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FOOD FOR THE POOR



NATHAN VALENTINE/THE BEACON

LENDING A HAND: Wendy Bourgault, school and church development coordinator, hosts a food drive for Haiti & Poetry Read Out at the gazebo in front of the Biscayne Bay Library. For more see page 3.

Forum addresses medical school's admission process

SERGIO BONILLA
Asst. News Director

FIU's physician forum, hosted by several student organizations, drew hundreds of prospective doctors ranging from FIU undergraduates to high school students on Sept. 26 in the Graham Center Ballrooms.

The forum was geared toward addressing the academic and extracurricular activities required for students to become strong medical school applicants.

Besides needing a minimum 3.5 GPA in all science and math courses, the forum addressed leadership skills, community service, shadowing a practicing physician and research, which are also components in the applications.

"It's not enough to be a 4.0 student," said Professor of Chemistry and Director of Office of Pre-Health Professions Advising and Undergraduate Research John Landrum.

Obtaining above average Medical College Admissions Test scores is also crucial, according to Landrum. The median score of accepted medical school students is 32.

The interviewers ask themselves if you're the type of individual they are comfortable having as their physician.

Betty L Monfort, Admissions Director
College of Medicine

College of Medicine Director of Admissions and Records Betty L. Monfort said the mean score of the thousands of students applying to the College of Medicine is above 30 as well. Although MCAT scores weigh heavily during the admissions process, Monfort said no portion of the application is overlooked.

"I read applications cover to cover," Monfort said. "Essays need to be compelling."

Monfort suggests undergraduates apply to medical schools during their junior year. The complete application process includes an American Medical College Application Service, a secondary application for each individual school and letters of recommendations.

"You need to get to know your professors because it's hard to write a letter for someone you

can't identify in a line," Landrum said.

Once the applications are cleared by the Admissions and Records department, an interview is scheduled. The interview may be conducted by a physician or professor. According to Monfort, interviewers evaluate communication skills and how well applicants process thoughts.

"The interviewers ask themselves if you're the type of individual they are comfortable having as their physician," Monfort said.

Senior biomedical engineering major Konstantinos Sebekos thought the forum was especially helpful for first-year students.

"The forum was informative for first years who don't know about shadowing a doctor and not waiting until the last minute to get things ready to apply," Sebekos said.

LARCENY HAPPENS

Students concerned about belongings, campus thefts

DAVID BARRIOS
Staff Writer

During the last two years, the number of larceny charges reported at FIU has remained relatively stable, according to a Uniform Crime Report.

A total of 92 larcenies in 2006, and 90 larcenies in 2007 were reported.

Another Uniform Crime Report states there were 31 auto thefts reported to Public Safety in 2007, a dramatic decrease from 63 reported in 2006.

Between Sept. 18 and 19 of this year, at least three thefts were reported on campus. Although the auto thefts decreased, Chief of Police Bill King brought up the ever present problem at the Student Government Council forum held on Sept. 16.

"We need to have better camera security [on campus]," King said.

He is hoping that the University will move toward purchasing a surveillance system to be monitored by Public Safety, in order to have a real time viewing of activities around campus.

"We would see that [a surveillance system], first of all, as a deterrent to potential criminals, people knowing that there's more of a chance that their activities would be monitored. Secondly, it would be great for us as far as an immediate response to any illegal activity on campus. Thirdly, it would be advantageous for us as far as investigations of any criminal behavior on campus," King said.

There is no exact timeline as to when a new surveillance system would be placed.

"We will probably be putting a strategic plan together for the near future, with the hopes that by the time we move into a new facility that we will have it [a system], the technology, the cameras and support for the cameras," King said.

King is unaware of the expenses needed for the new security system.

Sophomore Chris Rodriguez said if FIU can afford more cameras on campus, it would make him feel more at ease.

"If we have the money to install security cameras, I'd be for it 110 percent," Rodriguez said. "I always worry that I'm going to come back to a broken window or flat tire in the parking garages."

Other than auto thefts, some students are concerned with smaller possessions such as laptops and book bags.

"My laptop and books are really important. I would be really mad if someone stole them," said sophomore Gilbert Flores.

King attributed the on-campus robberies to the fact that there are more people at FIU during the beginning of each semester.

"They [larceny numbers] tend to trend up typically toward the beginning of the semester because we have more people on campus and new people on campus that haven't acclimated themselves to the University community and are not protecting their property," King said.

The chief of police also said the same trend of increased larcenies at the beginning of each semester mirrors the trends for auto theft at FIU.

"We have some people who come onto campus who have criminal intent and are looking for things left in cars, or actually taking them," King said.

As of April 2008, *The Beacon* reported that 20 cars had already been burglarized, robbed or vandalized at FIU.

King emphasizes the need for students and faculty to secure their belongings including laptops, cell phones and other personal items in classrooms or while on campus.

"Don't leave things out of your sight," King said.

Larceny and auto thefts stats for 2006 and 2007

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- Uniform Crime Report stated 31 auto thefts reported to FIU police in 2007 and 63 reports in 2006

Satellite building team competes for top design

OLGA VELEZ
Staff Writer

When electrical engineering student Chris Rodriguez grew tired of seeing the same projects offered at FIU last fall, he decided to start a project that could result in having a satellite launched into space.

He teamed up with his friend Henric Boiardt, a public administration major, to enter the Florida University Satellite Design Competition.

NASA's Florida Space Grant Consortium runs a competition that challenges Florida students to build an amateur satellite.

"I have always had an interest in tinkering and building things and when he [Chris Rodriguez] came to ask me to join the program, the idea intrigued me," Boiardt said.

According to Rodriguez, the satellite they designed focused on an innovative way to improve the communication between amateur satellites.

"The idea was innovative and promising to amateur satellites that are limited to twice a day communications for 15 minutes because of their orbit," Rodriguez said.

Despite the fact that the team of two students was competing against teams of six students with more experi-

ence, Rodriguez and Boiardt won second place with their design, along with \$2,000 from the Florida Space Grant Consortium (FSGC) to further fund their project idea.

"It was a proud moment for us and for FIU, but no one ever found out except for a few FIU students we took to the competition as guests," Rodriguez said.

This year, they are entering the competition again, creating a satellite that will analyze space weather, a growing concern of several organizations including NASA, the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Department of Defense.

Space weather is the effect that space and solar flares in particular can have on the environment, according to the official NASA Web site.

Rodriguez said research in this area is vital because communication satellites in space are in danger, such as current GPS systems.

The concept of the satellite will be disclosed to the public this upcoming January through a presentation at the Engineering Center. The final presentation location and time is still to be determined.

Building a satellite requires between \$10-15,000, but with the team receiving just \$2,000, the two students will need

funding from external sources to make their design come to life.

"This is cheap by satellite standards, but a burden for students to raise," said Rodriguez. "Many institutions, like the University of Florida, are funded fully or partly by their school."

The deadline for students to join this competition team is September and Rodriguez is looking for mechanical and physics students to join.

"You can't get closer to what you will see in the job environment than this. This is an emerging technology that is getting popular. The people involved in these satellites are pioneers into a world of bringing costs drastically down and increasing the availability of space research," Rodriguez said, when asked why students should join the program.

Boiardt said that with more people helping the team, FIU will continue to receive more awards and possibly more funding.

"Space weather and other related programs are a big concern for the government and it's a good way to get a foot in the door," Boiardt said.

For more information on the satellite design competition, e-mail crodr021@fiu.edu.

BECOMING A LEADER



WEN-JU CHIEN/THE BEACON

ENGAGE: Angel Garcia from the Center of Leadership presents ENGAGE Leadership Workshop in GC 314 Friday Sept. 26.

NEWS FLASH

FIU

FIU opens new media lab

FIU's School of Journalism and Mass Communication is in the process of building a brand new media lab. The lab will be funded for the most part by the Scripps Howard Foundation, which gave the SJMC \$250,000 to build the new media lab.

FIU to host unique Rabbi, renowned scholar

Chabad FIU, the Center for the Study of Spirituality and FIU's Judaic Studies Program will be featuring Rabbi Manis Friedman as a guest lecturer to speak about the topic of existence on Oct. 2. The lecture will be held at the Green Library room 220. Friedman is a renowned Biblical scholar, known for his ability to relate Jewish mysticism and apply it to modern society. His first book "Doesn't Anyone Blush Anymore?" has received a great deal of positive reviews from various media sources.

LOCAL

Florida looks to alleviate housing crisis with federal aid

The state of Florida will receive \$541 million in federal funds to prevent home loan defaults. The funds, called community development block grants, must be used by the state and local governments to buy property and offer down payment assistance to lower to middle class families. President George Bush signed the housing recovery package back in July to save the housing market at the time. Since June 30, the state of Florida had the highest percentage of foreclosures in the country.

– Compiled by Julio Menache

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9/18/08 – 9/19/08

Sept. 18: A 59-year-old female parked her vehicle at Red Garage, returning to it late in the evening to discover that unknown subject(s) had taken her two side signal lights.

Sept. 18: A male FIU student reported to police that as he slept on the second floor of the Green Library at one of the cubicles, unknown suspect(s) had taken his iPhone and its carrying case.

Sept. 19: FIU student reported to police that after departing from class at the Green Library, he went to Panther Hall, only to realize that he left his Sanyo recorder on the desk of classroom 100-B. The student went back to the classroom to discover his recorder was gone. At this time, he also realized that his wallet was missing. The student told police that he last saw his wallet in his pocket when he was in the classroom.

– Compiled by David A. Barrios

AND ... ACTION!



NATHAN VALENTINE/THE BEACON

TAKE ONE: Hospitality major Marlon Simedou, on a Channel 2 interview, talked about the ongoing FIU-hosted lucheons for \$15 at the Hospitality Management dining room. The price includes three courses, as well as wine.

New commuting options are greener, wallet-friendly

DAIANA KUCAWCA
Staff Writer

These days, filling up at the pump is more of a sacrifice than a routine stop on morning commutes.

Students who attend Biscayne Bay Campus are feeling their pockets get lighter as a sagging economy and extreme weather conditions continue to affect gas prices across the country.

"I drive a '97 Mercury Villager every day, so filling up is getting more expensive for me," said Michelle Embon, a sophomore.

Students can use the flexibility and comfort of their cars, but the University offers other options aimed at relieving tight budgets and limiting greenhouse effects.

The Office of Parking and Transportation is offering a new program called GreenRide. The program, championed by its director Bill Foster, aims to reduce greenhouse gases and relieve commute prices, using an online database that makes student carpooling easier.

GreenRide is free, and open to all students, faculty and staff. Participants can reduce greenhouse gases, save money on gas and get priority parking spaces on campus, according to www.fiu.greenride.com.

GreenRiders begin the

program by inputting basic personal information such as name, student ID, a detailed schedule and desired destinations into a Web site database. Then, they can choose from a list of available drivers that match their criteria, all while remaining anonymous to those drivers until contacting them directly.

"GreenRide is great because it can be very convenient if you find a good carpool friend," said David Fonseca, Environmental Affairs chair of BBC Student Government Council.

Charles Scurr, chairman of the President's Climate Commitment Task Force, said in a press release that the program was proposed to "reduce traffic and relieve parking congestion, while at the same time improving air quality and helping to conserve energy."

Another program is the Golden Panther Express Shuttle. Buses on the shuttle line travel from University Park to BBC on an average of one every 40 minutes, according to the Parking and Transportation's Web site. For \$2 each way, riders can travel in the comfort of an air-conditioned shuttle, while studying, sleeping or working.

Tickets can be purchased at the information desk either at UP's Graham Center, or at the Wolfe University

Center at BBC.

Another option is to ride a bicycle to school.

"Students should definitely take advantage of [the] bicycle racks that we have both at UP and BBC," Fonseca said. "This alleviates time, congestion of people and lessens CO2 emissions."

Students can opt to take Metro buses to save on gas. Metro bus numbers 83 and 183 both go to BBC. For more information on specific routes, students can visit www.miamidade.gov/transit.

The state also offers the bicycle pedestrian program, in which thousands of paved roads, specifically for safe walking and riding, ensure cheap and healthy ways to commute. BBC students may use the FIU/Oleta State Park trails in North Miami that run parallel to 163 St., and throughout the park itself, on their way to school.

"We have some of the largest cars in America. I can't believe that Americans haven't learned to share those extra seats in those Hummers or Escalades. I think it's time we do that and give a ride to people who really need it," Fonseca said.

With more options available during the current economic crisis, students can commute while being environmentally friendly.

Poetry fundraiser brings relief to Haiti

MIKIALA C. TENNIE
Staff Writer

This year's hurricane season left people homeless and starving in Haiti, and Biscayne Bay Campus students decided to do something about it Sept. 25 at a food drive and poetry recital.

Donna Weir-Soley, English professor, came up with the idea to combine poetry with a fundraiser. She partnered with Steve Switzer, BBC access services librarian, to host the Food Drive for Haiti and Poetry Read-Out in the gazebo from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Switzer has participated in other events at the library that involved poetry, such as Banned Books Week and Poetry Week.

"[Weir-Soley] adopted the model the library has used in the past to provide [poetry events] on the BBC lawn. I'm very pleased with how she's doing," Switzer said.

Weir-Soley encouraged her students to bring canned goods and other non-perishables in an effort to relieve some of the immediate hunger that is rampant in Haiti. She also asked them to prepare poetry to read during the event.

"I am a poet, so naturally, I wanted to do something on campus for students to be involved in [helping hurricane

victims]. There are lots of Haitian-American students on this campus, so there's a vested interest," Weir-Soley said. "Poetry should be put to work. It shouldn't just sit in the book and look cute."

And put it to work, she did. Students read poems by various authors, ranging from Langston Hughes to Tupac Shakur and Margaret Walker.

Weir-Soley worked with the organization Food for the Poor in order to transport the goods to Haiti.

According to its Web site,

When you bring what you can give, it may seem like a drop in the bucket, but it's a drop that wasn't there before.

Wendy Bourgault
Food for the Poor Representative

Food for the Poor is the second-largest international relief organization in the United States, and serves the 16 poorest countries in the Caribbean and Latin America. Food for the Poor's headquarters is located in Coconut Creek, Florida.

"I trust Food for the Poor because I've worked with them in the past. You don't have to worry about people running off with your money," Weir-Soley said.

Based on Food for the Poor's annual financial report, 32 emergency relief tractor-trailers were sent to Haiti after Tropical Storm Noel in 2007.

Wendy Bourgault, a representative from Food for the Poor, came to the event to speak to students and raise more awareness about the situation in Haiti.

"Imagine four days of

rain and no place to put your head because you sleep on the dirt floor that's being washed away," Bourgault said.

She was referring to a river that overflowed, washing away sleeping women and children in the night, and people that had to wait four days for help to come because bridges were washed out.

"We took helicopters and dropped food to people on roofs," Bourgault said.

Some students around campus gathered closer as Bourgault shared how aid could be provided in the situation.

"When you bring what you can give, it may seem like a drop in the bucket, but it's a drop that wasn't there before," Bourgault said.

To keep the poetry theme, Bourgault closed the event reading Haitian prayers in Creole that she learned from children in Haiti during her last visit. When translated, the prayer thanks God for keeping them strong.

At the end of the event, non-perishables in bags and boxes filled the trunks of both Weir-Soley and Bourgault's cars.

"I think we made out rather well," Weir-Soley said.

Food for the Poor accepts food and donations all year, and is still collecting items for Haiti.

Professor Weir-Soley plans on having future fundraising events in the coming months. The next event will be Oct. 17 at a bookstore in Little Haiti.

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THE BEACON | Editorial

Clause necessary for University finances

Head coach Mario Cristobal has a clause in his contract that guarantees admission for any scholar-athlete meeting the minimum grade point average and SAT score requirements set by the NCAA.

This is a case of the athletic department undermining the academic integrity of the University, but the reality of the situation is that there are more factors in place than simply lowering the standards for a select group.

The clause states that the University will admit all-student athletes meeting the NCAA Academic Eligibility requirement, provided “the student-athlete has been cleared through the NCAA clearing house and been approved by the Athletic Director.”

This statement included within Cristobal’s contract certainly grants Athletic Director Pete Garcia an incredible amount of power and control over whom he allows on the University’s football team. This power is unprecedented within other university and college athletic programs.

The power granted to the athletic director does offer the department a greater degree of flexibility than the rest of the University, but it may allow the athletic department to become a serious financial benefactor the University so desperately needs.

The University is still in the

midst of a serious budget crisis; many academic programs and services have been eliminated as a result of this crisis.

However, over time, the admission of these student-athletes who may not meet University requirements would not equate to an academic downturn. The clause in the contract allows Cristobal to terminate his contract if the University decided to raise admission standards for athletes.

So even though 1,000 high school graduates are being turned away because FIU has capped its freshmen enrollment, student-athletes need not worry about this admissions freeze as long as they meet minimum standard. Although each individual athlete is bringing a coveted talent to the University, why would it be encourage coaches to recruit players who can only make the minimum?

At most, 70 or so students (out of 38,000) would be admitted – and that’s a high estimate – because of possessing what could be called “an extraordinary talent.”

Bringing these students in would only serve to enhance the University community, from an athletic standpoint. It would be doing a service to some students who might not otherwise have an opportunity to even attend university, or others who did not think much of an advanced education before.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Athletics reaches out to all football fans

A successful new chapter in the history of FIU began last Saturday with the opening of our new on-campus football stadium.

With the enthusiastic support of our students, faculty and staff, we were able to showcase to a national audience how far FIU has come. Our team played extremely hard against No. 12-ranked USF. To be able to compete for four quarters speaks volumes about the heart and the character of our team.

For those of you who were unable to attend opening night, we hope you will join us at our next home game on Saturday, Oct. 11 for an important Sun Belt Conference game against Middle Tennessee.

Beginning that night, and for the remainder of the season, as a way to show our appreciation, every student will now receive one free guest admission when they attend a game.

That night, we will also

honor our University staff and faculty with \$1 admission and a free pregame tailgate party with food and drinks for you and your family.

We also want to offer all season ticket holders a matching number of complimentary admissions for Middle Tennessee. Call our ticket office at (305) 348-4263 for more information.

The spirit and enthusiasm displayed against USF will long be remembered and was appreciated. Saturday gave us a glimpse of what the FIU football program will become – a top team that will contend with the best in the nation.

We hope you will join us in this endeavor.

Pete Garcia
Director of
Intercollegiate Athletics

THE SOAPBOX: An Op-Ed Column



JESSE MEADOWS/THE BEACON

MORE THAN CAPABLE: Ms. Ivanka Trump – chosen over Bill Cosby and affordable at \$30,000.

Ivanka Trump selection worth the price for students

BEN F. BADGER
Special to the Beacon

The Student Government Association exists to better the students at FIU. It provides numerous services to the student body, such as its lecture series. On Sept. 17, SGC-UP was able to bring Ivanka Trump to speak at University Park as part of that series.

While SGC-UP feels the lecture was a complete success and a fantastic start to the lecture series, the Sept. 22 editorial in *The Beacon* listed many downsides to the lecture.

Many of the viewpoints in this editorial were based more on misinformation, lack of information and a general misunderstanding of the lecture rather than its merits.

First and foremost, SGC-UP does not consider the \$30,000 used to contract Ms. Trump as “liberal spending.” In fact at \$30,000 Ms. Trump was one of the more affordable speakers available.

Other persons who were being considered include the Reverend Jesse Jackson at \$35,000, Maya Angelou at \$40,000, Chris Gardner at \$50,000, Donald Trump at over \$200,000 and Bill Cosby at over \$100,000.

However, Ms. Trump’s affordability was not the only factor in her selection. The decision to bring her to FIU came from

student polls. Over 1,000 students were polled online and in person. Ms. Trump was clearly the student’s top choice.

The Beacon also asserted that her notoriety was the main and only reason that so many students attended her lecture. SGC-UP agrees. Another key factor in her selection was her world renowned status.

Ms. Trump is one of the most successful businesswomen in the world. Add the fact that she was once a model dispels the stereotype that you can’t be smart and be beautiful at the same time.

Another confusing aspect of the editorial was the statement that the SGC-UP should bring in more speakers and/or speakers who can better relate to students.

While it is a valid opinion, SGC-UP values quality over quantity. Ms. Trump is a young woman who graduated from college only a few years ago. But more importantly, the SGC-UP brought the students who they asked for.

SGC-UP would rather invest student funds in one spectacular speaker whom students asked for, rather than many who would probably not draw such a large student crowd.

It is also important to note that the \$30,000 spent to bring Ms. Trump to FIU did not exceed any budgetary limits. *The*

Beacon stating that SGC-UP would have to beg other organizations for additional funds to continue the lecture series is unfounded.

While the various budget cuts have started to impact various organizations, it is important that SGC-UP provide its services to the entire student body and not specific groups.

If SGC-UP were to arbitrarily hand out checks to the various organizations that it already funds, it would quickly deplete its resources and not be able to fulfill its purpose of bringing quality services to FIU students.

While *The Beacon* may disagree with the validity of Ms. Trump as a speaker, numbers do not lie. The Graham Center Ballrooms were filled with students who were very engaged in the lecture.

In fact, students were so interested in Ms. Trump’s input, her lecture was interrupted by students eagerly asking her questions.

Ms. Trump was definitely the highlight of this year’s lecture series. SGC-UP wanted to set a standard of excellence for the rest of the lecture series to follow. And while the names may not be as big, the substance of all future speakers of our lecture series will definitely live up to Ms. Ivanka Trump.

Ben Badger is press secretary for the Student Government Council at University Park.



BADGER

STEP ONTO THE SOAPBOX

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Save some money, rent a textbook

NELSON HERNANDEZ
Staff Writer

People are accustomed to purchasing textbooks every semester and struggling to find someone to sell them to when they finish with the course, but now a new site is looking to change the way people obtain their course materials.

Skoobit, the brainchild of recent University of Miami graduate Christopher Blythe, follows the Netflix style of renting, but instead of movies, it ships textbooks to students across the country.

"I always had the idea and Netflix showed me how it could be profitable," Blythe said.

A business major fresh out of college, Blythe set out to develop his idea. Through extensive focus groups

with students from various universities, FIU included, Blythe came to hone the afforded potential by dealing directly with the customer.

AJR Partners saw potential in the project as well and have been working with Blythe in product development.

About four months ago, Skoobit launched. The base plan is \$10.99 a month per book, with other plans available as more textbooks become necessary throughout the school year.

"Designed by students, for students" is the message David Gil, an agent working with Blythe on marketing and development, has emphasized.

Students have helped Blythe build upon his base idea. If a book is unavailable, a quick e-mail to the site manager will cut out the middleman

How it works:

- 1. Search, Rent**

Simply type the ISBN code of the textbook needed.
- 2. Receive by Mail**

Textbooks will be sent out, quick shipping guaranteed
- 3. Use, Benefits**

Textbooks will be rented for the whole semester or as long as you need it.
- 4. Return Textbooks to Skoobit**

After you finish with the textbook mail it back to Skoobit

<https://www.skoobit.com>

and allow for Skoobit to coordinate with the manufacturer of your choice and have the book sent to you

directly. "Going to the bookstore, the lines were a hassle and in my junior and

senior years I went online. All trends have been shifting toward the Internet and with the [financial] crisis, people are turning to this line of business," Blythe said.

Skoobit is now joining a growing community in the advent of exclusive online content and social communication. In the meantime, Blythe is keeping it simple.

"For now the focus is on textbooks," he said.

Gil reiterated his faith in the Internet's rapid nature.

"While we're just starting, we're beginning to develop new offers in the way of dorm supplies and, well, to be honest it's all on [Blythe]," he said.

Blythe is keeping his eyes on the coming Spring semester to introduce his idea on a mass scale.

'Chicago 10' successfully recreates real-life comical trial

KEVIN CASTRO
Staff Writer

During the Democratic National Convention of 1968, riots plagued the streets of Chicago due to two groups: the National Mobilization to End the War in Vietnam and the Youth International Party. After a week of protests, eight of the protest leaders were arrested; one of the protesters was later found in contempt and jailed. Thus began the infamous trial of the Chicago Seven.

"Chicago 10," a documentary that premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in 2007, will be showcased at FIU this week.

Directed by Brett Morgan, the film explores the events leading up to and unraveling the Chicago Seven trial. Morgan uses archival

footage along with bold and original animation to recreate what many consider to be one of the funniest trials in United States history.

The wild antics of the Chicago Seven, while on trial, are noted in history as some of the most comical and disrespectful moments in a courtroom, ranging from minor offenses such as not standing up when the judge entered the court, to bringing a birthday cake and marijuana into the courtroom and even dressing up in judicial robes.

"Chicago 10" features the voices of Hank Azaria, Dylan Baker, Nick Nolte, Mark



Ruffalo, Roy Scheider, Liev Schreiber and Jeffrey Wright.

The archival footage features members David Dellinger, Abbie Hoffman, William Kunstler, Jerry Rubin, Bobby Seale, Leonard Weinglass and the protest riot itself. The Emmy-winning, 70-minute film will be shown in Graham Center 150 on Tuesday, Sept. 30 before it

is shown on PBS on Oct. 22. The event, which is held in cooperation with PBS, SPC, Hands on Miami and Independent Lens, will be available to both FIU students and the local community.

"The purpose is to promote civic engagement and create awareness," said Patricia T. Lopez-Guerrero, associate director of the Center for Leadership and Service, when asked why the series has been brought to FIU. "It addresses so many different topics [and] I think we are very fortunate to be able to bring the film series on campus."

After the feature presentation, there will be a question and answer session including an unverified speaker that is associated with the film.

"[The film] was highly successful last year," Guerrero said.

The Center for Leadership and Service hopes the "highly successful" film has as much of an impact this year as it had last year, when Hands on Miami showcased the film locally.

THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

MONDAY • SEPTEMBER 29

WHAT: Haitian Student Organization
WHERE: GC 140
WHEN: 6:00 pm

WHAT: FIU College Democrats/FIU Students for Obama Meeting
WHERE: GC 140
WHEN: 7:00 p.m

WHAT: Muslim Students Association General Meeting
WHERE: GC 140
WHEN: 2 p.m

WHAT: Rosh Hashanah-Jewish New Year Service
WHERE: Tabacnic Chabad House, 10031 SW 15th Ter.
WHEN: 7:00 p.m

WHAT: Panther Rage General Meeting
WHERE: GC 140
WHEN: 4:00 p.m

WHAT: Democracy for America Campus Corps General Meeting
WHERE: GC 314
WHEN: 6:00 p.m

TUESDAY • SEPTEMBER 30

What: Informative Lunch Department of History
When: 12:00 p.m.
Where: DM 370

What: ODK Circle Meeting
When: 4:00 p.m.
Where: CLS Conference Room

What: CSO Delegates Meeting Phi Alpha
When: 6:30 p.m.
Where: GC 150
What: Campus bible fellowship

Group: Bible Study
When: 7:00 p.m.
Where: GC 1235
Who: Muslim Students Association Iftaar
When: 7:40 p.m.
Where: GC Cafeteria Annex

WEDNESDAY • OCTOBER 1

WHAT: Finance Conference 2008
WHERE: GC Ballrooms
WHEN: 5:30 p.m

WHAT: Music Saves Lives General Meeting
WHERE: GC 305
WHEN: 12:30 p.m

WHAT: Panther Promotions "Blindness" Advance Screening Giveaway
WHERE: GC
WHEN: 11:00 am

WHAT: FIU Panther Promotions General Meeting
WHERE: GC 343
WHEN: 5 p.m

WHAT: School of Accounting Information Session
WHERE: CBC 233
WHEN: 3:30 p.m

WHAT: Ernst & Young Information Session
WHERE: CBC 233
WHEN: 6 p.m

WHAT: Golden Idol Audition 1
WHERE: GC Pit
WHEN: 12 p.m

THURSDAY • OCTOBER 2

WHAT: FIU Theatre Presents "The Cook"
WHERE: Wertheim Performing Arts Center
WHEN: 8 pm

WHAT: Alternative Breaks Meeting
WHERE: GC 343
WHEN: 6:30 p.m

WHAT: Service for Peace meeting
WHERE: GC 241
WHEN: 5:00 p.m

WHAT: Federal Jack General Meeting
WHERE: DM
WHEN: 8 p.m

WHAT: Caribbean Student Association
WHERE: GC 140
WHEN: 5 p.m

WHAT: Yoga Club "Meditations"
WHERE: GC 241
WHEN: 8:00 p.m

WHAT: Anything Goes Anime
WHERE: GC 140
WHEN: 8 p.m

Compiled by: Rosalyn Delgado

Series of events help create awareness for breast cancer

KASSANDRA POOL
Staff Writer

In the United States, breast cancer is expected to be diagnosed every three minutes and a woman dies from breast cancer every 13 minutes.

Oct. 1 will kick off breast cancer awareness month. University Health Services and the Student Health Advocate for Peer Education have come together to coordinate a series of events that encourage students to examine themselves and prevent breast cancer.

To launch off the month, UHS and SHAPE have themed their first event as “Breast in the City.”

“Sex and the city was huge and we wanted something catchy to make students read the title and react with a ‘huh’ or ‘what’ as they walk by a poster,” said Mariela Gabaroni, Assistant Director of UHS.

Serving non-alcoholic cocktails, the event will take place on Wednesday Oct. 1 in the Graham Center room 305 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

At the event, students will be given the opportunity to ask any questions they have, in addition to meeting survivors as well as fellow students.

Those who attend this event will be given a free “I Love Boobs” shirt while supplies last. Over the past two

[The walk] is a great opportunity to support such a great cause that helps women who have been affected [by cancer].

Jacqueline McMillan

years, students may have seen their fellow peers wearing these shirts incorporated by the Wellness Center. Some may have gotten offended without reading the back of the shirt, which states: “Breast cancer affects everyone.”

For students such as junior marketing major Robert Quintana, the month of October is a great way to help promote cancer awareness among the university.

“There are female college students that have been diagnosed with breast cancer and I think that if women who are in college start getting yearly mammograms, they can stop breast cancer before it starts,” he said.

The Women’s Center will be having free screenings on Oct. 17, 24 and 28. Students who want to take advantage of this opportunity can be screened by making an appointment by calling UHS.

SHAPE members will be tabling throughout GC during the month. At the tables, there will be fake breast

models so students can feel the difference between a healthy breast and a breast with a tumor.

All events lead up to the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure walk that will take place on Oct. 18 at Bayfront Park in downtown Miami. Running on its 25th anniversary with over 1.2 million participants around the country, Recreation Services graduate assistant Jacqueline McMillan hopes to get the FIU community more involved with the walk.

“[The walk] is a great opportunity to support such a great cause that helps women who have been affected [by cancer],” McMillan said.

“I personally haven’t been affected, but it has affected many other people around the country,” freshman Kathleen Izquierdo said.

Students interested in attending “Breast in the City” must reserve their seat by calling UHS at (305) 348-2401.

For more information visit www.studentshealth.fiu.edu.

ADVOCATING CHANGE



EDDIE ZENG/THE BEACON

TAKING ISSUES: Olga Velez discusses the views of the democratic candidates on Wednesday, Sept. 24 in the LUV lounge.



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Philanthropy Event

Wednesday, October 1 •
Graham Center, Room 243
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Sisterhood & Traditions

Thursday, October 2 • MARC Pavilion
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Preference Event (by invitation only)

Friday, October 3 • 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Personal Visits

Wednesday, October 1 • Graham Center,
Room 241 • 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 2 • MARC Pavilion
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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The NEW
Opportunity at FIU

Students allowed one guest at remaining home games

CHARLIE GRAU
Editor in Chief

For the remainder of the football season, students will be allowed to bring one guest with them to every home football game.

The next home game will be against Sun Belt Conference opponent Middle Tennessee on Oct. 11 at 8 p.m. Student can get in free, along with their guest, by presenting their Panther I.D. at Gate 6 before kick off.

"The students are our biggest partners and supporters and that's why we're doing this for the last four home games," said Athletic Director Pete Garcia.

The game against Middle Tennessee will also be Employee Appreciation Night for all FIU faculty and staff. Faculty and staff can purchase tickets for \$1 each for themselves and each

member of their family.

Tickets must be purchased at FIU Arena's ticket office or can be purchased Oct. 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Graham Center. Cash will only be accepted for the ticket purchases. Details are still being worked out to sell tickets at Biscayne Bay Campus. There is no limit for the amount of tickets faculty or staff can purchase. The first 500 faculty and staff will also receive free food and drinks at a tailgate party.

Athletics will also be matching season ticket purchases. Fans who purchased season tickets will receive matching tickets in the same price range. In order to receive a matching ticket, fans must contact the ticket office.

FIU graduates who are not members of the Alumni Association can receive two free tickets, while annual

members can request up to four tickets and lifetime members request up to six tickets. Alumni who reserve their tickets can pick them up at the Panther Tailgate which starts at 5 p.m. the day of the game. Alumni can reserve their tickets or get more information by calling the Alumni Association at (305) 348-3334.

"This is our way of trying to get the entire FIU back on this campus at once," Garcia said. "We're trying to create something for our all students that live on campus and for even the students that don't live on campus, that they have reason to comeback on weekends and hang out here and for our alumni to come back."

For more information about tickets for the Middle Tennessee game or for the rest of the season, call the ticket office at (305) 348-4263.

Women's soccer breaks scoreless drive, falls to Middle Tennessee at home

AUDRINA BIGOS
Staff Writer

Even after out-shooting Middle Tennessee 17-8, the women's soccer team was not able to pull out a win on Friday night in their first game in Sun Belt Conference play.

The Blue Raiders dominated the first half and were able to score twice against the Golden Panther defense. An early lead was taken in the 23rd minute, when Heather McDonnell shot off a cross from Shan Jones who has five goals and one assist on the season.

Following the 1-0 lead, FIU could not stop a second score in the first half when Jones shot in a rebound in the 44th minute..

The Golden Panthers picked up the momentum in the second half.

Freshman Katrina Rose cut the lead in half in the 50th minute when shot a free kick from 40 yards outside the goal.

"It was my first home game out of a knee injury all season, so I wasn't expecting to score a goal, especially not on defense," Rose said.



VICTORIA LYNCH/THE BEACON

BATTLE: Victoria Miliucci fights for the ball during a game against Middle Tennessee.

The goal was not enough though, as FIU could not get the ball in the net, even after numerous chances in the second half.

"I think we play well as a team but we need to work on finishing in the forward sections," Rose said.

With a dominating second half for FIU, the loss was disappointing after a two week break and two losses on the West Coast in early September.

"Everyone was really upbeat and positive coming into the game after the bye week and I think we played really hard," said Rose, "but it just didn't work out for us."

The Golden Panthers will

continue Sun Belt Conference play with the return of midfielder Amy Jackson. Jackson has missed the first seven games of the season due to a back injury.

The Golden Panthers will take on Western Kentucky on September 28. The Hilltoppers have a 6-0-1 record and are led by sophomore Megan Meinke.

The Golden Panthers need to defend like they did in the second half against the Blue Raiders if they are looking to win their first game of the season.

FIU will travel to Denver to face the Pioneers on October 3 and then to North Texas on October 5th.

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ROCKETS ROUTED

FIU takes Toledo for first win of season

LUCA MESSINA

Asst. Sports Director

On a cool night in Toledo, Ohio, it was the Golden Panthers (1-3) who broke through with a 35-16 victory over the Toledo Rockets (1-3) on Sept 27 to capture not only their first victory of the season, but their first road victory in the Football Bowl Subdivision as well. It was also their first non-conference victory at the top level of collegiate football.

"That was a team that went to double overtime against Fresno State last week [ranked No. 25] but we came out emotionally high, executed well and won the football game," said head coach Mario Cristobal, who with the victory, recorded his second win as a head coach; his overall record stands at 2-14.

The surprising victory is likely to be remembered as one of the highlights for a developing program that expects to be a major player in FBS in the coming years.

"You watch them on film and there as good as anyone that we've played so far," Cristobal said of the Rockets who put up 54 and 41 points respectively in their two previous contests.

The Rockets' high-octane offense looked as if it would put the game out of reach in the early going.

On the fourth play of the game for Toledo, wide receiver Nick Moore took an end around from quarterback Aaron Opelt and found receiver Stephen Williams down field for a 31-yard touchdown pass that give the Rockets a 7-0 lead less than two minutes into the game.

Later on in the first, Alex Steigerwald made two field goals of 41 and 47 yards for a 13-0 lead after one quarter.

When asked if his team went into panic mode after the early scoring by the potent Rockets offense, Cristobal replied.

"A little bit. Our defense thought we had a real good week of practice and had a real good beat of what they were doing, but they hit us on a trick play,"

When the second quarter began, FIU woke up, and began putting the pressure on the hosts.

Junior Paul McCall, who was named the starter for the game on Sept. 25 after another week of speculation, found freshman receiver T.Y. Hilton and the speedster raced to the end zone for a 37-yard touchdown. It was the first passing touchdown for a struggling offense and the second touchdown of the season for Hilton. His first score was



JOSEPH HERR/THE INDEPENDENT COLLEGIAN

POWER PANTHER: Senior cornerback Robert Mitchell drags down Toledo quarterback Aaron Opelt in the Golden Panthers' 35-16 victory at the Rockets on Sept. 27

on a 74-yard punt return against Kansas on Aug 30.

"We've been practicing that play all last week and this week and I was like 'Paul you got to pull it one time' and the one time he pulled it, he saw me," Hilton said of the score.

The Golden Panthers proceeded to take their first lead of the season at 14-13 on a 2-yard run by senior running back Julian Reams but it was short-lived when kicker Alex Steigerwald recorded his third field, this from 41 yards, with a minute remaining in the first half. The kick was all the Rockets would muster for the remainder of the game.

Trailing 16-14 at the start of the second half, the FIU offense took over from there, aided by a 55-yard return off a kickoff by Hilton to start the third quarter. Just one play later, Reams sprinted for a 27-yard touchdown run and a quick 21-16 lead.

From that point it was a cakewalk for the FIU offense as the

group was finally able to generate points with ease.

Reams recorded his third and final score on a 1-yard run seven minutes later on a play that was made possible by a Rockets' turnover inside their own 20.

The night saw Reams not only rush for 78 yards to eclipse 1,000 for his career at FIU but became the first FIU running back to record three rushing touchdowns in a game since Ben West did so on Nov. 26, 2005 against FAU.

Several minutes later, senior A'mod Ned scored on a 6-yard run on a fourth and 2 that gave FIU a 35-16 advantage.

While the Golden Panthers out rushed Toledo (141 to 94), the Rockets led the Golden Panthers in passing yards (208 to 98), despite Opelt's inconsistent night.

The junior quarterback finished 26-of-45 with 177 yards and was sacked and intercepted once, both by senior defensive back Marshall McDuffie.

On the flip side, McCall fin-

ished 6-of-13 for 98 yards and a touchdown. The junior played all but one of the downs as he was momentarily shaken up after being tackled by a Rocket defender following an attempted pass in the third quarter and was relieved by sophomore quarterback Wayne Younger who took just one snap. McCall has started all four games for the Golden Panthers this season but Younger has appeared in all four as well.

"I feel so grateful that I was given the opportunity to come play tonight. That offensive line stepped up tonight and whenever they have a great game like they did tonight, that does a lot for the offense. Toledo is a good team but it's nice to see us step up on a big stage like this," McCall said.

The Golden Panthers will look to make it two in a row on the road on Oct. 4 against a winless (0-4) North Texas team. The Golden Panthers lone victory last season came against the Mean Green on Dec. 2, 2007 by a score of 38-19.

A quest for identity, a case for attitude

I, Andrew Julian would hereby like to submit to you, the FIU public the evidence for the true beginnings of your FIU football team establishing an identity under Mario Cristobal. In the following paragraphs, I intend to describe what

COMMENTARY



ANDREW JULIAN

exactly that identity is, and I will offer pieces of specific evidence to reinforce my claims.

This exercise will be designed to stimulate the thought processes of the Golden Panther public, and will, hopefully, enumerate how FIU is drawing back the shroud of defeat, and allow the light of victory to encapsulate its football program.

I'll begin by itemizing the evidence of the facts of FIU's case.

Exhibit A: 3/3 on fourth down, with two of the fourth down conversions coming inside the 10-yard line and resulting in touchdowns.

Exhibit B: 273 Rushing yards

Exhibit C: A 35-3 run to bury the Rockets, in their own building

The FIU Golden Panthers went on the road, and out toughed an opponent for the first time since...?

FIU has struggled on the road, even when FIU was 0-12, and the Golden Panther enthusiasts would say that team played very close games, very few were on the road.

Perhaps the most striking element about the score is just how FIU scored their points, and how the Rockets just didn't care of the ball.

So much of the outcome of this game had to do with Toledo mistakes. The four turnovers, three of which allowed FIU to start drives inside of the 30 yard line, were ultimately the undoing of the Rockets, and T.Y. Hilton had a long kick off return that set up a one play 25 yard drive, with a Julian Reams touchdown run.

It wasn't all field position that made life easy for the FIU offense today, The defense has been dominant for its last eight quarters, allowing an average of just 316 yards over the past two contests.

The framework appears to have been assembled to be one of the defensive leaders in the Sun Belt this season and if this type of defensive effort continues, FIU will be a force to be taken seriously with in conference play.

This is what attitude will do for you, and where identity can be defined. The positive things that FIU saw in this game are the same that they saw at home against South Florida, and they were able to carry that the road.

I want to also remind the public that this was no perfect game, and in fact, it was far from it. The Golden Panthers still struggled to move the ball through the air, as they allowed two sacks, and Paul McCall was just 6-of-13 passing the ball for 98 yards and a touchdown, which was to T.Y. Hilton, on a 37-yard catch and run.

FIU ran the ball for a season high, 141 yards, but only averaged 3.1 yards per carry. The offensive woes still exist, but there is a hope that the offense can be efficient, after all, they did score 35 points.

The team is moving in the right direction, and it appears as if FIU might be a little bit better than the pre-season prognosticators predicted.