half panicking, with thoughts of a repeated 9/11 flooding my mind. After automatically turning on my television, and finally finding CNN, I saw the image of a burning hole in the side of a high rise. The caption below read "Plane hits building in Manhattan."

Sitting there with my jaw still on the floor, I listened as the Mayor of New York, Michael Bloomberg, did his best to answer the many questions of the press while calmly reassuring his citizens. He explained that all of the procedures that had been acquired after the attacks of September 11 "were carried out to

the book, exactly the ways that we had wanted to go." The channel is changed. A new caption reads "Plane belonging to New York Yankee hits building."

The situation is summarized for the public, and we are informed that the incident was an accident, not a terrorist attack. It was a small private plane that hit the 47 story building on east 72nd street, which did in fact belong to Cory Lidle, pitcher for the Yankees. Lidle had been in the plane with his instructor, it is unknown who was flying the plane at the time. Both died on impact.

The plane had reportedly departed form Teterboro, a small airport in New Jersey, at about 2:30 p.m. And according to the mayor who addressed the matter to the public, it circled the statue of Liberty before heading north up the East river. Around the time the plane and its pilots neared the Queensboro Bridge, radar and radio had been lost. No distress signals were heard beforehand,



New York Yankees' pitcher Cory

although reports indicated radio contact to La Guardia was received informing low fuel on the plane

while radio was available.

Lidle, a Yankee pitcher for only ten weeks, and a pilot for less then a year had recently purchased the SR20. A small single engine private jet (similar to features of a stunt plane) included fixed engine gear along with a full aircraft parachute. It was reported that Lidle had shared with teammates in the locker room Sunday his plans of instrument training exercises the following week. Lidle anticipated a flight to his home in California Wednesday evening, but unfortunately, that never occurred.

The small plane hit less then twenty minutes after take off, and desinigrated as it made contact with the building. With half of the plane at least two feet inside, the other half, along with the two pilots came falling to the street below. Pedestrians ran from falling debris, while confused onlookers

didn't know what to expect. Luckily all practiced response procedures by residents as well as state and government officials were conducted flawlessly.

In the end, fourteen firefighters and four individuals inside the building were injured, including one woman with burns to 15% of her body. Along with the two deceased pilots, it's clear that this was an upsetting accident. Thankfully as a result of post 9/11 response procedures, no more than that was severely effected by the crash. After all, 99 percent of pilots that take off never have engine failure, and of the 1 percent that do usually make it to land safely. This particular case was an unfortunate and very uncommon occurrence. But thankfully, no more then a few were injured, and it didn't turn out to be near what anyone's initial reaction had told

### Mark Foley scandal hits the media

BY ENA VALERA-TEANO **BCC STUDENT** 

Former Rep. Mark Foley, R-Fla, resigned as of Friday September 29, 2006 in the wake of questions about sexual explicit e-mails he sent to a former male page. Congressional Pages are high school students from different states who compete to work and learn from members of Congress. These young adults are interested in politics and more likely will serve as one of our leaders in the future. But for now they serve as messengers and perform administrative tasks either for the House of Representatives or the Senate. The resignation came immediately after ABC News Story about e-mails and instant messages that had been exchanged with under aged Congressional pages. Since Foley's resignation, 3 more teenage males have come out and confirmed that they had also received sexually explicit messages. After the news came to light, it was obvious that this scandal was not news to many coworkers, colleagues and friends of Foley. Rep. Rodney Alexander (R-La.) was the sponsor of the then-sixteen year old page whose emails from Foley sparked

the controversy. According to "lawmakers and the speakers office", the page forwarded an e-mail in which Foley had asked for a picture of him, calling it "sick" and saying "it freaked me out." House Speaker Dennis Hastert accepted responsibility for earlier failures to investigate reports of unacceptable and inappropriate behavior by Foley towards teenage male pages. I think we can all agree that our prominent leaders were on the edge of negligence, leaving a clear message about another faulty governmental program. Since Foley's resignation the FBI and the House ethics committee have been involved in the investigation. His friend and notorious West Palm Beach attorney David Roth took Foley's case. It was him who told the media that Foley is an alcoholic, that a clergymen molested him, and that he is gay. For now, Foley has entered an alcohol rehabilitation facility at an undisclosed facility and awaits further investigation. Going to rehab is a great move for him. Excuses should not be taken lightly, Foley should be held responsible for his actions. It is a crime to seduce or try to seduce children under the age

of 18 under Florida Law. Foley could be charged under the State of Florida if enough evidence is found showing that he indeed tried to seduce a minor.

What does it take for one to make absurd decisions and not care about family, friends and admirable positions one holds? As this paper goes to press, no new evidence has leaked out but Foley's actions are still under the microscope. Is it that this man is just over-friendly? Or did he really make big mistakes and was fortunate to be caught on time? These and many questions are surrounding the papers, television, radios and even I just wish our politicians were aware that they are held to higher standards and we as a community expect no more than a moral and honest leader. Even though Foley did not violate Federal Laws, others have been caught meeting or hoping to meet a minor for sexual pleasures. Federal Law requires a person to meet or attempt to meet a minor for sex before a crime has been committed. MSNBC produces a show called TO CATCH A PREDATOR, in which host Chris Hansen sets up meetings with men, some being repeated sex

offenders over the Internet to meet at a location planned by the show. The men caught on the show use the Internet to find under aged girls to meet for sex. With the help of minors and fake pictures these men set up dates to meet the supposed minor; once the men arrive and enter the home, they are surprisingly confronted by Chris Hansen. Outside the home, police officers wait to apprehend the various types of men who come from different towns; some of them have driven for a day or two for this encounter. Congressmen, priests, military men, doctors "No segment of society is exempt from potential predators" said Chris Hansen.

As I am writing this article, I think how the lives of these teenage pages have changed. How would unfortunate circumstances like this one affect their future? One may say that society has enough to worry about with hundreds of thousands of sexual offenders and predators running the streets, living near our homes and having access to our children, than to worry about the decency of our community leaders. State of Florida has approximately more than 30,000 registered sex offenders; statistics show that zip



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code 33311 which is nowhere else but right here in Ft. Lauderdale homes 120 sex offenders, more than any other zip code in the State of Florida. The dilemma and controversy on Foley is just the beginning, I just hope that before this scandal it's over, he gets punished for his actions. Society needs to see that Justice can be served across nations, and apart from social status or powerful connections, Rep. Foley needs to be held accountable and punished for his inappropriate



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### Can they do it again?

BY CHRIS IACOBELLI STAFF WRITER

The 2005-2006 season was wrapped up with the Miami Heat winning their first championship. Entering new season, can the Heat do it again? This is the first time that the Heat will stick with the same lineup they started with the previous year since the mid to late 90s. Miami is returning fourteen of fifteen players from last season's roster, with Guard Derek Anderson being the odd man out. Going into this season the Heat are the prohibitive favorites the Eastern conference, especially after their biggest rival, the Detroit Pistons, lost Center Ben Wallace to free agency. There are a few teams that could provide a new challenge for the Heat this year though. The Chicago Bulls finally got the big man they had been looking for in Ben Wallace and they have a young, scrappy team that is hungry after being eliminated in the first round of the playoffs last year. The Cleveland Cavaliers could also be a team to watch out for, they took Detroit to seven games last season in the Eastern Conference semifinals and LeBron James will be another year better, which is scary considering how good he is already. The New Jersey Nets

will be a team to look out for if they can find a way to keep their lineup healthy, specially their "big three" of Jason Kidd, Richard Jefferson and Vince Carter. Questions still arise over Miami's attempt at a repeat. Can Shaquille O'Neal stay healthy and still be dominant? Can the older veterans like Alonzo Mourning and Gary Payton still make an impact? Right now the Heat are looking for a temporary replacement for Jason Williams because of arthroscopic surgery he had on his knee. The point guards that Miami is trying out in camp include former Miami University guard Robert Hite and Notre Dame's Chris Quinn (not to be confused with Notre Dame's quarterback Brady Quinn.) There's also a question about Dwayne Wade...has he reached his potential? Can he improve on last year's dominant performance? Wade has improved in every category of his game after each of his first three years, now once more can he raise that level again?

#### Western conference

The Dallas Mavericks finally got over the hump last season by beating San Antonio and going to the Finals, but they know they are going to have a rough time in the toughest division in the NBA, which has literally all



of its teams (Spurs, Mavericks, Rockets, Grizzles and Hornets) as legitimate playoff contenders. My favorite in the West are the Phoenix Suns, because they have MVP Steve Nash and Amare Stoudemire back to full health. The Lakers had the Suns on the brink of elimination last year in the first round by taking a 3-1 series lead, but "Mamba" couldn't knock them out. If Kobe Bryant learns how to get his team involved they could surprise many people. We can't sleep on San Antonio with the likes of allstars such as Manu Ginobli, Tim Duncan and Tony Parker. For the first time since I was born, the Los Angeles Clippers were a playoff team last year, getting to the second round they are on their way up in the west. I think the 2007 NBA Finals will feature the Miami Heat facing off against the Phoenix Suns. With Miami repeating as NBA champions.

### Ups and downs of the NFL

BY AMANDA FERNANDEZ STAFF WRITER

There is a time where every man considers Sunday, Monday, and sometimes Thursdays their favorite day of the week, football season. When every bar is jammed with enthusiastic fans supporting their favorite team. When sports fans become one through their love of football. However, it can also be a time of disappointment for many fans. Take the Miami Dolphins for example. The same team who experienced a perfect season in 1972 is not only doing horribly at 1-5 through six games this season, but it is still attempting to take their foot out of their mouth due to the fact that Daunte Culpepper, the quarterback who was thought to be the team's final piece of the puzzle, has been benched indefinitely because of knee issues. According to Ralph Vera, a well rounded and dedicated football fan, "Culpepper has been stinking it up to high heaven." Taking his place is Joey Harrington, ex quarterback for the Detroit Lions (who are considered to be one of the worst teams in the League.)

Joining the Dolphins as disappointments so far are the Oakland Raiders (0-6), who reached the Super Bowl as recently as 2002, but this time they could be a story for all the wrong reasons. This year, however, the team hasn't won a single game, even when playing in their legendary stadium, The Black Hole. "The Black is the stink hole this year for Oakland" says Vera. Hopefully as the season goes on, the Dolphins will become a better team. The Raiders could go 0-16, I'm not kidding.

Luckily this season hasn't been all about disappointments. The Chicago Bears have surprised us with their improving offense to match their seemingly impeccable defense. This season, even "no name players" are putting numbers on the scoreboard. If the Bears keep this up, they are said to have a good chance at matching the perfect season that the Dolphins had in 1972 (but shhh...don't tell anyone in Chicago.) It's safe to say that seeing who comes to the Super Bowl XLI will be quite interesting this season.

### Honoring Hispanic champions

BY MARTIN BATER SPORTS EDITOR

Honoring Hispanic Heritage Month, as an Argentinean myself, I decided to make my own personal list of who I think are the Top 5 Hispanic players that changed the face of sports here in

America or accomplished things

that no other Hispanic player has accomplished here in the U.S. On to the list.

At number 5, Miguel Cabrera and Albert Pujols share the distinction of being the fresh new faces of baseball in the post steroids era, not only for Hispanic people, but for the game overall. Cabrera, a young 23 year old third baseman

from Maracay, Venezuela who just finished his fourth year with the Florida Marlins, already accomplished more things than many veterans accomplished in their whole careers. With a career batting average of .311 and 104 Home Runs, Miguel has won a World Series, hit a three-run homer off of Roger Clemens in that same World Series and led a team with 20 rookies to playoff contention this year.

At number 4, Manu Ginobili. The 29 year old from Bahia Blanca, Argentina has inspired millions of Argentineans and made basketball the second most popular sport in Argentina, behind soccer. Manu is the only player in the history of basketball

to ever win a Euroleague title, an Olympic gold medal with Argentina in 2004 and two NBA titles with the San Antonio Spurs in 2002 and 2004. An NBA All-Star, Manu's carefree style of play drives opponents crazy while he slashes, falls and gets up again and again. He is the Hispanic version of Dwayne Wade.



New York Yankees' closer Mariano Rivera has earned the number 3 spot on the list. There hasn't been a more dominant closer in the history of baseball, period. Anytime "Enter Sandman" starts blaring at Yankee Stadium, visiting players start packing. According to Wikipedia, Rivera has a lifetime postseason ERA of 0.83, converted 23 consecutive saves in the playoffs and also pitched 34 1/3 consecutive scoreless innings in the postseason. Rivera's 34 postseason saves are more than twice that of the next person, Dennis Eckersley. The pitchers who rank second through fourth for most postseason saves (Eckersley, Jason Isringhausen, and Robb Nen) have combined

for 37 career saves. Be proud

The number 2 spot on the list belongs to David "Big Papi" Ortiz. The Dominican Boston Red Sox slugger is about so much more than just his numbers... yes, he gets 40 homers and 100 RBI every season, but so does A-Rod. Ortiz is like Bizarro A-

> Rod, he gets clutch hits whenever his team needs him. In 2004, he led the Red Sox to their historic World Series title by hitting a walk off home run in Game 3 of the ALDS against the Los Angeles Angels, then he led his team in its improbable comeback from 0-3 down in the ALCS against the New York Yankees by hitting

a walk off HR in Game 4 and a game winning single in the 14th inning of Game 5. He is loved by everyone in baseball, players and fans alike.

The number one Hispanic athlete of all time here in the U.S is Roberto Clemente. He is the inspiration for every Latin player nowadays. baseball Setting an example as a humble professional and a winner in his career with the Pittsburgh Pirates, he won two World Series, was the National League MVP in 1966, won 12 gold gloves and was a four time batting champion. He died for a noble cause in a plane crash while trying to get food and supplies to an earthquake stricken Nicaragua on December 31,1972.

### Detroit = Redemption

BY BELAL JABER STAFF WRITER

Sure, I originally thought it would be the L.A. Dodgers and the New York Yankees in the World Series. Sure, I was wrong with most of, if not all, my predictions. You'd think I'd learn my lesson by now, but NO! I will make one more bold prediction.

There will be one American League team and one National

Team in the World Series and the winner team wins four games out of the seven that are played. Now I'll right matter what.

League

That's what I love about sports. Especially baseball. It just doesn't make sense. The Detroit Tigers, laughing

stock of the league for the last two decades, is in the World Series this season. Then there's the top two National League teams going at it to determine an opponent for the Tigers.

In the American League Championship series, the Tigers, relying on young pitchers like

Justin Verlander and Jeremy Bonderman and a lineup that consistently hits it out of the park, followed their victory over the New York Yankees in the NLDS with a sweep of the Oakland A's. As of October 18, the St Louis Cardinals were leading the New York Mets 3-2 in the NLCS.

We've seen a lot this postseason. We've seen an inside the park homerun, walk-off hits galore, wild pitches, and squeeze

> bunts. And we've also seen baseball being played i t h passion n creating a sense excitement that hasn't been felt in a couple years.

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Yankees. No Red Sox. No Braves. It's a whole new postseason with a whole new sense of enjoyment.

In the end, there will be a team that will ultimately call themselves champion. And whether it be an American League team, or a National League team, one thing will remain true throughout it all: Those of us watching, and those of us loving the wonderful game of baseball... we're the real winners.

