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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Venezuelan Student Association Movie, Sept. 28, 12 p.m. Enter the world and get a taste of Venezuela for free in GC 305.

FASA Meeting, Sept. 29, 3:45 p.m. This fine arts association offers students a chance to get creative, for free in GC 343.

Best Buddies Of America, Sept. 29, 6 p.m. Make a difference with this charitable club meeting in GC 305.

WEATHER



MONDAY
Scattered T-Storms
LOW: 76 HIGH: 89



TUESDAY
Isolated T-Storms
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Partly Cloudy
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TOLEDO 41, FIU 31

UNABLE TO REPEAT

Toledo offense pounds defense to win rematch

JONATHAN RAMOS
Asst. Sports Director

After the Toledo Rockets scored two touchdowns early in the game, the FIU Golden Panthers responded with a drive of their own.

When a Paul McCall pass to T.Y. Hilton went for a first down at the Toledo 16-yard line late in the first quarter, Hilton shrugged off a tackle and pounded his chest bringing FIU fans to their feet and back in the game following the rough start.

On the next play though, McCall fumbled and the Rockets recovered to stymie the offense and hush a crowd of 11,047 at FIU Stadium.

FIU never regained that momentum as it could not catch up in a 41-31 loss to Toledo on Sept. 26.

Toledo (2-2) took a 17-3 lead into halftime but FIU (0-3) only managed to trade scores with the Rockets in the second half.

Two long touchdown passes from Aaron Opelt to Eric Page opened the game up and put it out of reach for FIU.

Opelt was 18-of-32 for 343 yards to go with two touchdowns to Sage, and running back Dajuane

Judging from what we saw out there I think the only thing we did well out there was play hard.

Mario Cristobal, Coach
Football

Collins gained 153 yards to lead the Toledo offense. McCall was just 19-of-42 and Hilton once again was the bright spot for FIU with 126 receiving yards and a touchdown.

"Judging from what we saw out there I think the only thing we did well out there was play hard," FIU coach Mario Cristobal said. "We missed too many tackles. We fumbled the ball twice in the red zone. We didn't take advantage of an interception down at their six-yard line. We missed a field goal, and we allowed more big plays [Saturday] than we did against our first two opponents combined. Very sloppy ball."

BIG PLAYS

The Golden Panther defense



VICTORIA LYNCH/THE BEACON

CONTAINMENT: T.Y. Hilton runs toward the Toledo defense during the home opener on Sept. 26. Hilton caught nine passes for 126 yards and a score.

could not stop the Rocket attack from converting big offensive plays. Collins burned FIU on a 72-yard touchdown run on his fifth carry of the game after a few Golden Panthers could not wrap him up behind the line of scrimmage.

After a Carlos Munera punt backed Toledo into its own one-yard line with 14:09 to play in the second quarter, a 56-yard pass from Opelt

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Board allocates \$3.6 billion

Budget intended to boost med schools

CHRISTINE ARMARIO
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The board that oversees Florida's state universities approved a \$3.6 billion budget request for the next school year at its meeting on Thursday, an increase of nearly 6 percent that would help boost public medical schools.

The Board of Governors' legislative budget request would increase spending by \$370 million, including \$160 million in stimulus funds. The added funds would go toward finishing two new medical schools, supporting existing enrollment at two others, and other operational costs, board spokesman Bill Edmonds said. The

University of Central Florida and Florida International University both opened medical schools this year.

The funding increase comes as the state looks for ways to retain more of Florida's medical students by creating additional residencies.

According to a report presented at the board's meeting, Florida ranks ninth nationwide in the number of residency programs. However, it places 46th in terms of the number of residency positions per

100,000 population. An estimated 2,700 more positions are needed.

In 2008, 61.7 percent of Florida medical school graduates left the state.

Residency programs are sponsored by various medical related institutions including private hospitals, universities, the VA and other health care providers. The report concludes that the state's newest medical schools will have to be aggressive

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Rosenberg to co-host town hall meeting

JORGE VALENS
Asst. News Director

University President Mark B. Rosenberg will co-host a town hall meeting addressing the future of education in the South Florida community. Miami-Dade College President Eduardo Padrón and Miami-Dade County Public Schools Superintendent Alberto

Carvalho will also be co-hosting the "one-of-a-kind" town hall meeting.

According to a statement from the University, the three will discuss the local community's educational needs and how they relate to the state's decreasing resources.

"It is imperative that we sit down with our education part-

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CORRECTIONS

In the issue dated Sept. 16, 2009, in the article "Clinic offers inexpensive medicine, services to students," the Biscayne Bay Campus Wellness Center, not the clinic, provides those services to students.

In the issue dated Sept. 25, 2009, the front page picture caption should have said that students cannot bring a with their Panther IDs (guests pay \$15 each), and the student entrance is located at Gate 5.

Project to alleviate textbook costs

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and creative to ensure new residency positions for their graduates.

"Without those residency positions, the likelihood is great that Florida's bold investment in medical education will not maximize its returns," the paper notes.

The budget request will be submitted to the Legislature and Gov. Charlie Crist in October. The state is bracing for another tight year, with the Legislative Budget Commission anticipating potential deficits

in each of the next three budget years.

Chancellor Frank Brogan said he sees the state's universities as a potential driver of economic growth by building of a "knowledge based economy."

"Universities in Florida should be more than places where people can achieve a degree," he said after the board's meeting. "That is critically important. That is our core mission. But they should also be great engines of economic development."

Brogan also heralded the launch of a pilot project announced Thursday that

will make textbooks more affordable. Orange Grove Texts Plus, an imprint of the University Press of Florida, will offer 120 textbooks and scholarly monographs online for free.

Students can also order printed copies for up to half the original cost.

Also Thursday, the board received an update on university efforts to mitigate the spread of the swine flu and draft alternative education plans if students become ill.

According to figures from the American College Health Association, Florida

colleges and universities have seen about 1,756 cases of the virus.

University of Florida Provost Joe Glover said they have invested about \$150,000 in software and equipment to record classes in ten of the largest lecture halls. The system will be activated if there is a spike in swine flu cases.

The board directed its staff to develop a uniform policy regarding university emergency plans. Brogan praised the work they have done so far.

"I can assure everybody in the state of Florida, and

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Future of education to be addressed

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ners as well as engage our community to find sensible solutions to the challenges we have in common," said Rosenberg in a written statement. "Just about everyone in Miami-Dade looks to one or more of our institutions for a better future for themselves and their families. We must forge partnerships where it makes most sense to help uplift our community."

According to the same statement, the forum is a response to Rosenberg's hit-the-ground-running initiative, which calls for cross-community cooperation when it comes to education.

"The fate of our three institutions is linked to the fate of this community," said Rosenberg, in the same statement. "We can address just about every community challenge by strengthening our educational institutions."

The forum, titled "Education in South Florida: Challenges and Solutions," is sponsored by

the local Spanish language channel Univision and will be conducted completely in Spanish.

It will also be broadcast live over local AM radio station WQBA 1140.

The forum is open to the public and FIU students are encouraged to attend.

"Your presence will send a strong message to the community that FIU students care about public education," said Dr. Rosa Jones, vice president for student affairs in a statement addressed to the University community.

"As an FIU student and a member of the South

Florida community, you have a role to play in the strengthening of our public education institutions," she added.

The event will be held on Sept. 30 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Chapman Conference Center at Miami-Dade College's Wolfson Campus. There will be a bus departing from Modesto Maidique Campus at 4 p.m. Transportation will be free of charge.

Students can RSVP to the event by calling 305-348-2232.

FIU students are invited to attend a Town Hall meeting that brings together for the first time Miami-Dade's top three public education leaders

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Alberto Carvalho
Superintendent
Miami-Dade County
Public School



Eduardo Padrón
President
Miami Dade College



Mark B. Rosenberg
President
Florida International University

Bus transportation will be available from Modesto A. Maidique Campus. Call 305-348-2232 to reserve a seat.

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Students get a shot at real newsroom culture

ROBERT TASSY
Contributing Writer

The *New York Times*' editors are inviting young journalists to work with them in a fast-paced newsroom, where the students become the reporters and create their own paper.

It all happens at The New York Times Student Journalism Institute.

"This is an opportunity to work with some of the top professionals in journalism right now," said Don R. Hecker, the director of the institute. "This is a chance to have your work looked at and guided by reporters and editors from *The New York Times*."

The institute is a two-week program that introduces journalism students to the reality of a newsroom atmosphere.

Students work with writers, producers, videographers and photographers of *The New York Times*, *The Boston Globe*, and regional papers of The New York Times Co.

"Students at the institute are probably going to be spending more time with some of these *New York Times* editors than staffers in this newsroom even get to," Hecker said.

This year, the institute will host the program, which takes place twice a year, at Arizona State University in Tucson, Ariz. The first time will take place at the beginning of January, and it is open only to student members of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists.

The second time will be during the last two weeks of May, and it is open only to student members of the National Association of Black Journalists, and for students who attend a historically black college or university.

The *New York Times* runs its institute at two different universities: ASU and FIU. The institute alternates between both universities. This past January, it was hosted at FIU, so this upcoming January it will be held at ASU.

Along with being a student member of the NAHJ or NABJ, students must also be in good academic standing, have worked for at least one semester on a student publication, or have been an intern or employee of a news media organization. Students must also have a letter of recommendation from a faculty member or editor of a news organization.

But students who are not current members of these organizations still have time to become eligible for the institute by joining.

"There's plenty of time to get your member-

ship in," Hecker said.

Students from all over the country can apply and have all their expenses paid for if they are chosen. Expenses are paid for by *The New York Times*. Participants also get a \$200 stipend.

The institute is not an internship program. It is a program that offers students a two-week glimpse of the life of a *New York Times* journalist.

"It's the prelude to an internship," said Allan Richards, interim associate dean and associate professor of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be invited into *The New York Times* family."

Richards also helps plan the institute when it is hosted at the University, coordinating everything from housing accommodations to assigning local stories for students to cover.

During the two weeks of the institute, students go out and report on issues and events that involve the community they are in. Wilma Hernandez, an FIU student selected to participate in the institute this past January, reported on stories in her local area on medical tryouts, clinical studies and a regional arts fair.

"I learned to believe in myself," said Hernandez. "I learned to be more confident."

Raising two children, interning at *The Miami Herald* and pursuing two degrees, Hernandez's experience at the institute made her realize that she should never doubt herself, she said.

The end product of the institute is a newspaper that is printed in the exact layout style of *The New York Times*, and it is distributed to the student participants. A Web site is also produced within the two-week period, along with a broadcast video report of their local stories.

Application requirements for the institute include a 500-word essay on why applicants want to be journalists and six published clips, either from a publication or a Web site.

Anyone wishing to apply for a photographer or videographer spot must submit a portfolio of six prints or work samples. The deadline for the January 2010 institute is Oct. 24.

"I have yet to meet a student who says that this was not a worthwhile experience," said Hecker. "This is the best networking experience a journalist could ever have."

For more information, visit www.nytimes-institute.com, call Hecker at 212-556-1576 or e-mail him at hecker@nytimes.com.

LEAVE A MARK



SERGIO MONTEALEGRE/THE BEACON

IN COLOR: Ana Perez, a junior in journalism and social work, places a handprint on a painting, which will be part of a student mural, during the Affair of the Arts Week outside of the Wolfe University Center on Sept. 22.

Club aims to give Muslim students greater presence

PARADISE AFSHAR
Staff Writer

Last year, Muslim students would often stop Zahra Arbabi Aski in the hallways to ask if she knew when the campus was holding Islamic events. The problem was that there weren't any groups to do them.

Aski then decided to create the Muslim Student Association to fill that void.

"I thought, 'Why don't we have a club?' and 'Why can't [Muslims] have something?'" said Aski, a sophomore physiology major and MSA's president.

There is currently an MSA at the Modesto Maidique Campus, but this will be the first Islamic club based on the Biscayne Bay Campus.

The MSA became an official club at the beginning of September, but because the organization is new, there are no set meeting dates as of yet. But they do have several plans and goals for the semester.

"We want to know what students would like us to do," said MSA Vice President Tanaha Dil, a public relations major.

The goal is to make the MSA a forum for Muslim and non-Muslims to participate in charity events, and celebrate Islamic holidays with University community.

Since one of the main pillars of Islam is *zakah*, or giving to charity, MSA plans on hosting charity drives whenever and however possible.

International students are a priority. They want to help them with their paperwork so they can continue studying in the country, Dil said.

They also plan on hosting events at least

twice a month.

"The south campus MSA brought food every Monday, Wednesday and Friday during Ramadan, for Muslims and non-Muslims," said Dil. "We want to do something like that."

Another main component of Islam is praying five times a day, and Aski hopes that MSA will make that easier for Muslim students. She hopes to create a special place for Muslim students to pray.

"That's our plan," she said. "It would be better than the third floor of the library."

That's where Muslim students say their prayers since there is no designated place to do it.

While the MSA is still in its developmental stage, members hope to expand throughout the next few weeks and organize meeting dates and activities.

For Aski, and other Muslims who are part of the organization, another goal is to eliminate stereotypes and misconceptions about Muslims, which many people get from the media, she said.

"I want to make sure that the new generation will not call my child, and any other Muslim child, a terrorist if he/she goes to school in this country," said Aski, who moved to this country a few days after Sept. 11.

Other stereotypes that the group would like to dispel include beliefs that all Muslim women wear a hijab over their hair, and that all Muslim women play submissive roles in society.

"I don't wear the hijab, but Zahra does," said Dil. "We are all different."

For more information, visit the MSA Facebook group, *Muslim Student Association FIU/BBC*.

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THE BEACON | Editorial

Both SG councils should work to communicate better with one another

While *The Beacon* believes it is necessary to have distinct councils at both Modesto Maidique and Biscayne Bay campuses, we strongly feel that the governing bodies should meet more often and work closer together than they do now in order to better represent the University-wide student body.

The University has not always had two student government councils. In 1991, in light of extreme discontent with the Student Government Association by the student body, then-University president Modesto Maidique disbanded student government.

By 1992 the University was presented with a new constitution which introduced the two council system to student government; one at BBC and one at MMC, that together were the Student Government Association.

When dealing with a University-wide issue, members from both councils meet at monthly University-wide Council meetings.

The Beacon believes that these once-a-month meetings aren't enough and that more communication is needed in order to properly represent the student body. SGC-MMC presidents in particular must make more of an effort to understand the problems and issues affecting BBC students.

It is the SGC-MMC president, in this case Anthony Rionda, who becomes a voting member of the Board of Trustees. It is up to him or her to represent the entire student body, including those at BBC. It is vital for both councils to have constant communication, especially between the two presidents. The SGC-BBC president should give regular weekly updates about any ongoing issues of the student body at this campus, and it is the responsibility of the SGC-MMC president to listen and report these issues to the BOT.

The University of South Florida also has different student government councils for each campus, like FIU. In this case, the president of the largest campus also becomes a BOT member representing the entire student body. The presidents of the other campuses are thus responsible for the issues of the student body at their respective campus, and for reporting them to the Tampa campus president.

"We try really hard to reach these regional campuses. The problem is it takes two to tango," said Juan Carlos Soltero, president of USF's Tampa campus, the university's largest. "Every student government [council] needs to be clear. There needs to be a strong form of communication between leaders."

Regular communication between the two councils doesn't have to be limited to University-wide meetings. Both SGCs should be knowledgeable of what the other one does as many students take classes at both campuses; this information affects hundreds of students.

If the University-wide meetings continue to take place only once a month, those 4,000 students solely based at BBC remain underrepresented – not matter how hard SGC-BBC works to attend their needs.

While planning to hold more University-wide meetings, the student government should also consider holding town hall meetings in which both councils and students from both campuses are present. The conference technology for these types of meetings already exists and is used for University-wide town hall meetings held by the University president. *The Beacon* also encourages both SGCs to alternate these meetings between campuses.

This editorial is the last of a three-part series. *The Beacon* will host a conversation on WRGP with SGA representatives Sept. 30 from 12 p.m to 1 p.m. Send questions to tips@fiusm.com.

No need to tip-toe around Obama

W. EARLE SIMPSON
Contributing Writer

Anger former President George W. Bush, and your career would have been over. Anger President Barack Obama, and you'll live to do it another day.

One of Bush's mantras was "You are either with us or against us." And although these words were originally used to define his interpretation of international support for his war on terror – and later, his war in Iraq – this mantra eventually became the modus operandi of the Bush White House.

When Ambassador Joseph Wilson, according to an article from *The Washington Post*, criticized the Iraqi war and went public about his CIA-sponsored trip to Niger, his credibility and qualification came under fire.

His wife, Valerie Plame, had her cover blown as a CIA operative, reportedly by members of the White House.

Again, when former Press Secretary Scott McClellan resigned and wrote his tell-all book, *What Happened*, one of his colleagues said that McClellan was not in a position to know the facts he had revealed, according to CNN.

His actions were cast as selfish and his motives described as greedy.

Similarly, when former Bush White House counter-terrorism chief Richard Clarke – who authored a book about Bush's failure to heed the post Sept. 11 attack warnings – heard how McClellan was treated, he said, "They are saying some of the exact things about McClellan they said about me."

And when Dan Rather admitted that he

and CBS were misled by the source of a faked document about Bush's time in the Texas Air National Guard, Rather and some of his colleagues were forced to resign.

But when Republican Rep. Joe Wilson of South Carolina shouted, "You lie!" during President Obama's healthcare address to Congress on Sept. 9, Wilson apologized, and the president said no problem: "I accept his apology. People make mistakes."

When Glenn Beck, on his Fox News Network show, called Obama a racist, he wasn't handed a pink slip. Flip on Fox News and you'll find Beck happily commentating; he does not feel threatened and has nothing to fear – Obama hasn't gone done anything drastic, compared to Bush.

Obama is not like Bush. Or is he?

Bush believes himself to be a Christian; a forgiving man – but it was his vice president, Dick Cheney, who created the unforgiving reputation for which the Bush administration would come to be known. Cheney is a cold, calculating and unforgiving. Cross this retributive vice president, and he hunts you down and destroys you.

But Cheney was not just unforgiving; he was manipulative. Media outlets have portrayed Cheney as a puppet master, the de facto President, controlling the White House through Bush.

But such acts, apparently, had a limit. In fact, CNBC reported that Cheney became angry and bitter when, for the first time, Bush resisted him by refusing to pardon Scooter Libby, Cheney's chief of staff who was implicated and charged in the Valerie Plame affairs.

In this one instance, the CNBC report said in an effort to regain and demonstrate his compassion, Bush snubbed Cheney. Bush did not intend to be unforgiving; he, like Obama,

is a forgiving man.

Yet Obama also has his strong man: the cold, calculating and unassuming Rahm Emanuel, White House chief of staff, affectionately known as "Rahmbo" in media circles.

Paul Begala, former advisor to Bill Clinton, reportedly describes working with Rahm as a cross between a "hemor-

rhoid and a toothache."

But Obama's strengths, such as his cool and tempered character, tame his would-be alpha males; Bush's weakness is that he doesn't, and in turn he sets wild the lions of his pride.

There are many differences between the former Bush administration and the current one led by Obama, but an important similarity is their tolerant natures. As more Joe Wilsons steal the spotlight, President Obama will have many more chances to showcase just how forgiving he can be.

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Media run by government is no longer media

ERIC FELDMAN
Staff Writer

The Federal Communication Commission is always treading a fine line between maintaining decency and integrity over America's airwaves and being the single greatest threat to the First Amendment this country can know.

Well-known for fining broadcast companies thousands of dollars for allowing single expletives to slip past the censors (not to mention infamous "wardrobe malfunctions"), the FCC has a new goal.

In the words of FCC chief Julius Genachowski: "expanding opportunities for women, minorities, and small businesses to participate in the communications marketplace."

Sounds reasonable enough, but government efforts to create these opportunities forcefully is tantamount to destroying the very fabric liberties that separate us from citizens in China who,

in 2009, still do not have access to the entire Internet because of government intervention.

The man with the plan in this situation is Mark Lloyd, a recent appointee to the FCC in the position of "Diversity Officer." Lloyd has such ideas as taxing private broadcasters to fund public ones.

"If we as a nation ... fully funded a broadcaster like the British citizens fund BBC, we might have an impact on what they cover and have more power to demand that they cover everything," Lloyd said at a 2008 media conference, according to *The Wall Street Journal*.

Surely our media has more problems than an angsty teen emo band, between barely going more in depth into stories than 30-second sound bytes and being partisan to the point of nausea, but I am even more concerned about the government having an "impact on what they cover" because of how well that works out internationally.

Almost every individual news outlet may be extremist, sensationalist and partisan, at least if you diversify where you get your news from.

Eventually you will get an aggregate picture of what's really going on – as opposed to state-run medias where you get one side, and one side only.

Much has been revealed about Lloyd's views on diversity since his appointment.

For example, according to the *Washington Times*, at a 2005 conference on media reform and racial justice, he made some concerning statements in regard to people working in broadcast media.

"The fact of the matter is that there are a limited number of those positions," he said. "And unless we are conscious of the need to have more people of color, gays, other people in those positions, we will not change the problem."

There's nothing scary about the nation being conscious of a need, but he goes on: "we're

in a position where you have to say who is going to step down so someone else can have power."

Lloyd contends that his policies would not prohibit free speech, but would promote "democratic governance" of the communications industry.

This is easy to say for a man in not an elected, but an appointed, position, with little accountability to the voters.

The bottom line is: yes, conservative voices do dominate the talk radio circuit.

But I view this as a free market decision ("Air America," the liberal attempt at talk radio did not go so well), and there is a somewhat equal number of liberal and conservative news sources across all mediums of TV, radio, Internet, print and so forth.

Lloyd is also working on some noble things, like getting broadband access to rural areas. But he should stick to that, and leave the media control thing to China.

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"[White House adviser] Van Jones' extremist views and coarse rhetoric have no place in this administration or the public debate."

Rep. Mike Pence
GOP Conference Chairman

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The amount, in dollars, the City of Miami needs to balance for their 2010 budget. The city needs an additional \$28 million aside from the amount budgeted.

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Microsoft starting to give Apple a run for its money

Coming from a diehard Apple fan boy, what I'm about to say may shock you. Microsoft is starting to create some really awesome products, and I like them.

My fellow Apple loyalists are notorious for mocking Microsoft for almost anything and, up until a year ago, it was very easy. The only things that Microsoft did well were the Xbox 360 and Office. It goes to show you that when your video game console has a 54.2 percent failure rate and consumers buy it anyway, you've made one hell of a console.

But, recently, Microsoft has been on a roll. The products and services they have released, along with the improvements made to current product lines, show that the company is capable of creating something with appeal.

On Oct. 22, Microsoft will release the latest installment in its line of operating systems, Windows 7.

After extensively using the most recent version of the software beta, the "release candidate," it is a vast improvement over its predecessor. Though let's be realistic, Windows Vista had more bugs than Disney's *A Bug's Life*, and none were as charming or as comical.

Sure, some major features of the OS have been "inspired" by Apple OS X but, as Picasso said, "A good artist borrows, a great artist steals."

Windows 7 is an all around solid OS. Whether the business community will leave Windows XP for the greener pastures of Windows 7 remains to be seen. But I feel confident that, if they do, it will be a

move they won't regret.

Another home run hit by Microsoft was done recently with the Zune HD. The next generation of the most unpopular media player has a gorgeous 3.3-inch Organic LED touch screen with multi-touch, and a newly designed user interface to go with it. The most impressive thing, however, is that inside the device lies the new NVIDIA Tegra processor, which make this particular Zune one of the faster media players on the market.

I still prefer Apple's iPod Touch due to the vast app library, a much better mobile internet browser, and the fact that the OS is a bit more polished.

However, the Zune HD still

songs per month. Zune Pass is by far one of the best deals in online music subscription. I have always wanted Apple to implement an option like this in the iTunes store but, at the same time, if it isn't broken, don't fix it.

However, the most impressive thing is Microsoft's new Courier, a dual screen, multi-touch tablet that is hoping to replacing my Moleskin journal.

I almost regret that I am writing about the Courier because its ingenuity, simplicity and beauty are hard to convey into words. Frankly, I am even shocked that I am using a word like "beauty" to describe a Microsoft product.

Its dual screens are capable of both multi-touch and stylus input.

Watching the demonstration online, you notice that the stylus input is so precise that you can just as easily write on the Courier as you can a sheet of paper. Also, the user-interface, if retained similar to this late-stage prototype, will be a major contender for the much rumored Apple tablet.

Based on what I have seen, if the Courier went on sale tomorrow for \$500 I would buy it with a smile on my face - and I have never felt like that about a Microsoft product before.

Though Apple loyalists will continue to insult the company out of partisanship, I think it takes a true fan to recognize the accolades of a competitor.

The fact is that creations like the Courier only serve to motivate companies like Apple and help them realize that they aren't the only ones in the world who can create something awesome.

COLUMNIST



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shines as a legitimate entry in the personal media player market. Though the Zune won't snatch up Apple's 70 percent market share for media players, I can definitely see the HD snatching up the other 30 percent.

More over, the Zune HD can be paired with Microsoft's Zune Pass, a \$14.99 music subscription service that allows users to download as many songs as they'd like, and actually keep 10 of those

WEB SITE REVIEW

Web site offers users a fascinating look at crime

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Almost everyone has been to the public library or the school library at some point in their lives, but most haven't been to the crime library.

Crimelibrary.com was started in 1998. In 2000, it was purchased by CourtTV, now known as TruTV, and became part of *TruTV.com* in 2008.

One of the most interesting sites relating to criminal behavior on the internet, *Crimelibrary.com* provides a fascinating look into the criminal underworld.

The site provides information on criminal cases that date back to the 1400s. It aims to entertain its visitors as well as to inform them.

The site is worth a look for criminal justice majors/ minors, since it provides in depth information about some of the most infamous crimes and criminals.

Information about specific cases, and the perpetrators of crimes and their victims, is presented with lots of background information about the people involved.

This helps give insight into what may have caused a certain individual to act in this way.

The site can also help students focus on a specific area of criminal justice that they would like to pursue.

For those who have been considering studying the field of criminal justice but are not sure if it is what they would like to do, visiting this site may help spark interest - or aversion - to this field.

The content is divided among types of criminals: serial killers, terrorists, spies and gangsters. The categories are useful to those who want or need to do research on certain crimes and criminals.

For those who know what they are looking for, the search feature comes in handy.

The "Criminal Minds" section provides a unique look at the science of criminal profiling. Real cases are used to show the different steps that

are taken during the criminal profiling process.

There is also information on the psychology that is involved in the realm of criminal justice.

It looks into the minds of criminals and murderers in order to understand what makes them commit crimes.

The forensic process and the investigation process is also available for readers to peruse.

There is also a section devoted to covering those stories that were found out to be scams and hoaxes.

The Web site is extremely easy to use and is well organized, so information is usually very easy to find.

It is a site that isn't just geared toward those who are already in the criminal justice field of study, nor is it just for those who are criminal justice majors/ minors. It has a bit of something for everyone.

Compared to other sites that provide the same kind of information, *Crimelibrary.com* provides more entertainment value, especially in the "Dumb Blog" section which includes articles on unusually dumb criminals.

The only drawback is that the site does not provide actual police reports, only general/background information about crimes, the perpetrators who committed them and their victims. The information provided is useful but the text of the police reports would make the site even more useful.

However, for a majority of the stories there is a bibliography included with all the sources used.

The student can then use those sources in order to do further research.

Overall, *CrimeLibrary.com* is a very useful and enjoyable Web site, especially for criminal justice majors, and its articles have the potential to entertain everyone.

Every Monday, *The Beacon* will publish stories relating to technological subjects as part of "Tech Monday." Check the *Life!* section and *fiusm.com* every Monday for Web site, game and gadget reviews, and of course, "Fistfuls of Tech," Jorge Valens' weekly examination of all things "tech" related.

THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2009

VENEZUELAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION MOVIE

Get in touch with the Venezuelan culture during this movie.

WHEN: 12 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 305

BLACK STUDENT UNION



Strive to be a leader in this meeting!

WHEN: 7 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 150

PINK PAWS MEETING



Learn how to be an animal friend at this meeting!

WHEN: 1 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 343

MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL SHOWCASE

Meet members from all 9 member organizations.

WHEN: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC Pit

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2009

TRUTH FOR LIFE



Learn how to read the Bible with this club meeting!

WHEN: 1 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 343

BEST BUDDIES OF AMERICA

Make a difference with this charitable club meeting.

WHEN: 6 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 305

FASA MEETING

Get creative with this fine arts association.

WHEN: 3:45 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 343

CHOSEN GENERATION



Hear the message with music and spoken word!

WHEN: 7 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC Cafeteria Annex

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

ITALIAN CLUB



Learn about the Italian culture with this meeting!

WHEN: 8:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 150

HAITIAN STUDENTS ORGANIZATION

Come together and share a culture with this meeting!

WHEN: 6:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 150

MGC OPEN MIC NIGHT

WHEN: 7:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: Lakeview North Lounge

JAZZ NIGHT



Enjoy soothing tunes.

WHEN: 6 p.m.
HOW MUCH: \$20
WHERE: Club 50

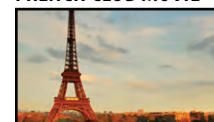
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2009

STUDENTS FOR A FREE TIBET

Meet for a cause with this club!

WHEN: 1 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 343

FRENCH CLUB MOVIE



Enjoy a little taste of French life with this movie!

WHEN: 3:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 140

DANCE MARATHON



A meeting about the dance off at FIU.

WHEN: 2:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 314

CARIBBEAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION GAME DAY

Get your game on with this fun event!

WHEN: 6 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 314

HOME CROWD



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Students gather to show their Panther spirit

TOUCHDOWN: (1) Fans celebrate after FIU scores its first home touchdown against Toledo in the second quarter of the game on Sept. 26.

SMOKY AIR: (2) Students, alumni and friends fire up grills and share drinks during a tailgate in Tamiami Park for FIU's first football home game.

SLAM! (3, From left to right) Monica Rivas, Mohales Deis, Luis Sanchez and Andrew Rice play a game of dominoes as they await the upcoming home game.

VEE DUB: (4, From left to right) Carlos Arocha, Willy Robbins and William Green pose with one of the Esserman Volkswagen models.

FOOTBALL: TOLEDO 41, FIU 31

STRUGGLING DEFENSE

No one stepping up on offense save for Hilton

Well, the special teams played well.

Rocky Vann blocked a punt to set up the team in the red zone in the third quarter.

Carlos Munera twice pinned the Rockets back inside of their own 5-yard line and had another inside of the 20.

T.Y. Hilton made his presence felt with another patented, electrifying punt return that gave the Golden Panthers the ball deep in Toledo territory in

the second quarter, and Toledo's fear of his skills in the return game led the Rockets to pooch kick it and gave the Golden Panthers excellent field position for much of the game.

Other than that, it was a long day for the Golden Panthers, who had no answer for the Rockets' offense, and could not find any consistency with their offense.

Whether it was completely whiffing while trying to bring down

the Golden Panthers would run blitz to contain Collins, senior quarterback Aaron Opelt would pick apart the holes in the Golden Panthers' defense, passing for 343 yards on the day.

For the Golden Panthers, early on, a semblance of a running game was visible.

Darriet Perry and Darrian Mallary had some success running the ball, and the offensive line was getting some real push for the first time in the season.

Hilton was his steady, reliable, explosive self, picking up 126 yards on nine catches and remaining the Golden Panthers' main scoring threat in the red zone. But when the Golden Panthers got into the red zone, nobody else was there to step up.

Where was Greg Ellingson, who looked so promising with his five-catch, 92-yard performance against Alabama? The usually steady junior hasn't shown up the last two games

COMMENTARY



CHRIS TOWERS



VICTORIA LYNCH/THE BEACON

PANTHERS DOWN: Golden Panther defenders are unable to tackle Toledo running back Dajuane Collins on Sept. 26.

Golden Panthers miss tackles, build offensive momentum late

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to Kenny Stafford on third down put the Rockets in position to score on that drive and get a commanding 17-0 lead.

"There were times on defense where we looked like the defense we want to be," Cristobal said. "We play hard, there is no doubt. There has got to be in combination with that, you have to have the will to win and fight every single play."

The second touchdown pass to Sage in the fourth quarter, a 37-yard gain, was attained after a few missed tackles by safety Kreg Brown and linebacker Toronto Smith.

The play put Toledo ahead for good with a 38-17 lead.

"Everybody was trying to go for the knockout shot instead of the sure tackle," Smith said.

Smith said he was vocal with some of the younger Golden Panthers about being fundamentally sound.

"We have to wrap up. We can't just go in there leaving our feet and thinking guys are just going to go down. They are on scholarship just like we are. They got recruited; they were stars in high school. They are good just like we are," Smith said. "I'm going to make sure personally that defense steps it up."

OFF AND RUNNING

The Golden Panthers had a season-high 148 rushing yards. Darriet Perry led the way with 64 yards on 16 carries.

Cristobal was pleased with that facet of the game, which FIU struggled with against their first two opponents.

"For us to become a better offense, we have to run the football," Cristobal said. "For us to become a better red zone offense, the priority is to run the football. We did a couple of things during the week that helped us become a better offensive line. The use of John Ellis as an extra back helped clean some things

BOXSCORE

	FIU	Toledo
First Downs	21	20
Rushes-Yards	42-148	34-223
Passing	224	343
Comp-Att-Int	19-43-0	18-32-1
Return Yards	194	115
Punts Avg.	7-45	6-30.2
Penalties-Yards	6-73	10-78
Fumbles-Lost	2	0
Time of Possession	28:30	31:30

RUSHING — FIU: Mallary 10-31, Perry 16-60, Hilton 3-24, McCall 11-20 **UT:** Collins 19-151, Williams 11-63, Opelt 3-10

PASSING — FIU: McCall 19-42-1-224 **UT:** Opelt 18-32-2-343

RECEIVING — FIU: Ellingson 2-15, Hilton 9-126, Times 2-30, Frierson 2-24, Faucher 2-16 **UT:** Williams 6-116, Page 5-113, Stafford 1-56, Burzine 1-26

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Rockets' senior running back DaJuane Collins, who rumbled for 151 yards and two touchdowns on the day, or the complete inability of anyone on the Golden Panthers offense to step up and help Hilton, the Golden Panthers took another step back from what looked like a pretty promising start against Alabama.

The biggest question for the Golden Panthers coming in was whether they would be able to stop the run against a team they were supposed to be a little closer to in talent, but the Rockets imposed their will on the defense, and they consistently had no answer.

On the rare occasions

and dropped at least three passes in this latest game.

Without another reliable option on offense, and with nobody stepping up on defense, the Golden Panthers have become predictable, and even getting into the more balanced part of their schedule; things aren't looking good from here on out.

Heading into next week's conference opener against Louisiana-Monroe, the Golden Panthers face a must win against a team they've never beaten. If the Golden Panthers don't get things going soon, they are looking at a huge step back from last season's promising season.

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FIU, who defeated Toledo 35-16 last season, forced five turnovers the last time the teams met but Anthony Gaitor's second quarter interception was the lone takeaway for FIU.

"It's too little too late," McCall said. "This is three games in a row that we've played a half of football out of four quarters and that's

not going to cut it."

Receiver Junior Mertile did not play in the game with a knee injury; He is week-to-week, according to Cristobal.

Visit our new Sports web site at fiusm.com/sports this week for a photo gallery from the Toledo game.

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