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SOUTH CAMPUS INVADDED?



PHOTO BY HEATHER DULMAN

Another injured iguana was found on South Campus in what seems to be a recurring problem for the creatures.

BY HEATHER DULMAN
 SOUTH BUREAU CHIEF

It's a normal school day at South Campus by the Southern Breezeway; suddenly something green falls out of the tree. It is not leaves but something that breathes and that somehow gets in the way of things. That animal is the iguana.

"This is what happens when

our new students (like the iguana) fail to participate in intramural activities such as rock wall climbing. So you see my fellow students come to the gym and stay fit," joked Orlando Fraticelli, Vice President of SGA on South Campus.

David Morlina, 19, history major saw Fraticelli and informed him of what happened and at first did not see the iguana moving.

The iguana had broken its rear left leg and could hardly move around.

"I have seen injured animals, but it's my first time seeing it here on campus. The iguana looks like he lost his will power," said Renee Sahatdjian, a BCC freshman and psychology major.

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THE FINAL FOUR

BY BUZZ LAMB
 STAFF WRITER

The search committee has finished its task. The group met for the final time on March 26 and they slashed the list of candidates in half. There are now only four people in the race for the president's position. Committee co-chair and Board of Trustees member, Georgette Sosa-Douglass called the meeting to order at 3 o'clock and 18 minutes later it was over.

Dr. Jeff Hockaday, the search consultant hired by BCC was not at this meeting. Douglass used the same format that he implemented at the last meeting to tally the votes. There was not a lot of discussion because this time the committee members had already viewed the videos produced by the candidates and had formed their opinions

and made their selections as a result. What follows is a short biography of the remaining four which provides a glimpse at what each candidate would bring with them to BCC.

All four videos that were produced by the candidates may be viewed at the BBC website. On the BCC home page click on "Second BCC Presidential Search Committee Meeting update" and then click on the video camera icon next to each individual's name to view their video. Comments may be posted by students, faculty and staff by clicking on the "Submit a Comment" button. All comments will be viewed by the Board of Trustee members so this is an opportunity to add your input.

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**SPEAK
 OUT!**

Facilities Department receives update

Director of Facilities Department retires after nine years

BY BUZZ LAMB
 STAFF WRITER

The Facilities Management Department of BCC is responsible for the administration of the Capital Outlay Program including all new construction, remodeling, renovation, maintenance and site improvement projects at the college.

Dr. Jeffrey Brezner has been Director of Facilities Management for the last nine years. BCC President, Dr. Willis Holcombe bid farewell to Brezner at the Board of Trustees meeting on North Campus March 28 by presenting him with a plaque the day before his retirement from

BCC.

Dr. Bill Pennell, BCC Chief Financial Officer, introduced Brezner to the gathering. "One of our most valuable people in the facilities department is retiring tomorrow," he said. Pennell said that Brezner was employed at Miami-Dade for 23 years before coming to BCC. "He has been responsible for over \$100 million worth of construction activities at any one point in time," he said.

According to Pennell, the new Central Campus IPS building that was dedicated a couple of months ago and the new library on South Campus were constructed under Brezner's leadership. Brezner also partic-

ipated in the college's thermal energy savings program which is targeted to save the college about \$10 million and that money is being plowed back into facilities improvements.

After receiving his plaque (and a standing ovation) Brezner told Pennell that he wanted to say a few words to the Board and to the audience and he noted that he was told to be brief. Brezner proceeded to unfurl a six-foot-long piece of paper and said with a chuckle, "I guess I won't need these notes" as he let them drop to the floor.

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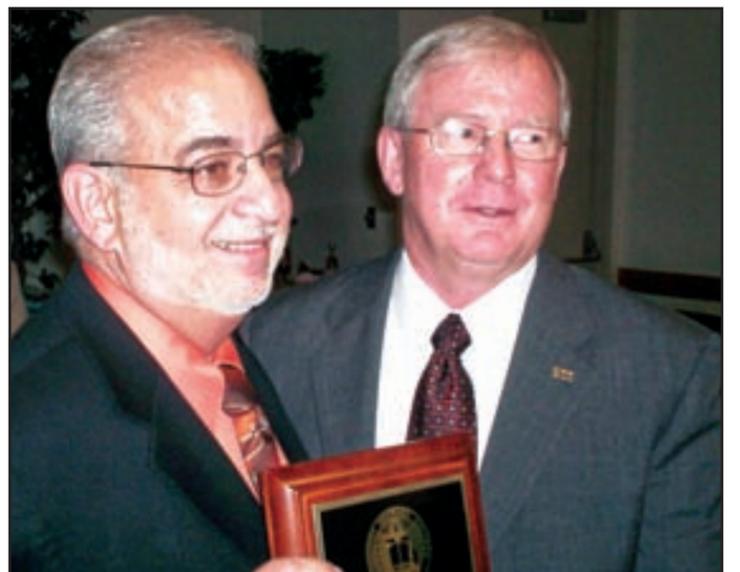


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Interim President Holcombe presents an award to Dr. Jeffrey Brezner.

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Central hosts Holocaust Luncheon

Students learn the personal stories of WWII survivors

BY ANGELA OSBORNE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The message was clear and simple on Mar. 29, and the name explains it all, Student Awareness Day. And that is exactly what the students in attendance did; they became aware of the troubled history of the holocaust.

Survivors shared their stories of fear, discrimination and the determination to survive. However, many did not survive. Over 11 million people were killed during the Holocaust. Six million were Jewish, and one and a half million were children. By the end of the war, three quarters of Europe's Jews were no longer alive.

No longer the Jewish child that had survived the unthinkable, Jack Beigelman recalls what his life was like in Poland before the war, "My father would take me to see the silent movies; he would compose the piano music during the movies."

Out of 41 members of Beigelman's family, only 10 percent had survived. When Germany invaded Poland, Beigelman's family, along with 180,000 other Jews were sent to live in the Lodz ghetto. The families that lived in this and other ghettos like this throughout Germany and occupied Europe had

next to nothing, no electricity, food, or even bathroom facilities.

Those who were not considered useful in some way were killed. But in order to move the ones that were deemed useful by the Germans, they were put to work as slave labor. They were constantly resettled, moved from camp to camp. Like sardines in a can, people were crammed into train cattle cars, usually without food or water and nothing more than a bucket of water for days at a time.

Even at the camps there wasn't enough food to survive. "I can remember trying to dig up the roots of shrubs and other plants so I could eat them," Steven Montrose said, he was able to survive at only five years old.

Beigelman also says, "Hunger was my biggest enemy. The only thought in my mind was how to get a little more bread, or a little more soup. Hunger is a devastating weapon."

At the end of the luncheon tearful students, survivors, and facilitators of the event lit candles and shared what this experience had meant to them. "It was touching to hear the stories of survivors, to know that it happened and the devastating effects of it all," Dafne Watson, a BCC student said after the event.

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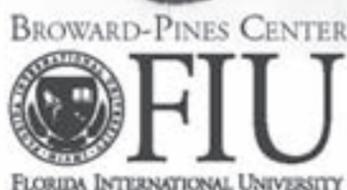
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Having fun with math

BY HEATHER DULMAN
SOUTH BUREAU CHIEF

The third annual Math Awareness Week took place in a new location. Instead of holding the event in the Southern Breeze Café, it was held in Bldg. 72 Mass Media Room.

"It's always a well-attended event. They even moved to a larger room this year," said Dean of Student Affairs, Debbie Sloan.

"I was always standing in the way, so it's good that it was in the mass media room," said math teacher William Kunz.

Kunz hosted the game show Family Feud with mathematical questions. The contestants were from the audience. They were asked to look underneath their chairs and if they had red or blue sticky note they had to participate in the game. The contestants got to keep the t-shirts that they received.

There was a special guest who was invited by Dean of Math Science and wellness Joyce Nemeth. That guest was the current President of BCC Willis Holcombe.

"Professor Nemeth is a great faculty member and associate dean on South Campus. I taught graduate class and professor Nemeth was in my class. She was my favorite student," said Holcombe.

"I wear my host shirt; it comes out once a year," Kunz said. "I was a little nervous using my schtick. When you are a host of a show you think of some material to move the game along; every host has their own style. Are you smarter than a fifth grader a new game show? I was going to ask him [Holcombe] if he is smarter than a fifth grader as a punch line joke. I did not know how far I wanted to go."

During the week the math de-

partment had other workshops for students. That included math antidotes by Professor Galkowski, math related careers by Professor Watnik and real life math by Professor Kunz.

It took math professor Jodi Fry a year to write the grant and implement the planning following the school year.

"The whole point is for students not to be afraid of math and to feel comfortable in the environment at BCC," said Fry.

It was targeted to make math fun for the students. Students received extra credit from their math teachers by attending this annual event. Free food was served. Before the game there was a presentation by John Hurnsby, author of college Algebra books.

"I thought it was great. It was well-attended. Mixing mathematics and movies was really clever. It helps to show how math relates to real life," said Holcombe.



PHOTO BY JOHNNY LOUIS

Special guest Dr. Holcombe and Jodi Fry were present during Math Awareness Week events.

"I might come back if I get a chance to play against Dean Hank Martel," said Holcombe.

Martel has won two times in a row and would most likely play again next year. Martel was on the red team and Holcombe was on the blue team. The red team

won. They received book store gift certificates for being the winning team.

Kunz said, "If Dr. Martel wins next year Family feud, they will name the mass media room with a banner Dr. Martel's media room HM to the third."

Security improvements: New plans after all

BY CARLA KERSTENS
STAFF WRITER

Good news! In the recent board of trustees meeting, a new idea was approved, which is going to benefit three lucky students in need of a job. Wanting to reinforce security from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m., the Security Department in conjunction with Rose Ortega, Director of Student Life and Dean Debbie Sloan will be hiring three students to work as part-time security guards. Their responsibility will be mainly to escort students to their cars at night, especially while the illumination of the parking lot is being fixed.

Student Life and security will

coordinate to have this part-time worker on stand-by to accompany students to their vehicles, but also the worker will be taking part in the security rounds whenever necessary. Priority will be given to international students, since their payment will be from BCC as if it was a work study-program. This gives them the opportunity to make some earnings without problems from Uncle Sam.

Applicants will be going through the same screening process and background check that the department runs for other job seekers, including prints being sent out to the Florida Department of Law enforcement

and FBI, all of this as part of security protocol.

Another plan that is in its early stages is the installation of Closed Circuit T.V. around the several campuses. This would allow monitoring and recording activities, inside the campus, common areas and parking lots, in an effort to discourage those with the intention of breaking the law. Up to date, there are no further details about the implementations, however Lt. James Sutton, expressed his satisfaction about this initiative, hoping to be able to see it on the college grounds soon. He mentioned he would be looking forward to the installation of the CCTV and Electronic

Door Locks. The latter is an idea that could also be taken in consideration in the future, but has not been greatly discussed. This technology would allow only faculty members and certain administrators to have access to restricted areas by using a swiping card very much like the ones used in hotels today. It is however, an expensive upgrade, so this might present an issue for its consideration by the board.

No matter how good these ideas are, none of these approaches work better than being extra cautious. For some students this was a lesson learned. When asking if there had ever been reports of a female being assaulted

inside a campus restroom, the answer given by Lt. Sutton was surprising. No reports of assaults in the ladies restrooms, however in the old library there have been reports of males being approached by other males for sexual activity, at least twice last year. The old library is no longer being used with the same purpose and is expected that since only contractors are working on the again, caution is a man's best friend. Always after seeing or experiencing anything suspicious, a report should be done; this is the only way to verify if a problematic situation is happening and to avoid that others will go through the same uncomfortable experience.

Iguanas land on South Campus... again!

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Three months ago, Vicki Hendricks, an English professor on South Campus, rescued an iguana that was found in the South Campus parking lot. The iguana had blood running down on the right side of its face. She called the Wild Life Care Center and they later informed her that the iguana was badly injured and that it had to be put to sleep.

"I am aware that there are some iguanas on campus along with the many other wildlife species that call South Campus home. However, I am not aware of injuries of them," said Sean Devaney, Manager of South Campus Facilities.

Crawling slowly in agony like a wounded soldier, the iguana limped its way to a bunch of plants in a shaded area by the periodic table near the Breezeway.

"This is my first iguana... Animal Control [has a list of numbers] for wildlife when things like this happen," said Jeanne Kolarik, Campus Safety.

Kolarik had called the Wild Life Care Center, yet no one rescued the poor innocent creature.

"The typical response by facilities' staff when in contact with an injured animal is to call Animal Control or the Fort Lauderdale Wild Life Center. We also use Wild Neighbors Solutions, they relocate animals when necessary," said Devaney.





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Seahawk Idol crowns a winner

BY ARCHIE ASAR
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With a full house in attendance, Seahawk Idol came to an end with a spectacular show on Tuesday April 3rd at the North Campus Coffee House. As students, faculty and staff were on hand to see the finalist perform.

Johanna Jordan, the early favorite in the competition, was the eventual winner of the "Seahawk Idol," Season 1. Tiffany Depass got the night started as she sang "Take My Breath Away" by Berlin. By far her best performance of this 12 week long competition, Depass showed poise and her talents to the cheering crowd of her supporters. Next was Jordan and her first selection of choice of music was "Angel of Mine" by Monica. Her performance even impressed Josh Adams aka "Simon" who said, "This was her best performance thus far." Adams who had been very critical throughout the competition received no "boos" from the crowd this time around. Sonya Chacko's version of the "My Heart Will Go" on impressed most everyone, especially Monica Eulo, aka, Paula, she said "this was the night that Chacko came out of her shell and performed well."

During the second round songs like "Like a Boy" by Ciera, "Beautiful" by Christina Aguilera and "I Have Nothing" by Whitney Houston were the song choices by the finalist.

Simon Cowell who once said "no one could sing that song like Whitney" referring to song "I Have Nothing," I say you are wrong my friend, Johanna Jordan can sing that song as good. Jordan who is headed to the American Idol next season will be certainly making Simon



PHOTO BY ARCHIE ASAR

Johanna Jordan is awarded first place in Seahawk Idol's first season.

guessing.

Madonna was the artist of choice given to the performers, even though none of the finalist had a background music to go with their performance, a-capella was the style to go as the ladies sang, "Frozen," "Music," and "Beautiful Stranger" by the blond bombshell.

Sue Finn, who is Director of Student Life at Willis Holcomb Center at downtown said "she absolutely loves it." Including Finn some of the faculty and staff were also on hand to watch the "big show." Mareta Sizemore the Director of Student Life at North Campus, was impressed by the performance of Johanna Jordan, said "she is ready for the next level, she was very good."

Students agreed with their decision as they voted for the past

3 weeks, Jordan, who received more than 80 percent of the votes was the clear winner.

At the end of the night after all the tallies were counted and the judges make their final decision, the nervousness of the room could be felt.

When Jordan was announced the winner, family and friends rushed to the stage to congratulate her as did the students who were at the event. Jordan was emotionally shaken as she accepted congratulations from everyone.

Season 2 auditions will be scheduled for November. Students are encouraged to apply during the welcome back cook-out on Sept. 12 at North Campus. If there are any other questions please contact Student Life on North Campus at 954-201-2484.

Student starts new Outdoor Club

BY ANTHONY PERRUCCI
NORTH BUREAU CHIEF

Josh Adams had one good reason for wanting to start up an outdoors club: The outdoors is what he knows and more importantly what he has come to enjoy and love.

Adams, a 21-year-old Liberal Arts major in his third year at BCC North, is a 14-year veteran of scouting, an environmentalist, and the head of the movement to bring the campus its most recent addition to the catalog of clubs and extracurricular activities available to students. The Outdoors club, Adams says, is intended to get students involved with the natural world around them that often simply goes unnoticed.

Adams lists the activities the club will make its focus with an emphatic "camping, hiking, environmental clean-up." Outside activity is, he says, "the best way to get people concerned" about taking care of the environment.

Marie Dugan, an assistant professor on North Campus, is to serve as advisor to the new club. Adams, she says, "had it all set himself" when he came seeking an advisor. Dugan jumped at the chance. "I love the outdoors," says Dugan, adding that she hopes the club will "expose students to nature," especially "the South Florida wilderness." Students will benefit, she thinks, because the outdoors and academic studies "go hand in hand. I can't imagine a biologist who stays indoors."

An Eagle Scout, as well as

a current member of the Sea Scouts, a naval-based offshoot of the Boy Scouts of America, Adams describes himself thus: "I like completing something I've started." Adams, in fact, was a recent recipient of the Quartermaster award, the highest honor in Sea Scouting.

Jeff Pyle is a Vice Commodore in the Sea Scouts, and has worked with Adams for the past three years. "He's enthusiastic," Pyle says with a chuckle, going on to describe Adams as "A great leader. He takes the time to go into details and teach the skills needed" to properly accomplish a task. Starting an outdoors club is "the kind of thing I'd expect him to do. He's an absolutely excellent person" for the task, Pyle notes.

Bobette Wolesensky, Adams speech teacher, describes both the man and the club with glowing terms. "Josh amazes me," she says, going on to exclaim that she is "really excited" about both the club and the involvement of Dugan, whom Wolesensky says "cherishes the outdoors."

Reaction from students has been similarly positive.

Matthew Bernes, a Journalism major who will graduate at the end of the semester, supports the new club. "It's just a good idea," says Bernes, to have a club where "students [can] get together."

The club will have a presence at the upcoming April 19th Earth Day activities on North Campus. A mercury thermometer round-up will take place, collecting the instruments filled with the liquid, which is a neurotoxin.

North Professor lends a hand in Haiti

BY ARCHIE ASAR
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Charitable acts coincide with holidays for most people. To some helping others is a year around project. Dr. Zev Beitchman who is an adjunct professor at North Campus is now lending a helpful hand to people in Haiti.

Dr. Beitchman says "It started with a picture in the Miami Herald of a young Haitian boy his face covered with flies." He says, "the article was about the need for medical supplies in Haiti." He says he had to do something to stop suffering. He says "after all as a psychologist isn't that one of our ethical responsibilities?" After seeing the article, Beitchman called his Haitian-American friend Elou Fleurine and told him that people are dying.

Few weeks later Beitchman approached his Rabbi, Gayle Pomerantz of Temple Beth Shalom. With her blessing Beitchman's Temple members began collecting much needed clothing, nonperishable food and medical supplies



PHOTO BY ARCHIE ASAR

Dr. Zev Beitchman poses with Rabbi Gayle Pomerantz with a truckload of supplies bound for residents of Haiti.

and giving them to the nonprofit organization Maslag for distribution to the people of Haiti living in the island of La Gonave.

Beitchman who has made several trips to the island says, "situation is extremely bad, the people are hungry, they are malnourished." Haiti, being the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere,

needs more help than any other country in the area. Estimated capita income is \$361. An armed rebellion that led to the ouster of former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide further eroded the economy and government services.

Poverty in Haiti is so extreme; people are eating one time per day because of the price of rice. Haiti

has a population of 8.2 million and an additional 4 million people of whom live on less than \$1 per day. More than 2/3 thirds of those in the labor force lack formal jobs.

The two of the main hospitals, Beitchman directly works with are, the Mars and Kline Psychiatric Center in Port-au-Prince and Medial Hospital in La

Gonave. He says most of the hospitals had neither medications nor mattresses for the patients to sleep on, nor activities for them during the day. Even the television was broken. Both hospitals also suffer power outages frequently: the facilities basically need everything from medical supplies, toiletries, laboratory supplies for the E.E.G., medical laboratory equipment, psychotropic medications and office supplies.

Beitchman was in Haiti over the Spring Break and says the situation has worsened since the last time he was there.

Beitchman is on the initiative and is asking students, faculty and staff college wide to help him collect items such as over the counter medicine, medical equipment of any kind. He has received equipment from Jackson Memorial Hospital and private doctors in the area. He is now asking for your help. Supplies can be dropped off at Behavioral Sciences Building at North Campus at Dr. Kevin Keating's office which is located in Building 56.



STUDENT ARTIST PROFILE: Faye-Linh Nguyen

"If life is a continuum of art, and art the continuum of life, with daily potential for the brain to access creativity, then I'm halfway there to fulfillment."

—Faye-Linh Nguyen

How long have you been doing/interested in graphic design?

I've always been interested in art when I was younger, though I quickly found out that fine art wasn't what I'm good at. Still, I went through High School majoring in computer and art anyway. When I started college I figured out a way to incorporate both world together and came up with Graphic Design as being the best field for me. I dropped out of school soon after for a job opportunity in a toy company. Five years later I decided to get back in school, pick up my Graphic Design major where I left off, and along the way incorporate Multimedia/Website design study into it as well.

What are your plans after BCC?

Currently I'm working towards an AS in Graphic Design and an AA in Liberal Arts. Once that is finished, I'd like to transfer to a University and get a BS in Anthropology. Although the majors might seem unrelated at first glance, they really tied into what I eventually want. I'm also hoping that while continuing my study for a BS I could work some freelance photography or some design projects here and there.

What are your career goals?

Eventually, my goal is to be manager or director of an art, advertising, or promotion related field. I'm more interested in being the person organizing parts into a whole rather than be the one working on the individual parts. I also would love to expand more on my fashion photography field, as it is my first and foremost passion. For my long-term goal, I hope that eventually I could go into teaching as a professor and see how that works out.

Is there any person/thing that inspires or has helped/supported you?

I believe that whatever environment I'm in, I tend to get inspired by what surrounds me such as the people within that field or the places and things that I get to see and experience. My mom and sister always support anything that I chose to do, I'm very thankful for that. Also, my teachers and friends have helped me out from time to time with some very wonderful advices. Overall, the thought of being

able to support my family is my ultimate drive to succeed.

Work you have done in the field: a contest, experience, shows, etc.

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BCC bids farewell to loyal family member

BY BUZZ LAMB
STAFF WRITER

On Sept. 2, 1975, Joyce Warden was hired as an assistant executive secretary for the executive vice president's office. It was a position she would hold for five years until an opening became available in the President's office. She applied and was hired as Dr. Hugh Adams secretary in 1980. Her current title is Senior Executive Assistant to the President but it will change on April 30 of this year. Her new title: Retired.

Warden recently reminisced about her 31-year career at BCC. "I've always enjoyed my job here," she said. "I've grown with it and it has grown a huge amount as well." Warden remembered that in 1985 Dr. Adams asked her if she would record and type the minutes of the Board of Trustees meetings. "I said I would be pleased to do it," she recalled. "We didn't have a computer when Dr. Adams was here. Everything was done on the typewriter."

Warden said that she has only missed one board meeting and that was in September of 1985. "I got my first computer when Dr. Holcombe started in 1987," she said. Warden said she used to have student assistants work with her in the early days but the job has grown so large she now has her own executive assistant.

Warden said the best part of her job is dealing with people. Anyone who has called the President's office has most likely spoken with Warden. Brenda Edwards, administrative assistant to Dr. Eileen Holden at Polk Community College said that she has never met Warden face-to-face but has dealt with her frequently on the telephone. "Joyce has always been extremely professional, very helpful, very friendly," she said. "I heard that she was retiring...good for her."

The call to Edwards prompted a return call from Dr. Holden. "I was at BCC for five years as Vice President of Academic Affairs and I worked with Joyce on a daily basis," she said. "She is just an incredible professional. I don't think there is anyone more loyal to BCC. She has a total commitment to the students and to the college." Holden went on to say that Warden always made the work she did look effortless and she always took her responsibilities of representing the president's office seriously.

"If ever there was an un-sung hero at BCC, it is Joyce Warden. I have tremendous respect and admiration for her," Holden said.

Warden said that she has served three BCC Presidents and one Exec./VP. Her favorite is Dr. Holcombe. Over the years they have formed a mutual admiration society. Holcombe recently described Warden as "the institution's memory" and he voiced his

concern with her departure. "This is a vulnerable time for BCC" he said referring to the selection of a new president. Holcombe said the one word he would use to describe the woman who was his secretary for 17 years is: professional. "And I mean that with all the high-end connotations of that word," he said.

Finding a replacement for Warden has not been an easy chore. Holcombe said a search committee narrowed down a field of about two dozen applicants to four possibilities. He and Warden did the final interviewing and Emilia Colageo has been selected to assume the position that Warden held for 27 years. Colageo is currently Dr. Ken Ross's secretary and is no stranger to the inner workings at 111 East Las Olas Blvd.

Colageo has been in the downtown office for over 10 years and has worked with Warden on numerous occasions. "My boss has worked with the president's office many times over the years," she said. "I have always admired Joyce's professionalism in her position. It is important that she has kept up with the changes over the years." Colageo said when she takes over the position she will continue an open-door policy. "I want to be a person that people will come to and talk to, be comfortable with and not be intimidated by and still maintain that professionalism required working for the president," she said.

Warden said the one thing she is most proud of during her career at BCC is setting up the UniSearch software program. "I have done the imaging (downloading) of every board meeting from 1968 to 2005 into that program," she said. Warden said that it was an arduous task but one that needed to be accomplished to keep the historical records of the college intact.

Outside of the college environment, Warden has gotten involved in civic organizations as well. One group, Professional Secretaries International, selected her as "Secretary of the Year" in 1996. She and her husband Bob moved to Broward County from Madison, Wisconsin where she had been working for the First National Bank. "I took eight years off when we got here so that I could raise our son," she said. Warden said she started to get restless not working. "When I was a child I always wanted to play 'office,'" she said. "I used to beg my older sister but she would have no part of it." When she saw the advertisement for the job at BCC she jumped at the chance to return to the work she loved so much.

Warden's immediate plan after she retires is to travel with her husband. She said that he is scaling back his duties at his job so that they can go places they never had time for in the past. "I want to play more golf, go to the mov-

ies, do some gardening...read a book all the way through...things like that," she said. Warden said that initially she will take time to reflect but she won't stay idle as she plans to do some volunteer work (maybe at the college) and spend more time working out at Bally's Fitness Center.

When asked what her most memorable event was during her career at BCC she responded

without hesitation, "When Dr. Holcombe came back to help us out. That was the best ever. It would have been so much more difficult for the college." (There's that mutual admiration thing again.) They both have said that it has been the shared respect for one another that has allowed their business relationship to flourish.

Dr. Holcombe said that over

the years he and Warden have disagreed on some points "but we never had any confrontations. She always comes up with creative solutions." Holcombe said the thing he will miss most about Warden is her friendly smile and the familiarity. "I could start a sentence and she could finish it for me. That's how well we worked together. She will be missed...."

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Facilities restructured

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Brezner expressed his appreciation to the facilities management staff. "I take great pride in all of the things that I have accomplished in my career at community colleges," he said.

Brezner also was an adjunct teacher in the mathematics department on Central Campus where he has taught and mentored students. He related a story of a student who called him in 2000 to invite him to his graduation at FIU. With his voice quivering at times, he spoke of a 35-year-old with four young children who started his education at Miami-Dade with Brezner as one of his teachers. "At his graduation party the student told me that because of him he had graduated from FIU and had been accepted at law school," Brezner said as he choked back his emotions.

Francisco Hoyos has been appointed to fill the void caused by Brezner's retirement. Hoyos started at BCC 20 years ago. According to Lynn Buford, Senior Exec Asst/Facilities & College Services, Hoyos became a student at BCC in 1981 and worked part-time in the academic Architectural Department on Central Campus. Hoyos began working in the physical plant in 1982 as a draftsman and graduated BCC in 1983. He continued his education at FIU and graduated in 1987 with two Bachelor's degrees.

In 1987 Hoyos was hired by BCC full-time as the architectural coordinator and over the years has worked his way up the ladder in the department. His last position before this appointment was assistant director of facilities management. "We worked very closely together for nine years," Hoyos said. Hoyos added that he had known Brezner before when Brezner was working at Miami-Dade. "He was a very good people person...a good manager," he said. "He was my mentor."

Hoyos said his immediate plans are to make sure the facilities department gets the respect and recognition that it deserves throughout the college. "On Central Campus we are remodeling Building 6 and Building 22 which was the old Public Safety Building. On South Campus we are remodeling Building 72 which was

the old library and we are going to expand the learning resources area," he said. "Up on North Campus we are remodeling Buildings 50 and 51. We are not building the new Junior Achievement building but we are monitoring it so that we are assured that it's up to our standards," he said.

Hoyos said that his department is working diligently

on the new parking garage on Central Campus. "Right now we have a schematic plan and we are doing a design-build process. Then we will put an RFP (request for proposal) together once we get approval from the VP we are working with. "That garage is desperately needed and we are doing everything we can to make it happen," he said.

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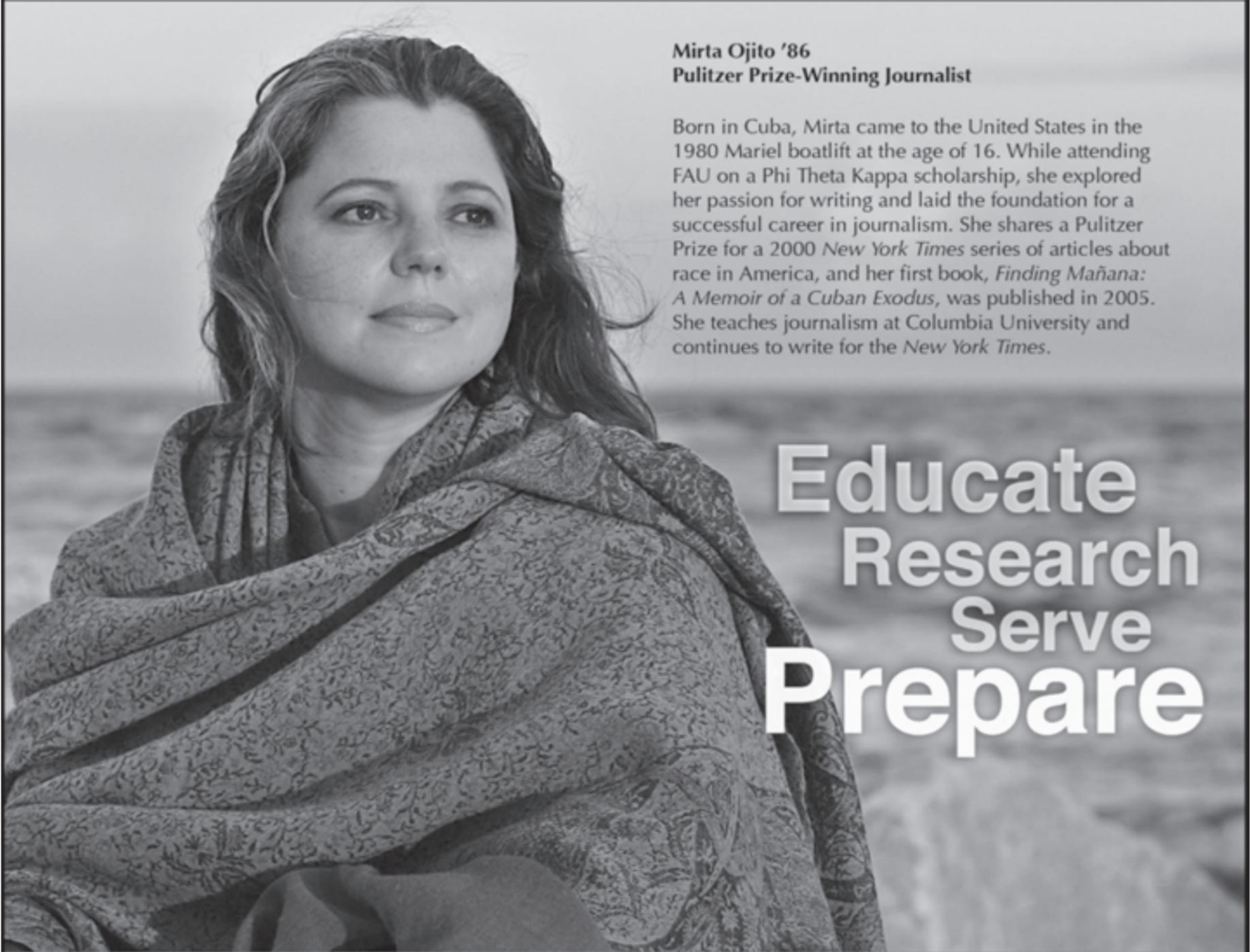
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A much-desired student production

BY HEATHER DULMAN
SOUTH BUREAU CHIEF

Something dramatic came to the Fine Arts Theater (Bailey Hall) on Central Campus. The Theater department at BCC produced a well done show by Tennessee William's *A Streetcar Named Desire* from March 15-25.

"It's some of the finest work I've seen on the South Florida stage period. Students are brilliantly talented. The play is beautiful; it is stunning; the production is really something special," said Director, Mariah Johnson. "I did a huge independent study at FAU, studied the author, play. The period is so challenging I wanted to really know it. I keep studying to improve as an artist. The play is very deep and requires many layers in depth understanding, theme motifs and the spirit of the play."

The play is set in 1944; students had to research what it was like in New Orleans and learned southern dialect to understand the style of the play. They are making characters of their own

not a copy of a Marlin Brando performance. To make the play more interesting for stage movement, the cast had to incorporate an animal that relates to their character with their posture, talking and walking.

"Actors research animal movement from time to time, so you don't always have to always look or sound the same. Contrasting primitive animal with nature vs. spiritual," said Johnson.

They stayed in complete character. It had a lot of realism theatre. It was well directed; the audience had a feel of the atmosphere and went back in time to the 1940's.

"It's such a classic play, just to be part of it is an honor," said Christian Vandepas (Dr. Lawrence Gordon and young boy.)

"There was a decision made by the entire faculty who sits down and discusses what types of play we want to do to try to provide a variety of genres for our students to learn musicals, dramas: this play is American Realism. We have not done this in a while and

it provides a wonderful challenge for our students," said Johnson.

The play was amazing, if no one goes to school plays they should start going. People would be missing out in a story shown by amazing actors and a great director.

"My favorite part is the infamous scene, when Stanley yells Stella. This is my first big theatre production. I dyed my hair willing to change completely who I am to help aide the transformation of becoming Stella. I chose the dog as my animal because Stella has two owners Stanley and Blanche," said Sheri Martini (Stella Kowalski.)

"Sheri and I made a deal if she was going to audition I'm going to audition if she backs out, I'll back out," said Ryan Simmons (Pablo.)

The next play is scheduled for April 24-27, The BCC Directing class will produce one act plays and will be holding auditions. Look at the callboard in Bldg. 4 for further details. Next year in spring is a production by Martin McDonagh called "The Pillowman."



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Sheri Martini prepares to put on her performance as Stella in BCC's Bailey Hall production of *A Streetcar Named Desire*.

Cinema supremacy



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Charlie (Sandler) and Alan (Cheadle) rekindle an old friendship.

BY BELAL JABER
STAFF WRITER

"Reign Over Me" won me over. Not since Mel Gibson and Danny Glover from "Lethal Weapon," have I seen such great chemistry between two characters in a movie. Adam Sandler and Don Cheadle are flawless in their interactions.

The movie is intense and had several heart wrenching moments that would make even the most macho guy get teary eyed. And for that, credit must be given to Sandler, who steps away from his usual childish comedy to a very different kind of character.

Sandler plays Charlie

Fineman. His character is that of a man who lost his family in the September 11 attack. He is distraught and refuses to let anyone into his life. He then runs into his old college roommate played by Cheadle and rekindling their former friendship is the one thing that appears able to help the man recover from his grief.

Sandler delivers a magnificent performance and deserves an Oscar nomination for it. Cheadle gives an almost equally superb performance playing the straight man to Adam's troubled self. But again, this film is all about Sandler.

Sandler plays two types of characters revolved in one. When he's mentally stable, his

character is very likeable and very witty. However, when he goes into his unstable outbursts, it is easy to begin to dislike him as his character becomes very dark and angry.

The plot is very easy to follow and the incorporation of a smaller storyline within the film involving a therapist played by Liv Tyler and a crazy patient played by Saffron Burrows keeps the film fresh and interesting.

I recommend this movie to anyone who likes intense mental dramas. Any Adam Sandler fan would be satisfied by the actor's performance. Without a doubt, "Reign Over Me," is a captivating, must-see movie, you are sure to enjoy.

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Not your usual fantasy movie (and that's a good thing)

BY JOSSIE CARBONARE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The trailers and television spots for this film gave me the impression that it was going to be another Harry Potter or, more appropriately, another Chronicles of Narnia. You know, a movie where a group of adorable kids travel to a beautiful fantasy world and engage in amazing adventures, jam-packed with gorgeous special effects and excitement from start to finish.

Well, that's not what this movie is like at all, but I'm sure that everyone who read the book (ie: not me) already knew this. So, even though this movie is only somewhat similar to what the marketing campaign promised, is it any good? Yeah, actually, it's pretty good, but there are a few things you should know before-hand.

"Jess" (Josh Hutcherson, also starring in "Fire House Dog") is a young boy with a gift for creative art but is constantly forced to repress his imagination by his father (Robert Patrick), who wants him to "keep his head out of the clouds." Things change when a new girl, Leslie (Anna Sophia Robb, who also starred in "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" 2005), arrives at school. Leslie is the daughter of two fiction authors and has a wild imagination. Gradually, she helps Jess set his imagina-

tion free and the pair become fast friends. Together, Jess and Leslie create their own fantasy world known as Terabithia, where they use their imaginations to escape from reality as well as devise means to conquer their own personal problems.

At first I was disappointed with the film because I felt like I'd been snookered by a very misleading marketing campaign. Then, as I began to understand the real point of the movie, I came to appreciate it. For the most part, anyway.

"Bridge to Terabithia" is for kids, more-so than "Narnia" and "Harry Potter." It is not crawling with special effects like the trailers imply (in fact, just about all the special effects in the film are shown in the trailers), but instead it is a much more personal tale about two close friends growing up and making the most of the time they have together. For at least the first half of the film, yes, the entirety of the plot is basically two kids frolicking in the woods and having adventures. Kind of like live action role-players, only okay, because they're children and not mentally-stunted 25 year-olds.

I was a bit "meh" through the first half. I could tell it was a good movie for kids, and I'm sure if I'd been a 10-year-old I would've been having a great time, but I didn't feel like I was in the right target audience.



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Leslie (Anna Sophia Robb) and Jess (Josh Hutcherson) become fast friends through their shared interests.

Then the big twist happened halfway through and I was in shock. I won't say any more about it for those of you who don't want spoilers, but I will say that it was an emotionally thrashing moment which hits you like a bus (if you haven't read the book or had it spoiled for you, anyway). It was here where I understood the movie's true lesson, or at least, the dominating one: treasure every moment of your youth and never let the good memories escape.

It's kind of hard to talk about the movie (the parts I really liked, anyway), because I don't want to spoil it. So I'll talk about something else.

The special effects provided by Walden Media (the "Lord of the Rings" people), as carefully as they're used, are up to their usual standards of quality. The fantastic creatures and landscapes which make-up

Terabithia are cartoonish, but they're supposed to represent the imagination of a child, so it's perfectly appropriate.

There's also the acting from the two lead kids, which impressed me. Anna Sophia Robb shines brightest as the wild and rambunctious one, not coming off anywhere near as annoying as most child actors. Josh Hutcherson also carries his role really well, playing a boy with a strong imagination but lacking responsibility. The kids who played the supporting characters, such as school bullies and what-not, aren't so notable. They're your typical child actors, so I'm not going to pick on them.

One of the film's other lessons is one I felt really strongly about: kids need to use their freaking imaginations! In this age of video games where fantasies are mass-produced by

corporations and kids are getting out and playing with each other less and less, a movie that comes along and inspires kids to play "pretend" is wonderful. (It was always my favorite game, growing up.)

The film captures what having fun as a kid and using your imagination is like, and as an adult whose not allowed to do that anymore, I almost found myself longing for simpler (and more fun) times.

So if you're expecting sword, sorcery and epic quests from "Bridge to Terabithia," I'm sorry, but you aren't going to find them here. If you have a younger brother or sister, a kid that you baby-sit or even your own kid, and you want to inspire them to go outside and play rather than sitting on their butts watching T.V. and playing video games, then this movie is definitely up your alley and well worth it!

Ride-Thru the ranch

BY KIMBERLY STACK
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

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Tequila Ranch has weekly special nights and entertaining theme nights. Every Thursday it's "College Night" with specials on beer, \$3 shots, and sexy bull riding contests for cash and prizes. The theme nights are the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month, where guests are encouraged to dress along with the theme. April 6 will be "Jack Rabbit" night with cash prizes for the Best Costume and April 20 is "Lingerie Night." But, the biggest party of the year for Tequila Ranch is right around the corner, *Cinco De Mayo* (May 5).

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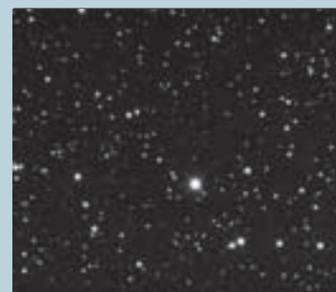
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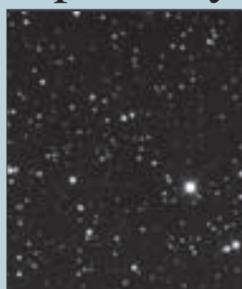


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-Our galaxy the milky way forms

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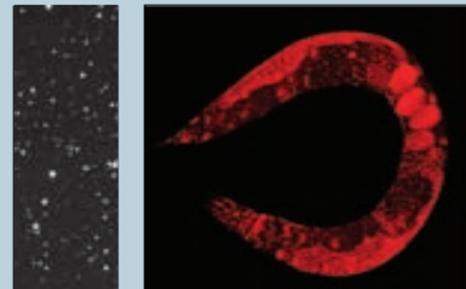
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-Oldest known life forms. A single cell organism

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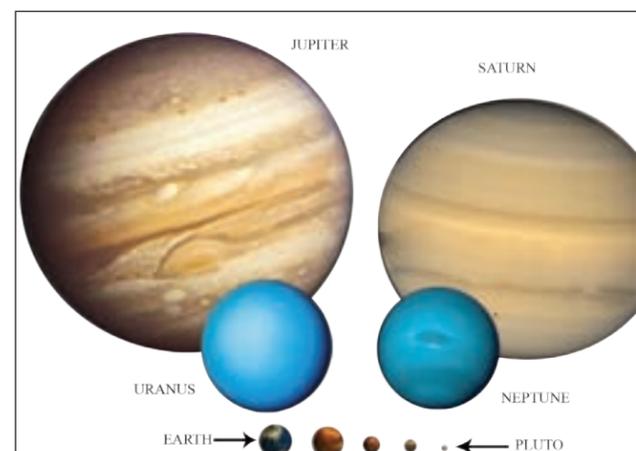
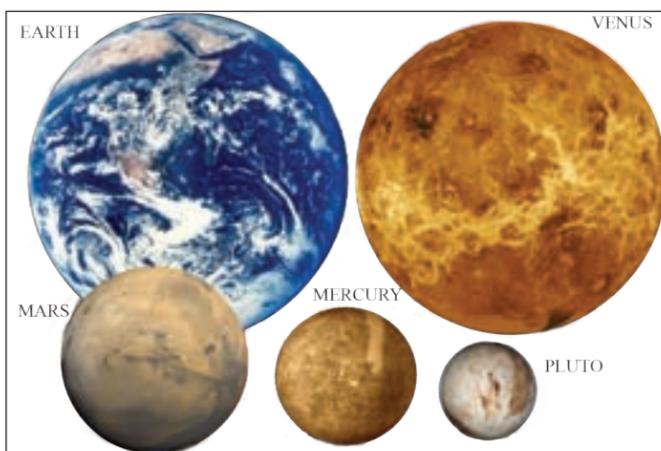
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Invention of agriculture	11:59:20 p.m.
Neolithic civilization; first cities	11:59:35 p.m.
Pyramids built in Egypt; development of astronomy	11:59:50 p.m.
Invention of the alphabet; Akkadian Empire	11:59:51 p.m.
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GUIDE TO THE UNIVERSE

About this title: Each speck of light is actually an entire galaxy filled with billions of stars, the image is only a portion of a larger image taken by the Hubble space telescope

EARTH

- The Earth was formed 4.5 billion years ago
- 90% of the Earth's atmosphere is within 7 miles from the surface. If shrunk to the size of an apple the atmosphere would be the thickness of the skin
- The planet is hurtling through space at an average speed of 18.5 miles per second
- Our moon is slowly escaping away at 1.6 inches a year
- 80% of the Air is Nitrogen and rest is Oxygen with traces of other gases
- It takes sunlight 8 minutes to reach the Earth
- Only 3% of the water on earth is fresh and 70% of it is stored as glacial ice
- Mount Everest is tallest peak on earth at 29 000ft
- The total surface area of Earth is 197 million square miles
- The world's deadliest recorded earthquake occurred in 1557 in central China, more than 830,000 people were killed.
- The total surface area of Earth is 197 million square miles
- Core temperature of Earth is thought to be 7000 F

SPACE

- 1 million earths can fit inside the Sun
- Jupiter's magnetosphere is the largest single structure inside the Solar System. If you could see it with your eyes, it would appear larger than our full Moon.
- Our Universe is in fact expanding
- Some of the objects visible to the Hubble Space Telescope images are four billion times fainter than the limits of human vision.
- Our galaxy, the Milky Way is 100 000 light years in diameter
- It is estimated that there are between 200-400 billion stars in the Milky Way
- Andromeda galaxy, our neighbor galaxy is in a collision course to our Milky Way, they may merge in 3-4 billion years
- It is estimated that there are between 200-400 billion stars in the Milky Way
- The leading theories say that the Universe will either end in a "Big Crunch" with everything collapsing back into a singularity or it will keep expanding forever until all is gets cold and fades to dark

LIFE

- Evidence suggests that life has existed in the planet for 3.7 billion years
- DNA is the single most important molecule in living cells and contains all the information that determines who you are and what you look like
- All living things contain DNA
- Humans have between 20 000-25 000 genes. A fruit fly has about 13 700
- Bone for bone, muscle for muscle there are no major differences between humans and apes. we are at least 96% genetically identical
- The theory of evolution by natural selection is called a theory not in the popular way the word is used as in a "guess" a scientific theory is mathematical description, a logical explanation, a verified hypothesis, or a proven model
- Bacteria are ubiquitous in every habitat on Earth, growing in soil, acidic hot springs, radioactive waste, seawater, and deep in the earth's crust. Some bacteria can even survive in the extreme cold and vacuum of outer space.
- The world's population increased 3.1 billion in last 40 years, reaching 6.5 billion. It is projected that we will reach 9.4 billion by 2050

WHAT IS SCIENTIFIC TRUTH?

BY WILLIAM BREIM
SCI-TECH EDITOR

Scientists have an honorable job, to simply expand knowledge, yet many scientists and students of science often encounter a sort of "philosophical heckling" that goes along these lines: "There is no absolute truth. There are no facts in science. It is an act of faith to claim that the scientific method, mathematics and logic are the road to truth. Other cultures might believe that truth is to be found in a rabbit's foot or a prophet." Most students have heard this at one point or another from other students or maybe even a professor. There is a name for this half-baked philosophy and it is Cultural Relativism. How are scientists and its students supposed to answers to such erroneous allegations that we merely have "faith" in science and logic and that is not really privileged. A short answer would be: science produces results.

Cultural relativists forget that science backs up its claims to truth with the ability to produce results. Making planes fly,

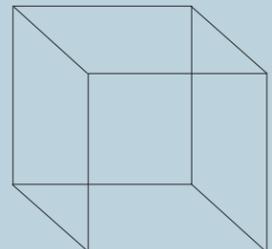
launching rockets to the moon and creating medicines that work. Predicting with astonishing accuracy what will happen to energy and matter as it is moved on command.

One might claim then, for example that it is a Western bias to be impressed by accurate predictions, by the power to intercept and fix an orbiting telescope. Let's then consider for a moment that scientific truth is just one among many others like, Navajo truth, feminist truth, Islamic truth or Christian truth and so on. People could then switch loyalty to one truth or the other depending on their merit. Scientific truth is the only one in the list of many. But what makes scientific truth different from all the others is that it is the only one who continually "converts people" the others truths have their loyals made up of people who were brought up in those truths. When given the opportunity people continually choose real doctors with medicines that work over witch doctors. Even those who have no scientific education or ability to get one, choose to benefit from the products of science. People who previously subscribed

to any of the other culturally relative truths continually switch to the scientific truth when exposed to it and its products.

Another species of truth-hecklers argue that: "There is no absolute truth. Your scientific truths are hypothesis waiting to be falsified. The best science can do is obtain an approximation and improve on them."

If we are to take scientific truth as mere unfalsified hypotheses, consider the famous illusion of the Necker Cube.



The pattern of lines can be seen in two way. Two hypotheses of solidity, look for a few seconds and the cube switches to another cube and then back again. Maybe our sight only confirms or reject mental 'hypotheses' about what is there, that's of course just an idea. It is true that you have

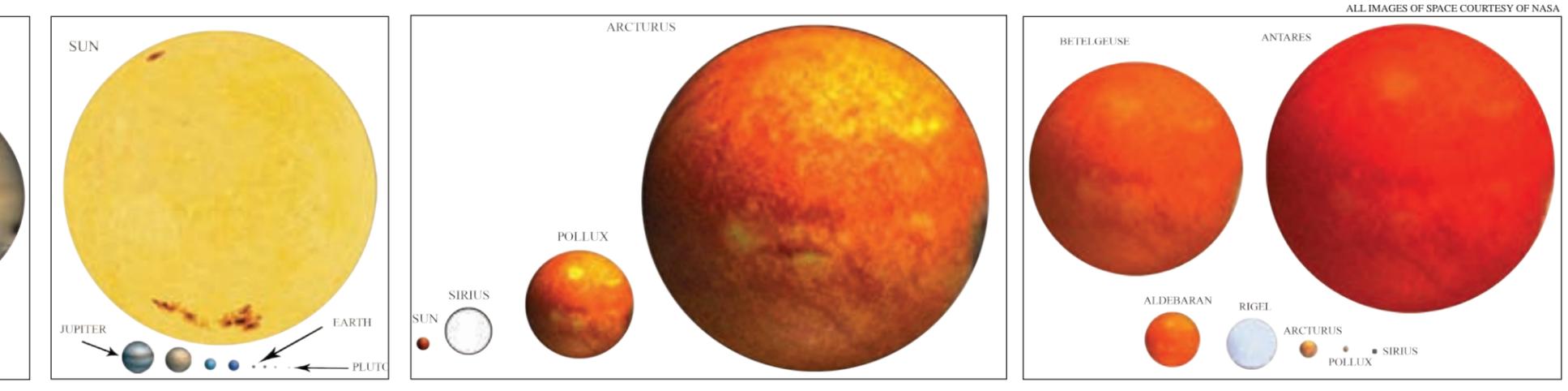
a head and it is true that Sun is hotter than the Earth. These are facts, not hypotheses waiting to be falsified. If scientific truth is open this kind of philosophical doubt then so is common sense truth. We have to at least be even handed in the heckling.

Science though, is not synonymous with common sense. Conclusions in science can be disturbingly counter-intuitive. Quatum theory is an example of scientists battling insanity. The implications of the theory are completely against common sense but when put through many tests it produces immensely accurate results.

Modern physics teaches us that there is more to truth than meets the eye; or the limited human mind.

In the face of these profound and sublime mysteries, the low-grade intellectual poodling or pseudo-philosophical poseurs seems unworthy of any attention.

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J. DAVID ARMSTRONG, JR.

**CHANCELLOR OF THE
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J. David Armstrong, Jr. is currently the chancellor of the Florida community college system. He has held that position for the last six years and has been a leader in the system for more than 20 years. His career began at Pensacola Junior College where he worked in public affairs and government relations as well as being an adviser to the college newspaper.

In 1988 he became Education Policy Director for the Division of Community Colleges. In his application Armstrong said after he left Pensacola Junior College to enter education policy-making and advocacy he has periodically taught a class (Introduction to Management) at Tallahassee Community College at night. In 1991 he was appointed Deputy Assistant Executive Director, Division of Community Colleges and in 1992 he advanced to Assistant Executive Director of the Florida Community College System, a post he held for five years.

Over the years he worked his way up the ladder in Executive Director positions until he was appointed interim Chancellor of the Florida Community College System in 2001 and finally Chancellor in 2002. Armstrong has been a guest lecturer at several universities on community college policy issues, including the University of Austin, Florida State University and University of Florida.

"I still regularly visit campuses and classrooms around the state at our 28 (community) colleges to interact with faculty and students," he said.



ANA "CHA" GUZMÁN

**PRESIDENT OF PALO
ALTO COLLEGE**

Ana "Cha" Guzmán is currently the president of Palo Alto College (PAC) in San Antonio, Texas. In 2001 she became the first woman president of the college which serves the southern sector of the city. The college was founded in 1985 and there were four presidents prior to her appointment. According to Guzmán's application to BCC, the enrollment at PAC has increased by 27 percent since under her tutelage.

Guzmán began her career in higher education as a child development specialist at Texas Southern University from 1971 to 1973. In 1978 she became research director, at the parent/child development center of the University of Houston. In 1979 Guzmán switched gears and for seven years was the director of bilingual, ESL and migrant programs for an independent school district in Baytown, Texas. Guzmán held various positions in the public school system until 1990 when she became program officer for the National Science Foundation in Washington, D.C.

From August 1992 until December 1995 Guzmán was associate vice chancellor of academic support programs and associate professor of education in the Texas A&M University System at the College Station Campus. In January of 1995 Guzmán joined Austin Community College (ACC) as CEO/VP at the Cypress Creek Campus in Cedar Park, Texas. In August of 2001 she left ACC to assume her duties as president of Palo Alto College.



DENNIS R. HARKINS

**CAMPUS PROVOST AT
ART INSTITUTE OF
ATLANTA**

Georgia Perimeter College (GPC) is reported to be the third largest college in the University System of Georgia and as campus provost Dennis R. Harkins is responsible for the operation of the Clarkston Campus which reportedly has an enrollment of 6,600 students and a budget of \$16 million along with 124 faculty members.

No stranger to Broward County, Harkins started his career in higher education in 1974 as a full-time photography faculty member at the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale. In 1976 he was appointed director of photography and in his application to BCC he said as director of photography at the Institute he designed curriculum, designed facilities and implemented internship programs in addition to supervising faculty and staff members.

In 1981 Harkins pulled up stakes in Broward and moved to Atlanta to become the VP/dean of education at the Art Institute of Atlanta. As chief academic officer, he was responsible for providing leadership for educational policies, programs, personnel and facilities. After 18 years in that position Harkins was appointed to his current position as campus provost.

In the final remarks of Harkins' video presentation he concluded by saying, "In 1974 I applied for a teaching position at BCC. Today I come knocking on the door of a different institution."



DEBBIE SYDOW

**PRESIDENT OF
ONONDAGA COMMUNITY
COLLEGE**

In her 20-year career in higher education, Debbie Sydow has spent 12 of those years in senior management of community colleges including seven years as president of Onondaga Community College (OCC) in Syracuse, New York. She began as an associate professor of English at Southwest Virginia Community College in Richlands, Virginia.

From August of 1993 to July 1995 Sydow held the position as chair of humanities and social services for Southwest Virginia Community College in conjunction with working as an adjunct English instructor at two other colleges. In 1995 she was appointed dean of academic and student services at Mountain Empire Community College in Big Stone Gap, Virginia where she also served as acting president in the fall of 1999.

In July of 2000 Sydow was elected president of Onondaga Community College which is purported to have more than 10,000 full-time students and an additional 13,000 in non-credit enrollment and nearly 1,000 employees.

Sydow's application to the Board of Trustees states that she twice oversaw the collective bargaining agreements with three campus organizations; Federation of Teachers, Association of College Administrators and the Civil Service Employees Association.

During her video presentation Sydow stated that during her various roles in administration she continued to teach an occasional course so that her focus remained on the core mission and the key function of assuring student success.

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Useful tips for traveling

BY GREG ROSENBERG
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

After a long semester of school, the term is finally coming to a close. Some students brace themselves for the upcoming summer semester while others are ready to pack their suitcases and start exploring. But one predicament many students incur is finding affordable travel rates.

Thanks to the internet, planning and booking a dream vacation is cheaper and easier than ever before. There are thousands of travel websites to choose from, and 30 minutes of research on the internet can easily save hundreds of dollars on travel expenses.

According to <ZDnet.com>, in 2006, <Travelocity.com> was the most frequently used site for booking vacations.

"I always check out Travelocity when I plan on going on vacation," Rebecca Rice, a student at Broward Community College's Central Campus said.

For people who are able to go on vacation on a weeks notice or less, the "Last Minute Packages" offered by Travelocity are ideal.

A Last Minute Package that includes roundtrip airfare to Las Vegas and hotel accommodations for four nights, costs \$450 per person. Booking an identi-

cal trip further in advance could cost as much as \$210 more per person.

Lodging

One of the cheapest forms of lodging is for the traveler that doesn't care about luxury, but rather only needs a place to shower and sleep. Hostels usually result in the greatest savings.

A hostel is a communal living arrangement that is like a dormitory.

In San Diego, California, a hotel located downtown in the Gaslamp Quarters can easily cost over \$200 a night. A stay in a nearby hostel is only \$19 per night which is great for those traveling on a budget.

Before the trip, call the hostel and ask if there is a curfew, if the hostel is open that time of year, if each bed has a locker, and if a reservation is needed. Be sure to pack a padlock, flip flops for the shower and a money belt.

Unfortunately, in some cities an inexpensive place to stay doesn't exist. For instance, in St. Augustine, Florida, a two star hotel can cost roughly the same amount as a bed and breakfast and wouldn't have as nice accommodations or include a gourmet breakfast. So be sure to check out privately-owned accommodations in the area before booking with a national chain.

Parking and Transportation

When booking a place to stay, location is everything. Many tourist cities, such as San Diego and New York, have a lack of parking spots. In these metropolitan types of cities, a parking spot alone can cost \$25 a day. By choosing a hotel in the downtown area, travelers can opt for inexpensive public transportation.

Dining

Another favorite part of vacationing that many people enjoy is sampling the local cuisine. Visitors can find great local places by simply introducing themselves to some of the natives on the street. Ask them to suggest good restaurant.

Free Travel

Many credit card companies such as: American Express, Citi Bank and Chase offer points or flyer miles for using their credit card. After the points or miles are accumulated, they can be redeemed for airfare, auto rental and hotel accommodations.

Being a student, doesn't mean you can't afford to travel. Take full advantage of today's technology, and always ask about student discounts. With the resources that exist today, it's now possible to plan a trip to fit almost anyone's budget.

Eat and Educate

Professor feeds students knowledge

BY KIMBERLY STACK
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The aroma of food fills the entire room and the students are greeted by their smiling professor, Elisa Albo. She advises her students to make sure they have a drink, to help their thirst as she will quench their brain's hunger for information.

The Food in Film and Literature class is currently located at South Campus on Tuesday nights in Bldg. 69, Rm. 104. After 8 years of thinking about it, the perfect chance arrived in the Seminar in Literature at BCC, where professors can create and teach one's own course.

The first time her class was introduced to BCC was in January of 2006.

"I thought, 'this is for me!' It was a great time! I love the way the sharing and celebrating of food brings minds, family, friends, love and culture together," said Albo.

Albo has always had an interest in healthy food as well as a passion for literature and gives much credit to her parents for all of her inspirations. As a young girl, her father read many poems to her and her mother was always

in the kitchen cooking good, well-balanced meals.

Her awareness of food started right from elementary school, when she heard of how veal is raised and swore off of it forever. As her knowledge expanded, she continued to block things entirely out of her diet.

Now, as a wife and mother of two girls she has become even more health conscious. With her desire to affect and inform people, she became a teacher having degrees in English, Teaching English Students of Another Language "TESOL" and Creative Writing.

Albo has been teaching at BCC for 15 years and among her many accomplishments she has her very own food related poems published in books. Her Food, Film, and Literature class seems also be a success.

"I've had fun, improved my writing skills, and made changes in my life pertaining to food, plus [Albo] really cares and goes the extra mile to help you learn," said hairstylist and student, Dina Watkins.

Albo plans to teach this course at least once a year. Her next class will most likely be in January of 2008.

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Making responsible choices

BY SAHARA CAMACHO
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When it is time to decide your future and choose a career, the first thing that comes to mind is what major to choose and the matter of money. Most college students deal with questions like: How am I going to pay for college? How many scholarships does the college offer? Is there assistance for students with low income? The truth is that with all the options that Financial Aid Services offer, students should spend their time talking with the financial counselor or searching on their own for grants, scholarships or loans, instead of worrying.

Hillary Fox, the Assistant Director of Financial Services at Broward Community College, said that "there are about two million dollars on scholarships and two million on Foundations' money available for students who want to apply for financial aid." This is great news for students at BCC because it means that there are great opportunities for them to receive assistance. Furthermore, "there are about 13,000 different student aids that are made available for qualifying students," said Fox. To apply for any type of fi-

nancial aid, BCC first requires that students fill out the FAFSA application. "From there you may be able to qualify for various scholarships" said Fox.

At Broward Community College there are four types of financial aid: grants, scholarships, student employment or loans. Grants and scholarships are considered a gift aid and do not have to be repaid. Grants are usually based on financial need. Student Financial Services offers several grant programs to eligible students who apply early for financial aid and indicate BCC as the 'college of choice' on their FAFSA application. Some grants are the Federal Pell Grant Program, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, and Florida Student Assistance Grants.

A scholarship is a type of federal aid awarded to students, usually on the basis of academic merit or exceptional talent. Among the scholarships available for students at BCC is the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship, Dream keepers Emergency Scholarship, Broward Women's Alliance Fund for the Advancement of Women Scholarship, Broke Scholar, The Sallie Mae Fund, Sun coast

Chapter, Coca-Cola Two-Year Colleges Scholarship Program, and The Broward Community College Foundation, among others. Students need to meet a certain criteria in order to qualify for a scholarship.

Another way to receive help from BCC to help you pay your college expenses is through student employment. The Work-study program offers part-time work to help students earn funds to assist with educational costs. BCC Student Financial Services offers several work-

study programs both on and off-campus. Early and eligible applicants who indicate a desire to work on their financial aid form will be offered work-study as part of their financial aid award package.

Finally, loans are available to students who need financial assistance to further their studies. Loans must be repaid. Student Financial Services coordinates several federal loan programs at BCC. Some of the loans offered are the Federal Stafford Loans, Federal PLUS

Loans, and Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loans.

For more information on financial aid you can login on www.broward.edu or www.fafsa.edu.gov "Here you can check the criteria for each scholarship, loan, grants or work-study program, download or fill out forms," said Fox. There is financial aid available for fall, winter and summer terms. Financial Aid deadlines for 07/08 are: July 5, 2007 (fall term,) October 18, 2007 (winter term) and March 20, 2008 (summer term.)

PTK and South Campus SGA partner for film series

BY CARLA KERSTENS
STAFF WRITER

This year's student associations have had a very busy time. Numerous activities have been offered throughout the semester. With issues ranging from environmental, to health, and even art; BCC South Campus has been a Mecca of extracurricular activities.

With so much to do it's no wonder there's a need for leisure time, and what better way to do that than to watch a movie? On March 22 Phi Theta Kappa-Alpha Delta Rho Chapter, in collaboration with the Student Government Association, launched a new initiative, the "PTK/SGA Film Series: Global Dynamics of Power." This interesting project was conceived as an opportunity for the student body to enjoy some time relaxing while watching thought-provoking movies, related in very different ways to the concept of power. Gold, Gods and Glory, the global dynamics of power has long been a studied topic for Phi Theta Kappa, therefore the films chosen seek to bring up this theme in different ways. The films were selected because of their interesting style and because each one of them reaches to the viewer in a unique way. Their approach to the main point is multidimensional, allowing the spectator to see different aspects to each film. Also, April is Poetry month as well as AIDS Awareness Month, so in order to honor this month's special subjects, films such as "Philadelphia," and

"Dead Poets Society" were added to the series.

After each movie, a brief discussion on the topic will take place, in order to enhance student's critical thinking, and see beyond what is shown on the surface. Some professors around campus are offering extra credit for attending the movies and posterior discussion, so it's always good to double check for this opportunity. Even though the response to the films has not been as expected, the film series will continue on April 19 showing the movie "Like Water for Chocolate," followed a week later by "And the Band Played On" and closing the series on May 3 with "The Devils Advocate," hoping this selection will encourage students to stop by and challenge their point of view on the issues being presented. The movies are being presented in room 101, Building 71, at 2 p.m. each consecutive Thursday. In addition, PTK, in an effort to raise money for their chapter, will be offering refreshments for sale, at the same location.

Intellectual capacity is increased when a person's point of view is widened, or is forced to find the connection between completely different subjects. This is precisely what is being attempted here, in a very comfortable and relaxed atmosphere, with the purpose of making students more wholesome individuals, who have the ability to relate and interconnect several areas of their life. Hopefully, this mission will be accomplished.

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Marlins take off

BY MARTIN BATER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Florida Marlins started the season with a 5-2 record through seven games and stand at second place in the National League East. South Floridians everywhere should start following this team closely before the bandwagon is full by mid-July.

The team's fast start is due to the emergence of an unexpectedly powerful offense that at the moment ranks first in the National League. So far, the top four hitters in the starting lineup (Hanley Ramirez, Dan Uggla, Miguel Cabrera and Mike Jacobs) are batting a combined .388, drove in 20 runs and hit seven home runs.

Cabrera is the one that stands out of the four with three homers, four doubles and 11 RBIs, but it's not just his offensive play that is making him so valuable. Cabrera, a third baseman, has a .929 fielding percentage and committed just one error throughout the seven games he started. His hustle and enthusiasm at the defensive end seems to be contagious for the rest of

the team, and that makes the Marlins' infield as good as any in the National League.

Miguel needs to be protected to produce big things offensively. That's why Mike Jacobs and Josh Willingham, who are a combined 18 for 51 (.352) in the four and five spots respectively, are just as key to the offense. For example, With the Marlins 2-2 and facing the Philadelphia Phillies, Willingham had three hits and four RBI's in a much needed victory for a team that needed to know it could beat the Phillies, who won last season's series 13-6.

The fact that Willingham is playing so well means that manager will have to think twice about walking Cabrera intentionally, or



they might face further damage. Pitching is still a little iffy, but it will improve. The bullpen has performed very well so far with new arms like Henry Owens and Lee Gardner showcasing promising talent. Gardner got the first save of his career against the Philadelphia Phillies after inheriting a mess made by closer Jorge Julio, who left the bases loaded with only one out and the score 6-4 in the top of the ninth inning. I do not trust Jorge Julio as a closer. Watching Gardner and Owens close out back-to-back games dominantly, like a closer should, I came to the conclusion that Julio isn't the right guy for this team this year. A closer should inspire confidence in his teammates, let them know that they will be going home without having to take any additional at-

bats, and Julio doesn't do that.

Brad Lidge, an All-Star closer, was just demoted to being a set-up man by the Houston Astros. Jorge Julio is nowhere near what Lidge is, and he is hardly untouchable.

In the rest of the NL East, the Atlanta Braves are 5-1 and seem to be handling close games exceptionally well, beating the Phillies twice in extra-innings on opening weekend.

The Phillies are 1-6, they put a bulls eye on their chest after shortstop Jimmy Rollins said they were "the team to beat" in the division. Their bullpen is dreadful and the offense has been sputtering. They better wake up fast, or by mid May they could be buried too deep in the standings to ever come out.

The New York Mets are pretty much as good as they were expected to be and are 5-2. Meanwhile, the Washington Nationals are as bad as expected and dropped six of their first seven, with their lone victory coming on a three-run rally in the ninth inning off Jorge Julio to cap off a 7-6 victory against the Marlins.

Dolphins preview

BY CHRIS IACOBELLI
STAFF WRITER

Cam Cameron and Randy Mueller have started a new era in Dolphin's history. Since taking over after Nick Saban's departure, both men have already made their marks on the roster. Their most impressive addition thus far, is the signing of pro bowl linebacker Joey Porter. Porter brings his vicious attitude, and great pass rushing skills to the Dolphins. Statistically

Miami's defense ranked fourth in the league, and can only improve with Porter. With the likes of Zach Thomas, Channing Crowder, and Joey Porter

Miami might have the best line backing core in the NFL. Miami's defensive line will have to be addressed in the draft, or free agency due to the release Jeff Zcogina and Kevin Carter. Other players Miami released include Joey Harrington, Andy McMichael, Bennie Anderson, Seth Mckinney, Damian Macintosh and Jeno James. The Dolphins new general manager Randy Mueller will have to replace the whole left side of the offensive line. He also traded fan favorite Wes Welker to the Patriots for a second and seventh round pick. Look for Mueller to address the



offensive line and receiver in the draft. This year's draft has plenty of depth at receiver and offensive line through the first three rounds. Miami owns four picks in the first three rounds. Another big surprise has been the signing of former Giant's kicker Jay Feely. That led to Miami to trade long time kicker Olino Mare to the New Orleans Saints for a sixth round pick. Randy Mueller and Cam Cameron have given this roster a face lift, yet this off-season still has more

to come with the draft which is April 28-29. Miami has plenty of holes to fill, but expect Miami to draft either an offensive or defensive lineman with the 9th overall pick. The two candidates

that are strongly being considered by Miami are offensive tackle Levi Brown from Penn State, or defensive tackle Alan Branch from the University of Michigan. Both players have plenty of upside, but I believe it's time for Miami to solidify the offensive line. That's why the Dolphins will select the left tackle out of Penn State Levi Brown. Levi Brown was a four year starter at Penn State, and could finally fill the left side of the offensive line since Richmond Webb retired. The Miami Dolphins have nine picks in the upcoming draft. Their needs include a quarterback, wide receiver, cornerback and defensive tackle.

Tournament hot shots

BY MARTIN BATER
SPORTS EDITOR

The main storylines at the past NCAA basketball tournament were the following: 1) what is Florida's place in history after repeating as champs? 2) Will Ohio State's Center Greg Oden (who supposedly is the next Bill Russell) and Texas' Forward Kevin Durant (the next Kobe/McGrady/Wade) stay in college? 3) Why are there so few mid-majors?

I think Florida's place in history is right up there with the UCLA dynasty of the late 60s and early 70s that won six titles in a row. The Gators won back-to-back NCAA championships, something that hadn't been done since Duke repeated in 1992. That is 15 years and 15 different champions, which speaks volumes about the parity in college basketball nowadays. I know that UCLA won six titles in a row and that Florida only won two, but the Bruins had a core of players that weren't as inclined to jumping to the NBA after their freshman year. Gator juniors Joakim Noah, Corey Brewer and Al Horford left millions on the table to make history and stay together as a team one more year. They also never had to deal with pesky and talented mid-majors like Butler and Winthrop that make the road to the Final Four that

much tougher. Just ask Ohio State, which needed Xavier to miss its last free throw and make a running three-pointer to go to overtime and advance to the Sweet 16.

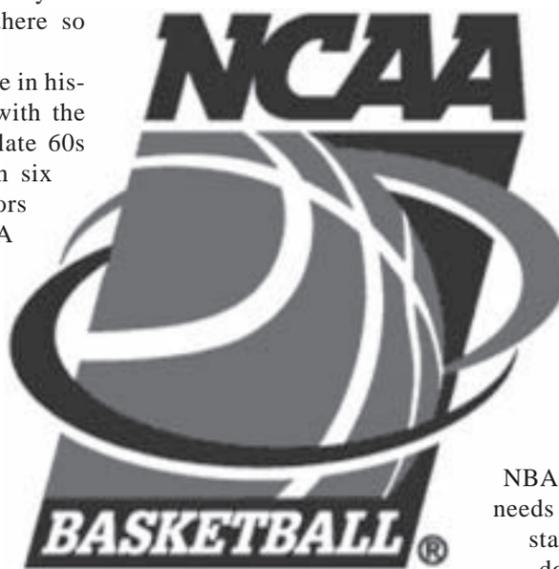
Talking about mid-majors, the fact that there were only six in this year's tournament didn't outrage me that much. Considering the utter lack of

The Texas Longhorns and Ohio State Buckeyes improved a lot thanks to Durant and Oden respectively. Durant has the ability to rebound, score inside and outside the paint, while also having the presence of mind to defer to teammates at times. The Longhorns ended the regular season in the Top 25 and many experts had them knocking North Carolina out in the Sweet 16, but K.D ran out of gas in the second round against USC.

Oden battled constant foul trouble throughout the tournament but finally had his breakout moment in the championship game against Florida by scoring 25 points and grabbing 12 rebounds in a dominating performance.

Durant is ready for the NBA, Oden isn't. Oden still needs to figure out how to stay out of foul trouble and dominate on a day to day basis, his 25 and 12 performance wasn't as much because of him but a result of the Gators' game plan of focusing on Buckeyes' guard Mike Conley Jr. and the 3-point shooters which went 2 for 14 for the game.

A fully developed Oden will learn that having 15 points, 12 rebounds and 5 assists could be just as good or better in certain situations. As good as he may be, individuals only win games, teams win championships.



Crosby and Tavares tear up the ice

BY BELAL JABER
STAFF WRITER

Sidney Crosby hasn't been in the league for two full years yet, but that doesn't matter. Because, hockey fans... another savior for the sport is upon us. He's a 16 year-old, named John Tavares.

Who is he? And why is he relevant? On March 16, Tavares broke a record by scoring his 70th and 71st goals of the season in the Ontario Hockey League. Who held the previous record, you're wondering? Some guy named Wayne Gretzky. You might have heard of him before.

Well Tavares is turning heads north of the border and despite being a year younger than the minimum age to play hockey in Canadian junior leagues, he was granted "exceptional player" status as a 14 year-old and taken first in the 2005 OHL draft. In 65 games for the Oshawa Generals last season the 6-foot, 183-pound Tavares scored 45 goals and was named rookie of the year. This season he scored 72 goals and added 62 assists for 134 points in just 67 games.

Sure, Crosby has dominated the NHL in only his second year and with consecutive 100+ point seasons, his current comparison to Gretzky are well deserving. I mean, he's still only 19 years-old, and has single handedly saved the Pittsburgh Penguins taking them from a team on the brink of extinction, to playoff contenders. And Alexander Ovechkin in Washington is also scoring and a high pace. Both young stars are creating a buzz within the league. A buzz definitely needed for a sport desperately trying to gain popularity in the U.S.

So while many critics will overlook Tavares because he's not as much of a finesse player like Crosby, but more of a finisher and a scorer. And some critics will even call him too small to be a force in the league but, again, he's still only 16 years-old.

And while many other 16 year-olds are getting their drivers license and hitting the streets, Tavares has NHL scouts trying to change the current draft eligible age from 16 to 18 so he can be available for this summer's draft.

And while the age requirement is unlikely to change, the fact that Tavares has scouts and

the league even pondering the thought shows that the hype has to be considered legitimate. In the NHL by 2009 and already hailed as hockey's next big thing, Tavares is almost a lock to be the first choice in the draft that year.

So for a sport currently looking to youth to help carry it to popularity, perhaps the youngest star in the sport hasn't even played a game yet.

Men's Baseball struggles in Southern Conference

Seahawks attempt to reclaim their glory

BY ALBERTO K. SANCHEZ
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As the regular season comes to a close for the BCC Men's Baseball team, the Seahawks are trying to finish strong. Unfortunately for the Seahawks, this season has seen many ups and downs.

With a 28-16 overall record and a 10-11 record on the Southern Conference, the Seahawks are fighting for a spot in the regional tournament.

The upcoming conference

games will determine if the Seahawks can keep their third spot - it is not possible for the Seahawks to reach second place - in the Southern Conference and leave Indian River Community College behind in fourth place.

With the team struggling in the Conference there have been some players that have earned honorable mentions due to their game performances.

The players that are ranked in the Region 8 statistics, include: Joe Ferrer (Individual Pitching), Dylan Lindsey (Save

Leaders), Sergio Morales and Rian Kiniry (Stolen Base Leaders), Sergio Morales and J.J. Jimenez (Individual Hitting).

The Seahawks will play two important Conference matches at BCC Central Campus in Davie on April 13 and 17 against Brevard Community College and Palm Beach Community College.

The region 8 tournament will be held on May 3-8 in Winter Haven, Fla.

Good luck to the Seahawks in the upcoming games.

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Is the wet-foot-dry foot policy fair?

American Government turning away Haitians only hurts U.S. image

BY DANIELLA DORCELUS
CENTRAL BUREAU CHIEF

According to the *Sun-Sentinel*, several Haitians arrived ashore at Hallandale Beach Boulevard after surviving a long and hazardous journey at sea on a rickety 35-foot sailboat. They included men, women and at least eight chil-

dren. Unfortunately, these brave refugees will most likely be sent back because of the "wet foot-dry foot" policy that applies only to Cubans. Is it fair for any person seeking freedom from the precarious conditions of their own country to be sent back after such a daring escape? I think not.

This unreasonable policy

does not take into account that there are other neighboring countries in the Caribbean that encounter political and economic strife which forces citizens that are capable of fleeing to do so. Haiti is a perfect example. The country has endured many problems over the years. In 2004, the country faced anarchy as armed rebels

roamed the streets killing many innocent residents. Recently, the country has faced another difficulty.

Armed gangs have roamed Cité Soleil kidnapping several residents in the area. One of the Haitians that was discovered ashore even testified that this situation was a major factor in his decision to flee his

homeland." ...Dorvil Noel, 38, said he was scared to stay in Haiti because of random killings. There are no jobs to feed his seven children and wife, he said." The Federal government as well as the state of Florida should seriously reconsider such a legislation which has adversely affected a growing minority.

Not another week of Idol's Sanjaya

BY JOSSIE CARBONARE
STAFF WRITER

Another week of Sanjaya and I really do not know how much more I can take!

On April, 4, 2007 we were down to 9 contestants and Sanjaya was not even in the bottom 3 votes!

To top it all off, Gina Glocksen "I.e. the rocker chick, got voted off.

I am infuriated because this show has become a joke to America.

I understand that it is a sing-

ing competition, and yes it is reality television, but our vote counts people! Sanjaya is by far the worst singer I have ever heard on that show to make it to the top 12, let alone now, top 8.

Conclusion you ask? HOW COULD THIS BE? No, seriously. What is going on? Is America deaf?

Turns out there is a website, <www.votefortheworst.com>, which promotes voting for Sanjaya and keeping him on the show. Producers are flipping out; fans of American Idol are flipping out, and I'M flipping

out!

Not only is this website promoting thousands of Americans to vote for Sanjaya but rumor has it that there is a computer program that a group of net workers set up to vote for Sanjaya during voting hours over and over again, meaning more than half of the votes going to Sanjaya are computer generated.

From Saturday Night Live to Howard Stern, my mother, and even my 9-year-old sister is talking about him. I sit every Tuesday night in my living

room with my family awaiting the next awful performance he brings us. Once the votes are announced on Wednesday night, I find myself picking up my cell phone to my boyfriend laughing teasing "He's still on, he's going to win! And I voted for him!"

Earlier this week I was concerned at the thought that while America is laughing at this 17-year-old, maybe he isn't in on the joke. Maybe he really thinks he can sing?

Poor Sanjaya... (Umm not!) C'MON PEOPLE! Vote for



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Go online or go to school?

Are students getting a bad deal?

BY KIMBERLY STACK
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Whatever happened to a professor teaching a course to students in a classroom? Technology is something that is constantly changing and improving. Does this mean that we won't need real human professors?

Every now and then, students take a course and get slammed with online obligations. Whether it's QUIA or Web CT, it does not make any sense. You can listen to lessons while looking over a PowerPoint, do homework and take quizzes. The computer then will give you a grade for everything you complete.

This is where the confusion starts. All online assignments can only be completed if it is done on the proper due date and time. This requires the students to have not only have access to a working computer at all times, but the computer must be fast and have high speed internet in order to actually make some progress. If this is not possible for you, you must hope that your computer does not freeze or crash during an assignment or you will be given a grade of 'F.'

The second problem is that the online class does not work with the actual class schedule.

That means you can take a class on Tuesdays and Thursdays physically and your online quizzes can have due dates for Friday at some random time like 5 p.m. I know I am a full time student, have a full time job and I chose my specific schedule in order to work around those certain days.

The worst part is that no matter how educated you are on the subject of the course, a simple space in the line of an answer can be marked entirely wrong. The online "teacher" can not give you credit for proper formula of an equation or even misspelling. You have to be as perfect as a computer to answer questions and get the correct grade you deserve.

Also, is there is a line drawn on excuses for online homework? Will the teachers actually understand if your computer freezes? How can you be absent or sick from the work?

Most of all, how does a teacher know if the actual student did the assignments online? They could get someone else who has taken the course, or even just cheat right online through web sites or their book. Though, this might seem as an advantage to students, the online system makes life and education extremely hard on everyone.

Water for Everyone

BY SAHARA CAMACHO
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Water is our most important, precious and resource. Whether we use it for drinking, fishing, irrigating or swimming, water is a necessity for our daily lives. It is not only essential for all individuals, but also for the world's survival. With the rapidly expanding population in South Florida, there has been an increase on water usage, placing a stress on our water resource and affecting both the water quality and water quantity.

Due to the lack of significant rainfall, Lake Okeechobee is at a record low, which indicates a critical worsening of regional supply conditions. The South Florida Water Management District "SFWMD" has issued a Phase I Water Shortage for the Lower East Coast, including Broward County. This means that there will be restrictions on lawn watering, car washing and golf course irri-

gation among other activities that require the use of water in large amounts. Residents in the areas with restrictions will be allowed to use sprinkles on alternate days and at specified times.

Water restrictions began a few years ago and it is a good means to help conserve our precious resource. It is a good idea to assign certain days in which people can use water for irrigation and hand watering as a means to regulate water usage until the level at Lake Okeechobee can rise to normal. The district officials said the restrictions may become permanent and that tougher rules may be necessary if there is not an increase in rainfall. Kevin McCarty, the chairman of the governing board, said that water conservation is everybody's responsibility. People have to learn how to manage with the water they have left.

There are polyvalent opinions concerning the restrictions of water usage. Some people are say-

ing that the water restrictions will not make any difference because no matter what days you use to irrigate your grass, or use water to wash you car, you still waste water every day. We as students have to become conscientious about how important this issue is. The water restrictions should be a prevalent and loud wake-up call for us to deal with; the real problem is that we as a society (as a whole) consume and waste a great deal of water unnecessarily every day.

How can we make a difference? Let's start by doing simple things such as shorter showers, turning off the faucet while we brush our teeth, reminding others of saving water and keeping an eye out in our communities so that these water restrictions are met. We should all be more concerned about the uses of water so that in the future we do not regret having waste our precious resource.

A little advisement, please?

BY ANGELA OSBORNE
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On the first day of a new class, when the professor is trying to get to know everyone, someone always asks the patented BCC joke, "Is anybody on the BCC five year plan?" At first it was shocking, and I wrote it off as a practical joke, but then I realized there are cases in which it is true. And these aren't cases of students who come to classes part-time because that's all they can do, these are students that are full-time but just have never seemed to meet the requirements to graduate and move on.

There can be a series of explanations for this, maybe it's a lack of sound advisement. Before you register for the first time, you are required to go to an orientation, and that's the first time that an academic advisor sits down with you and tells you which classes that you should take, based on your test

scores. But for most that is last time you see an academic advisor, or at least you apply for graduation, however long that takes.

If you call the advisement office, just in case you want some advisement, you will more than likely be directed to the BCC website, which is supposed to advise you. On the website you will find program sheets, and that is if you know specifically what to look for. And on this program sheet you will see lists of classes that you could take, but you can leave your self asking, "What should I take for my major?" or "What do I need to take to transfer?"

Then if the whole program sheet thing confuses you, which it is very foreseeable, you might want to make an appointment. Based on experience if you aren't able to blindly pick a good advisor, and there are many, this may be a problem. So let's suppose you are unlucky and

aren't so good at Russian roulette. There is this thing called an educational plan, where you and an advisor sit down and discuss you options as far as which classes to take, that is if the advisor even asks you which classes that you would like to take, or even if you like your major and don't want to change it. Then you walk out of the office, dumbfounded and wondering if you are a business major why aren't you supposed to take any business classes.

You shouldn't give up though. It is possible to advise yourself, with practice. Or keep going back to different advisors, if they see you in the office every week maybe they will get the point that you are confused and have questions, and need some useful advising. As students it is our job to graduate, I know some people might not want to leave, but students should still strive to graduation, and that does take some advisement.

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WMC 07 FLIPS NIGHT & DAY

BY ALEX VAOS
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It's that crazy time again in Miami where clubs go all out, and nights become day. But what is the Winter Music Conference?

The Winter Music Conference, also known as WMC, is a 6-day event where DJ's from around the world come to show off their skills. The conference is an endless party of poolside concerts and nightclub events. It's not just a place to party though. The WMC started 22 years ago as a place for local artists and DJ's to get advice on getting signed and famous. Panels are workshops where big artists such as Moby, DJ Netik, or George Clinton come to talk about how they got in the music industry and give advice to others. The Conference



PHOTOS BY ANDRES LOPEZ AND WMC

workshops and exhibiting still go on everyday during the WMC.

What's really making the WMC popular now is their badge. The Winter Music Conference sells their badge which lets anyone into all the hotel events, the International Dance Music Awards, the DJ Spinoff competition, Ultra Music Festival, the Record Collector's

show and almost every club in South Beach. The International Dance Music Awards are annual awards given to the biggest Dance Music artists as well as DJ's and best DJ equipment. The awards are similar to the MTV awards or VH1, just pointed in the club music direction. Another big spotlight is the DJ Spinoff Competition where not only local

DJ's come, but also world wide DJ's come to show their stunning skills. Winners in beat matching and scratching are awarded with a grand prize, and attendees get free give-aways.

A big misconception is the difference between Ultra Music Festival and the Winter Music Conference. Ultra is a festival in Downtown Miami with loud

music and plenty of drinks. Every year, Ultra hits Miami hard with a Woodstock meets DJ's event taking place all in one day. This year, Ultra hit even harder as headliner The Cure and Tiesto played in a not one, but two-day event.

To finish off the Conference, DJ's can come to buy and sell records from collectors all over. The Annual Record Collector's show is a great window of opportunity to get rid of those old records that could be worth hundreds.

The Conference is just nuts, and these people are off the wall. How couldn't they be when they are given free alcohol, poolside concerts, a DJ bag and a list of all the clubs they can go to for free later that night. So grab the DJ bag and let's hit the clubs.



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Funkshion Meets parish Art

BY ANDRES LOPEZ
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Who would think rhythm and blues would one day become the root of all music styles? That same concept also holds true when referring to the eclectic mix the genre of the 80's had to musicians, fellow artists and designers. It was an era where people have often used to find creativity in

the arts; a cultivation and genre that has often been said to be of primary importance when looking for inspiration. However, for the designers of Parish, it is just the feeling of having a reminder of the 80's that continues to inspire these artists from the state that holds the statue of liberty to be her residence, New York.

One of the ingredients that would allow the creative juices of the designers of Parish to transcend from music to clothing is the fact of bringing back a style that never went away. Ice T, NWA, and, Run-DMC, are just some of the names that come to mind when the topic of 80's music is touched. That same message was transported on Saturday March 24th,

2007, at the Funk Fashion show.

Chaka Wilson along with Tony Shellman were the duo of designers that came that day to represent the brand Parish. Chaka Wilson, said "the main reason we decided to launch this line of clothing was to have fun with it, and to take fashion in a different direction." He also later added that some of the inspiration that came about to creating this project was to remember the times when people would hang out at art galleries in New York, and see a different look at art on clothing.

Tony Shellman, described his eclectic line of mainly old school feel with modern taste as "having a New York Hip Hop vibe." He mentioned that some of the designers that worked on this project were born artists that gave this artistic endeavor the feel of

having art on clothing rather than a design.

Anchal Joseph, of *Americas Top Model* fame was there to see this show and commented "the Parish show was wonderful because of their different styles and its uniqueness" and even added "that it would be one of the lines that I'd love to work with."

By the end of the show, the faces on the designers expressed complete satisfaction to the way everything that had been planned far in advance. The show concluded with three small children taking the run way and show casing the happiness and fun that Parish is all about. After the interviews and photo shots were taken, the fun

continued, this time at Chakra Night Club, located on 1501 Collins Ave. in Miami Beach where the Chris Phashion and Edwin the Stylistocrat showcased their dancing skills for the second time in a row having already done so during the fashion show for Parish. As the night dwindled down, both fashion and art kissed to have a good night.

