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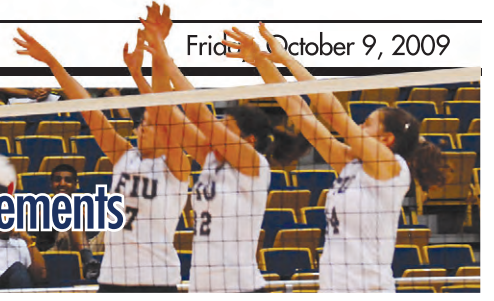
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Frost Museum Fall Exhibition Opening Night, Oct. 9, 6 p.m. Expand your cultural horizons with the premier of the new fall exhibition at the Frost Museum. It is free for FIU students with ID.

Milk – the movie, Oct. 9, 5 and 8 p.m. See this revealing film hosted by SPC for free in GC 140, remember to bring your Panther ID.

Rocktoberfest, Oct. 10, 8 p.m. Want to go out for some good music? Listen to local bands in a laid back atmosphere at Churchill's Pub for \$5.

WEATHER

FRIDAY
Mostly Cloudy
LOW: 80 HIGH: 91

SATURDAY
Partly Cloudy
LOW: 79 HIGH: 90

SUNDAY
Isolated T-Storms
LOW: 79 HIGH: 89

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Now is the time for Panthers to turn around season

Mario Cristobal cannot be pleased. This is not how the season was supposed to go.

Before the season, there was seemingly realistic talk about making a bowl game. The building of the FIU juggernaut was to begin post haste.

It was easy to get

COMMENTARY



CHRIS TOWERS

caught up in it, especially after the Golden Panthers managed to hang with the Crimson Tide of Alabama for much of their first game.

If FIU was a stock, it would have been trending upwards with a little green arrow next to it.

And then it

took a small step back against Rutgers, but even then, you had the defense step up and play pretty well against a tough offense. All you had to do was wait for the Golden Panthers to get into the part of their schedule that was at their level, and watch out, college football world.

And then the stock crashed. The bubble burst.

First, there was the home

opening loss against Toledo, in which the Golden Panthers showed an absolute inability to stop the run and were torn up for 566 yards and 41 points.

Then the Warhawks of Louisiana-Monroe again put it to the Golden Panthers on the ground, gutting them for 304 yards and 48 points.

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VICTORIA LYNCH/THE BEACON

Engineering society recognizes dean

BLANCA MORALES
Staff Writer

The dean of the College of Engineering and Computing was recognized as the Engineer of the Year by the Miami-Dade American Society of Civil Engineers.

Amir Mirmiran was recognized on Sept. 23 for his contributions to South Florida's engineering community. He has guided students through both teaching and his own achievements in the field.

He has been a part of Miami-Dade's chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers since he moved to South Florida in 2004. His experience in the field and leadership, both at the University and in the engineering community, have been the key to the College of Engineering's

continued growth.

"I was elated that my colleagues have considered me for this award," Mirmiran said.

Mirmiran, who became the college's dean in February, has seen many constructive milestones at the college.

Just this past year, ABET, the accreditor for college and university programs in applied science, computing, engineering and technology, awarded a full six-year accreditation to all of FIU's engineering programs, including a new environmental engineering program.

The college also recently named the Titan America Structures and Construction Testing Laboratory after its benefactors, Titan America, LLC.

Mirmiran had worked to estab-

lish the lab shortly after his arrival to the University, when he was chairman of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

Thanks to his efforts, materials, labor and service have been donated to the lab by leaders in the construction industry. The value of such support approximated half a million dollars.

"My goal for our students is to be exposed to an excellent education and problem-solving research that would prepare them for taking on challenges in the work place," Mirmiran said.

He said he wants to continue building partnerships in the engineering community and to continue to build on research.

"I believe our college must help be the engine that propels research

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AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Society to offer paid, volunteer positions

EMILY BELLO-PARDO
Contributing Writer

Students have been able to help raise funds to find the cure for cancer through the University's Relay for Life event. Now, students can get involved with the American Cancer Society through employment and volunteering opportunities.

The ACS hosted a student infor-

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NEWS FLASH

LOCAL

First lady to speak at event in Miami

First Lady Michelle Obama will be the main speaker at an event in Miami.

The Florida Campus Compact 2009 Awards Gala and Luncheon will be held on Oct. 15 and is by invitation only.

According to *The Miami Herald*, the event will be mainly hosted by Miami-Dade College President Eduardo Padron. Florida Senators Bill Nelson and George LeMieux will also co-host the event.

Two Florida residents plead guilty to illegal lobster harvesting

Two Florida Keys residents plead guilty to illegally harvesting 8,500 pounds of lobster.

According to *The Miami Herald*, 23-year-olds John Buckheim and Nick Demauro poached the lobsters and sold them for \$45,000. The market value of the catch is \$155,000.

Former Miami mayor enters senatorial race

Former Miami Mayor Maurice Ferre officially entered the race for Florida U.S. senator on Wednesday.

Ferre is the latest candidate to compete for a seat that has attracted a sitting governor and a U.S. congressman.

As a Democrat he will face U.S. Congressman Kendrick Meeks in a primary. Ferre's Web site says he expects to get support from Independents and Republicans.

According to *The Miami Herald*, Meeks has raised 2.7 million as of June. Ferre served as Miami mayor from 1973 to 1985. This is not the first time Ferre has attempted a comeback, in 2001 he unsuccessfully ran for Miami mayor.

-Compiled by Jorge Valens and Frank Maradiaga

ACS offers career opportunities

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mation reception to present students with these opportunities.

ACS representatives discussed ways in which people can get involved with the society, an association with more than three million volunteers throughout the country.

Volunteering in local communities and events or applying for a paid position within the organization are some of the ways of getting involved.

Paid positions are available at the community, regional, state-wide, national and international arena, according to Chelsea Hall, ACS director of Diversity Initiatives in the Florida division.

The organization is currently looking for three regional vice presidents in South Florida and is accepting resumes.

"We're looking for someone who is bilingual, bicultural and who has experience in volunteering organizations," said Ralph DeVitto, the organization's chief operating officer in the Florida division.

ACS community representative in the Florida division, Fran-

cisco Lomparte, said someone who is involved in the organization on any level has to have several characteristics.

"[They need to have] education, because it's a challenge to be a part of the ACS; passion for what you do; willingness to work with volunteers; loving what you do and gratitude."

For those looking to volunteer with the ACS on campus, FIU's Relay for Life is an overnight event that happens in the spring and is meant to raise money to find a cure and to spread the awareness of prevention and different treatments for cancer.

"Being able to get to know [people who are touched by cancer] and seeing them fight the disease in the relay, is something that no money can buy," Lomparte said.

This event has been held at Modesto Maidique Campus since 2004 and last year it raised more than \$80,000 with 74 participating teams.

"It is the hard work of students that make this event happen," said Beverly Dalrymple, director of the Center for Leadership and Service and main coordinator of this event. "It's everybody coming together to make

this event successful because almost everybody has been affected by this disease in one way or another."

The ACS has different programs to help people deal with cancer through the funding of several researchers, educators and legislative and volunteering activities.

One of its main programs right now is the advocacy for a tobacco-free America.

According to the ACS Web site, tobacco consumption causes one-third of all cancers, and this is "completely preventable."

"We don't want to hire people for a job, but for a career," DeVitto said. "We are also a place for you to make a difference in the fight against cancer."

To volunteer in the FIU Relay for Life, contact Dr. Dalrymple in the Center for Leadership and Service at Beverly.Dalrymple@fiu.edu.

Contact the ACS regarding employment opportunities at www.acs-careers.org or www.cancer.org.

Mirmiran awarded Engineer of the Year

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at FIU, and we must be a force behind economic development for South Florida as a whole, and the engineering community in particular," Mirmiran said. "We can do that by making sure that our research addresses their prevalent issues, and that we develop a prepared workforce for their companies."

The College of Engineering and Computing is already South Florida's leading resource for educa-

tion and research in the community.

It is the 22nd largest undergraduate engineering program in the country.

"Being recognized by your colleagues is humbling and rewarding at the same time," Mirmiran said in a press release. "It means that what you have done has had an impact on the community and is a reflection of the quality of engineering program that we have at FIU."

Mirmiran obtained his bachelor's degree in civil engineering at the University of Tehran and a master's and doctorate degrees in the same subject from the University of Maryland.

He has received many other awards including the NASA Tech Briefs Award and the NSF Faculty CAREER Development Award.

He has also been elected fellow of both the American Society of Civil Engineers and the American Concrete Institute.

Mirmiran also holds two patents on innovative composite construction

He has held academic appointments at the University of Central Florida, the University of Cincinnati and North Carolina State University.

"I certainly hope that our current students land in

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*Amir Mirmiran, dean
College of Engineering and Computing*

systems.

The Federal Highway Administration and Departments of Transportation of Florida and Ohio are among the institutions that have supported Mirmiran in his research.

He has also received continuous funding from the National Science Foundation.

good engineering jobs and become tomorrow's leaders in their engineering profession," Mirmiran said. "It is my belief that our students are well prepared to take on the world and make it a better place through their engineering and ingenuity."

CORRECTIONS

In the article titled "Town hall meeting considers tuition costs," President Mark A. Roseberg was misquoted. The quote should have read "We're running a year-2009 University with a year 2000 budget."

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Club shares coming-out stories to celebrate sexual diversity

MELODY REGALADO
Staff Writer

Rainbow balloons filled Panther Square, and colorful bracelets and pins were worn proudly to celebrate a day of openness for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

In honor of National Coming Out Day on Oct. 11, Stonewall 2 BBC hosted an event Oct. 7, featuring tables with representatives from local organizations, and a variety of events and guest speakers to celebrate the day.

"This event provides an outlet for students who aren't comfortable coming out to know that they have support here," said Vicky Owles, associate director of Campus Life and Orientation, and advisor for S2B.

S2B, a student organization at the Biscayne Bay Campus that supports the LGBT community, wants to raise awareness, educate and provide a safe space for students of the community.

Attendees received lunch if they made rainbow bracelets. Participants got strings and made their way around each table collecting the multicolored beads that each organization had. Members of the club showed videos and read coming-out stories on stage. Shane Windmeyer, a leading author on gay campus issues, hosted a "webinar."

Former North Miami Mayor Kevin Burns, who is

openly gay and also running for the U.S. Senate, spoke with the crowd during the lunch held in Room 159 of the Wolfe University Center, where he shared stories about his personal experiences both as an openly-gay public figure and a family man.

"As an openly-gay official, I want to show other people that we do exist in all walks of life and in all positions," he told *The Beacon*. "Coming out is an everyday occurrence and isn't going to make the world stop."

Bronwen Bares, S2B ally and BBC coordinator of the Center for Leadership and Service and the Women's Center, was also present. She helps promote the variety of programs available on campus.

"I try to support as many students from as many different standpoints as I can to show them that there's a place on campus where they can be comfortable," she said.

Among the organizations present were the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, SAVE Dade, Sunshine Cathedral, Aqua Foundation for Women, Equality Florida, Pridelines Youth Services, and YES Institute.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force aims to arm the LGBT community with ideas and empower them to fight for civil rights.

"I believe being here today is important because I wish I

had known about an organization like this while growing up," said Frank Ceraolo, development assistant for the organization, to *The Beacon*. "It would have empowered me to come out sooner and know I wasn't alone."

SAVE Dade, Safeguarding American Values for Everyone, is an organization focused on outreach programs and political advocacy for equality laws, said Joseph Mooradian, community coordinator, to *The Beacon*.

Sunshine Cathedral has a ministry that serves the LGBT community, with 80 percent of the congregation being gay while only 20 percent is straight. According to Reverend Michael Diaz, there is a strong sense of fear of the church from the LGBT community, and his ministry wants to teach the community about what the Bible says and doesn't say about homosexuality.

"We don't want to convert anyone. We are a progressive church in that we are open to all sexual orientations and gender identities," he told *The Beacon*.

The day's events were created to educate and inspire the University's community, said Daniel Anzueto, S2B president and a senior psychology major.

"Today represents being proud of who you are and not being ashamed," said Tommy Melis, a junior public rela-



MELODY REGALADO/THE BEACON

LET IT SHOW: Daniel Anzueto, S2B president, reads a story about coming out at the National Coming Out Day at the Wolfe University Center on Oct. 7.

tions major and historian of S2B. "As humans, we are all entitled to be respected as equals, and we've come far, but we have a long way to go."

A question and answer session was also held at the end of the day in a teleconferenced forum between University President Mark B. Rosenberg and the faculty, staff and students of BBC.

Anzueto asked Rosenberg

what was going to be done to make the LGBT student body feel more included in the campus community, because resources and funding for both LGBT pride clubs, S2B and Stonewall Pride Alliance at the Modesto Maidique Campus, are very limited, according to Anzueto. But he didn't get the answer or support he expected.

According to Anzueto, Rosenberg responded by

saying that he doesn't believe in a label system that separates students, and his main concern is student education and graduation.

"I'm devastated. I feel like I've been working for the past four years for nothing because the University doesn't want to support me," he said. "The event turned out amazing, but I just heard that they don't care. That's what I got from him."

SGC-BBC

Council creates more committees, announces new blog

MAUREEN NINO
Staff Writer

Members of the Student Government Council at the Biscayne Bay Campus announced Sept. 30 three new ways they will monitor their moves, the launch of their new blog site and their plans to go green.

The council created three new committees: the Operational Review Committee, the Rules, Regulation and Judicial Committee, and the Senate Communication Committee.

"It's like a monitor over the monitors," said Sholom Neistein, SGC-BBC president, during the general meeting.

The Operational Review Committee will overlook the senate's discretionary funds.

Unlike the Finance Committee, which was developed to help students and organizations find funding

or receive money from the Student Government Association, the Operational Review Committee will fund and monitor the senators.

"The Operational Review Committee will make sure each senator gets equal amount of funding, and it is being put to good use," said Nickolay Chikishev, SGC-BBC lower division senator.

According to Neistein, the Operational Review Committee was developed to manage how the senate spends its money, such as funding forums, or buying goods and services for campus upgrades and housing improvements.

The Rules, Regulations and Judiciary Committee was developed to make sure the senate follows proper procedures, according to *Robert's Rules of Order*, SGA's constitution, and SGC-BBC statutes.

"The committee is the

liaison between the judiciary branch and the legislative branch," said Robert Tassy III, SGC-BBC Mass Communications and Journalism senator and a reporter for *The Beacon*.

We want to communicate with the students any way we can

Robert Tassy, Committee Chair
Rules, Regulations and Judiciary
Committee

The committee will help create order during senate meetings, as well as enforce attendance and adherence to the constitution, said Tassy, who is also the committee's chair.

"It is a watchful eye making sure individual members are doing their

jobs," Neistein said.

The Senate Communication Committee, according to Neistein, will make sure there is enough communication between all council members under Campus Life, including the Student Organizations Council, the Student Programming Council and Panther Power.

"We want to communicate with the students any way we can," said Tassy. "This will help students find out what is going on immediately."

Currently, SGC-BBC has a Web site, which is currently being updated, a Facebook account and a new blog: *The Daily Jolt*.

The Daily Jolt is a blogging site where University organizations can post flyers, updates and links to other sites.

"It is free, so it does not cost the students anything," said Neistein. "It's a better way to get out to the

students."

Students, however, can only post flyers to events or make announcements through a University organization.

"As a student, you may visit *The Daily Jolt* and find weekly updates on SGA events being held within the campus.

If you want an insider look into our meetings and senator surveys, this is the perfect place to go check out as a student," said Tanha Dil, SGC-BBC justice.

In an effort to go green, SGC-BBC is also in the developmental stages of setting up other Web sites in collaboration with *The Daily Jolt* to post flyers and help cut back on print flyers, Neistein said.

"We have cut back exponentially from previous years. We are now on a mission that we always print on both sides, which saves a

ton of paper and money," he said.

The Daily Jolt will help student leaders increase student engagement and conserve paper, Dil said.

Even though the Web site is fairly new, she said that with the right marketing strategies, SGC-BBC will have great success communicating with fellow members and encouraging students to get more involved with upcoming events, lectures and meetings.

"*The Daily Jolt* is in its early stage, and like all big projects, it takes time to see big results," said Tassy. "If you want to know what is going on, that is where you need to go."

For more information, visit: <http://bbc.fiu.dailyjolt.com/>

CABRALITICS

Moore's film bombs — with good reason

In a startling turn of events, Michael Moore's new film on the evils of capitalism failed to make much of a profit at the box office this past weekend.

Capitalism: A Love Story, which focuses on the damaging effects of capitalism, received decent reviews but still only took in a paltry \$4.4 million in ticket sales.

COLUMNIST



CHRIS CABRAL

Which was all part of the plan.

You see, while some might interpret this outcome as a disappointment for Moore, a closer reading of the situation reveals the clever strategy behind the promotion and distribution of Moore's newest documentary.

Moore, in part as a self-aware attempt to avoid being accused of hypocrisy, willfully helped ensure that his film would yield low box office receipts, thereby damaging the capitalist, money-driven theaters that greedily chose to show his film.

With their overpriced tickets, coupled with expensive, unhealthy candy marketed at impressionable children and underpaid ushers and cleaning staff, the movie theater industry is a stunning example of corporate greed (and imitation butter) run amok.

The distributors of the film no doubt had the sinister motive of profit-making when they chose to distribute Moore's film as well, making them an equally worthy target for the wise and committed Moore.

Perhaps his most courageous attempt to ensure that his film would do poorly was his appearance on the Jay Leno show on Sept. 25. Ostensibly, he was there to promote his movie, but careful examination proves this couldn't have possibly been the case.

For one thing, Leno's show is spectacularly unfunny and is therefore a poor platform for anyone seriously promoting a film. Yet it was his performance that night that no doubt sealed the fate of *Capitalism* and serves as the most compelling evidence that Moore had an ulterior motive.

In an act that both terrified and shocked all 17 loyal viewers of Leno's show, Moore performed a song. Before showing a clip from his film, Moore belted out a cringe inducing rendition of Bob Dylan's "The Times They Are A-Changin'."

No doubt the few who were watching at home turned off their television in confusion or stood frozen in front of their sets, overwhelmed by a mixture of pity and disgust.

This was no isolated incident. At several appearances on talk shows around the country, Moore laid out his case against a profit-driven economy.

His arguments were so convincing that millions chose to buck the capitalist system altogether by staying home the weekend *Capitalism* was released, or by simply downloading the film illegally.

Amazingly, his hard work paid off. Thanks to his savvy campaign of anti-promotion, his film should be out of theaters in no time, striking a blow against the capitalist order and disappearing from public view ...

... Until it strikes the greedy retailers of the world in its next incarnation as a DVD.

Cabralitics appears every other Friday.

Anti-smoking initiative unfair

Ban is too extreme

IVAN FLORES
Staff Writer

I am neither a pack-carrying member of the Marlboro Club, nor am I a Camel Jockey – however, when I am stressed I do enjoy the occasional cigarette.

When I smoke, I ask those around me who do not smoke if they mind. I stay away from buildings and I do not stand near a door once I light a cigarette.

That's why I feel that the proposed campus smoking ban is an extreme measure to a minor nuisance that affects a very select group.

The detrimental effects of smoking have been common knowledge for some time now. Even tobacco companies contribute financially to anti-smoking organizations, such as the Truth campaign.

I agree with the current University policy: smoking should not be allowed inside campus buildings, it should not be allowed within 20 feet

of any campus buildings. I feel this distance should be doubled to 40 feet, so that any wafting smoke has more of a chance of blowing away rather than drift into a building.

However, the outright banning of smoking on campus is wrong because it is an extreme and unnecessary measure that will adversely affect students.

According to Robert Dollinger, assistant dean of Student Affairs for the College of Medicine, a no-smoking policy will be no small feat and require a dedicated budget with both "internal and external funding."

However, Jesus Medina – the current project administrator for FIU Smoke-Free Tobacco-Free Campaign – asserts that the FIU smoke-free project "will bring more profit than reduce costs."

If Dollinger and Medina are truly concerned about the amount of profit being from students who do not attend FIU, as well as the community

members that do not find FIU a great place to meet should be commissioned to find out what the exact profit loss is to the University.

The current smoking policy addresses the issue of secondhand smoke inhalation.

The outright banning of smoking on campus is plain wrong because it is an extreme and unnecessary measure that will adversely affect students.

Changing the policy to the proposed ban would not eliminate the problem.

According to Medina, students will not comply with the ban. Frankly, the ban would, in turn, disenfranchise a group of people and persecute them for their personal choices.

Housing residents must be considered. Under the proposed campus-wide ban students that smoke, who live on campus, would have to walk off-campus

to do so. Such a measure is extremely preposterous.

While the policy does need to be changed, resorting to an outright ban is not the correct avenue to take.

Increasing the distance for smokers to be from 20 feet to 40 feet would be a much less drastic initiative.

Regardless, any student should have the right to ask a smoker to put out the offending cigarette or ask, if necessary to move to a distance where the smoke does not bother that student.

By making these less drastic changes a University-wide policy, it will not only solve the current problem of students being affected by secondhand smoke but create a compromise between the current policy and an outright ban.

The current smoking policy needs to be amended rather than overhauled. Extending the amount of feet smokers have to be from buildings and empowering students with a right to ask smokers to put out their cigarette is much more viable and economically feasible policy change than banning smoking altogether.

The comfort of air travel has disappeared

FRANCESCA COSTA
Contributing Writer

When I think of flying, I think back to a flight my mom and I took 10 years ago. It was an overnight trip and I was extremely cranky. The attendant, noticing my discomfort, asked if I wanted dessert to make me feel better. She then brought me the biggest chocolate sundae you could possibly imagine, cherry and all.

These days, however, I haven't received anything but an air-packed bag of peanuts. I solemnly stare at my bland snack and wonder what happened to the good ol' times.

My father has been a pilot for various airlines, so if there's anything I'm used to, it's airplanes and flying. In recent years, I have noticed the comfort and thrill of flying has nose-dived.

Flying experiences have become more tedious and strenuous than enjoyable. Instead of feeling excitement, you are dreading the long lines, delays and the boring, foodless hours to come. This is an issue many college students encounter as they often fly between home and school.

We constantly hear about on-flight incidents between passengers and the flight crew and it's not exactly hard to figure out why. After Sept. 11, airlines, the Federal

Aviation Administration and the Transportation Security Administration began implementing a series of new strict regulations and budget cuts.

American Airlines, U.S. Airways and United Airlines have done away with a large number of flights and decreased their staffs, thus reducing the number of options we as flyers have. As a result, pre-boarding procedures, while ensuring the safety of all passengers, have become extremely stressful and the on-flight conditions do nothing to ease the discomfort.

Before you even board, you are hassled and badgered at the gate. Shoes, jewelry, belts, everything that can be removed without exposing someone must go. Laptops, cameras and all electronics must be taken out of their cases. Your liquids can't exceed 3.4 ounces, and they all must fit into a one-quart plastic bag.

You're not allowed to carry nail files, scissors, or my favorite ... knitting needles. You're not allowed to lock your suitcases because they need to be searched. God forbid if you, like me, just dump all your clothes in a suitcase in a messy pile; bras and underwear all out and they decide to search your suitcase in public or they tell you your suitcase is too heavy and you need to do some rearranging.

Once you've finally fought your way

to your too-cramped seat, you find yourself suddenly starving and because of the time-consuming inspections you had little time to grab a snack at those kiosks near the gate. Your stress level has now reached its pinnacle, and it's not going to get any better.

Prior to Sept. 11, you could usually expect a free full meal on board. Now, if an airline offers any kind of meal at all you have to pay regardless of the length of the flight.

Sadly, there's no return of free meals in the foreseeable future, even free pretzel packets have been cut from most main airlines such as U.S. Airways. Also, many airlines now make you pay (if they are available at all) for pillows, blankets and headphones.

Airlines should not be getting rid of any more items that would help make the flight more comfortable and entertaining for a passenger.

With all the annoyances and burdens we must endure when flying, it is extremely easy for a passenger to lose their patience and become agitated. After all, there's nothing more irritating than an empty stomach. I am all for safety, but I do think that part of keeping a secure environment up in the skies is to create a happy and comfortable atmosphere.

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OPINIONPIECE

40K

The number of additional troops demanded in Afghanistan by U.S. General Stanley A. McChrystal.

QUOTATIONATION

"There's an urgent need for more immediate relief. Far too many immigrants who are neither dangerous nor likely to flee are currently in detention and should be fairly considered for release."

Cheryl Little
Executive Director, Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center

WINNER/LOSER



A Georgia man won \$9 million after suing a Florida-based fertility company. Boston Men's Health Center Inc. sold the man injections that resulted in a two-day erection. The punitive damages were paid to cover the cost of the broken lamps in the man's home.



David Letterman admitted Thursday to having several affairs with staffers on his late-night comedy show. Letterman, with characteristic wit, noted that the women would be especially embarrassed for having sex with him if it were made public.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Winging It

Sports Grill offers tasty wings, hot dogs

When the playoffs begin, the living room television and a bowl of ramen noodles just won't cut it.

COLUMNIST



JASMYN ELLIOTT

Sports Grill, on 11481 S.W. 40th St., offers a much-needed nod to the concept of sports bars in the Miami area.

This 100-seat haven is bent on serving up classic game food in a fun atmosphere.

The hunter green walls are home to 12 plasma screen televisions which are tuned in to sports news channels and various games going on across the country, making it a perfect spot to bring a group of devoted sports fans to watch the big championship while the kids play on one of the few arcade games in the room.

Furthermore, a self-seating policy and digital jukebox with everything from The Jackson 5 to Lady Gaga adds to the casual vibe.

I was particularly impressed with the row of picnic table-style seats in the middle, which makes it possible for one to watch the game without straining their neck for a second.

Sports Grill has been renowned for their chicken wings in years past, and for good reason. My personal favorite was the classic Buffalo Style wings; the sauce had just the right amount of kick without clearing my sinuses.

For the more daring among us, make it a point to try the Miami Heats, which combines the flavors of cayenne, jalapeño and scotch bonnet peppers for a truly high-temperature experience. For a milder experience, the Glazed Teriyaki or smoky Bar-B-Q wings are notable contenders.

Another Sports Grill specialty that should be taken into consideration is the Rocky Balboa. This dish contains a grilled Italian sausage topped with grilled onions, green bell pepper slices and melted mozzarella sandwiched between a toasted sub roll.

The large portion is definitely suited for a big appetite and the combination of the flavorful marinara with the creamy mozzarella really complimented the savory sausage.

If, however, simplicity is more your style, then the Smokin' Joe sausage is the same as the Rocky Balboa, but without the bells and whistles of the marinara and mozzarella.

What I admire about Sports Grill are its perks, attention to detail and

specials. On the table, a roll of paper towels and a condiment bottle of hot sauce are at your disposal for when the wings arrive.

In addition to the well-organized, sociable service, the staff also made sure to provide a recommended, pre-calculated tip within the receipt to help the diner forgo this necessary hassle.

Sports Grill also offers a work week happy hour from 4 to 7 p.m. with domestic draft beers that cost \$1.25 and premium drafts for \$2.50. They also have a daily lunch special menu that stays in effect from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Even so, most entrées can be had for under \$10 with fries being a dollar extra. Most side dishes of fries, fried onion rings and mozzarella sticks cost under \$5 by themselves. A 10-piece wing meal costs \$8, with bleu cheese and celery costing an additional dollar.

So, what if your team suffers a crushing defeat? At least you got a great meal out of it with Sports Grill.

Food for thought is a weekly column reviewing restaurants in the FIU area. Beacon reviewers receive no free food or services in exchange for positive reviews.



JASMYN ELLIOTT/THE BEACON

GAME DAY DISHES: Sports Grill at 11481 S.W. 40th St., offers a number of affordable food items, from the Rocky Balboa Sandwich (above, top), to Buffalo-Style Chicken Wings (above, bottom).

Active Minds aims to promote mental health

ISABEL MAZA
Staff Writer

For more than five years, Active Minds at FIU (in its various incarnations) has been working to break the stigma behind mental illness, spread awareness and promote mental health among students.

During its inception on campus in 2004, the club was known as Panther PALs (Psychology Advising Leaders). The mission of Panther PALs was similar to that of Active Minds, and it worked with the Counseling and Psychological Services Center to help achieve its objectives. The club served as a liaison between the CPSC and the student body.

However, by the Spring of 2008, according to Active Minds President Alan Meca, PALs membership had decreased significantly. The club had no more than six members, and those remaining decided to take steps toward its growth.

That summer, the remaining PALs members decided to rename the club. The new organization was titled Psychology CAPE, which stood for Career Advising Peer Educators. Under the leadership of Alan Meca and advisor Dr. Jose Sandoval of the CPSC, membership grew to more than 20 students. CAPE participated in and helped with Relay for Life (a cancer fundraiser), health fairs, seminars, workshops, depression screenings and Take Back the Night (a rally to protest rape, domestic violence and other acts of violence toward women).

"Psych CAPE was an organization that tried to make a difference," said psychology major and graduate student, Catherine Rincon, a former member of CAPE.

At the end of the 2008-09 school year, the club and Meca were recognized by the Council for Student Organizations.

It was at this time that the club found out about the national organization Active Minds, and soon the FIU chapter of Active Minds was born.

Active Minds was originally started in 2001 at the University of Pennsylvania. It was founded by student Alison Malmon after she lost her brother to suicide.

She decided to start the organization because of the lack of resources for those dealing with mental illness and the stigma that kept many from speaking out about it. The organization now has over 200 chapters on campuses all over the country, according to its Web site, Activeminds.org.

The FIU chapter of Active Minds seeks to spread understanding of mental illness and to promote mental health, according to Meca. The club aims to inform students that they can be completely free of mental disorders but lack a positive mental health.

"Living a mentally healthy life is one where the individual is happy, is able to work and function well with others, deal with the different stresses in their lives, live more in the now, and enjoy the different moments in a mindful way and see themselves in positive ways," said Meca, a psychology major.

Meca decided to be a part of the organization after having a personal experience with mental illness.

"I have been able to take control over my life, but it was not until much later that I was able to freely talk about what I went through," Meca said.

The organization also serves as a support

Out of the Darkness Community Walk, which raises money for the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention.

It will also work with the Counseling Center to plan more workshops, screenings and a "Finals Oasis" to help students deal with the stress of finals week. It plans to encourage students to make use of the services provided

"I joined Active Minds because I have a friend who has bipolar disorder, so it is very close to my heart. I love the club's idea of promoting mental health."

Courtney Johnson
Community Service Coordinator, Active Minds

group for people close to those with mental illness.

"I joined Active Minds because I have a friend who has bipolar disorder, so it is very close to my heart. I love community service and the club's idea of promoting mental health," said Courtney Johnson, the club's community service coordinator.

This year will prove to be a very instrumental one for Active Minds at FIU, according to the officers. One of the main projects planned for the Fall semester is the

by the Counseling Center.

Through the many events and activities Active Minds hosts on campus, it remains true to its mission.

By bringing mental illness out into the open, it destroys the stigma surrounding it and allows those experiencing some of these issues to be able to talk about it openly and seek help.

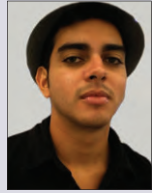
"While we aspire to change the world, we aim to change it one person at a time," Meca said.

NEON NIGHTS

Club part of vibrant club scene of downtown Miami

Once in a while, something good, bad or strange makes you remember the name of the club you went to last night. In my case, it was something strange.

COLUMNIST



BOBBY JOE BRACY

The diuretic properties of beer are quite potent, so I charge into the bathroom with all my sweaty urgency and liquored confidence. I head straight to the stall while ignoring the Creole accent shouting at me. After handling my business, I wash my hands briskly and notice that there were girls looking at me in disbelief. Did someone draw genitals on my face with a Sharpie? And what the hell is that lady shouting about?

The thing that I forgot that night: Bathrooms are not unisex, regardless of how much you've had to drink. But, when my friends mention that night, I remember it as my first time at White Room.

White Room is located at 1306 North Miami Avenue, and it's exactly what an indie dance-club in Miami should look like: picture white cabanas and open-air dance floors. The people here are tanned, wear V-necks and are (of course) young. The disco lights pause, swivel and dart across the stark white sofas and walls. A Madonna remix pulses and glitters from the speakers while boys and girls alike improvise on the stripper poles. People get up on the stage, the couches and their friends to the shifting electro beats of the lanky DJ's set. I'm already starting to feel like a cool kid.

Since I give my dancing all I've got, and White Room gets packed most nights, my back starts to feel like that of a sweaty fugitive. I find that the A/C vents in the side room would be of great service to anyone who finds him or herself in a similar situation. This room, in addition to having full-length mirrors for the vain, plays some of

the slicker neo-disco tunes like Hercules and the Love Affair. I could honestly spend my whole night tucked away in this little red side room, but the object of the game here is to be seen and photographed by the fashion bloggers that love to drop by here.

Saturdays are the nights where bands come in to play live, and the shows tend to be rambunctious. On Fridays you can get in without paying cover if you get there well before midnight. I like to think of the White Room as a good place to start your night, and if the crowds get too thick, the Vagabond is literally around the corner on 30 N.E. 14th St. Although Vagabond is also likely to be a high-traffic area, it is a much bigger venue.

Friday night is also LUST at Discotekka, located on the other side on the I-395 on 950 N.E. 2nd Ave., which is that club's lesbian night if you happen to be in such good company. If you want to party with the boys, come back here Saturday night because you'll catch a high-energy drag show and the large hip-hop room in the back opens up. I may have been guilty of hustling the poles by the bar here a night or two. Oh, and the bathrooms here are unisex.

Downtown Miami has plenty of scenes and sounds to offer compared to the one-note wail of South Beach. The drawback? You will be face to face with our city's ugly social inequality with all the sketchy characters on bicycles that beg or lie for money.

It's easy to get lost on the one-way streets and feel a little unsafe in some neighborhoods. There are police here that will address any situation that comes up, but they can't baby-sit your car if you forget to hide the iPod. Come with friends, learn how to get there before the midnight bottleneck, and downtown may just be your next favorite playground.

"Neon Nights" is a weekly column focusing on Miami nightlife. Look for it every Friday in *The Beacon* and on *FIUSM.com*.

Organization attempts to help 'invisible' children

ISABEL MAZA
Staff Writer

For the past 25 years, the people of the African Republic of Uganda have been living through one of the longest wars in Africa's history. The government of Uganda has been fighting against the Lord's Resistance Army, and despite the government's efforts, the two million citizens of Uganda have been caught in the middle.

Since the start of the war, the Lord's Resistance Army has been abducting children from their homes and turning them into soldiers. Ninety percent of the Lord's Resistance is made up of abducted children, according to *InvisibleChildren.com*.

Invisible Children was started in 2003 after three young filmmakers from southern California traveled to Africa. There, they discovered the tragedy and horror of the war in Uganda and turned their findings into a documentary titled "Invisible Children." Once the documentary was shown in the United States, an overwhelming amount of people wanted to get involved and help. From this sprang the nonprofit organization.

Invisible Children seeks to help the child soldiers in Uganda by telling their story and raising funds to help them. The organization also works with the Ugandan government to improve the quality of life for the children and families affected by the war.

The organization was started by college students and has continued to thrive on countless college campuses throughout the nation.

"I chose to start Invisible Children at FIU because there is very little awareness about this problem in South Florida," said president and founder, Dorian Santos. "FIU is a perfect place for people to get involved and continue spreading awareness."

At FIU, the club focuses on fundraising and raising awareness of the suffering and troubles of the Ugandan children.

"My favorite part about Invisible Children is that, as the founding PR Chair, I've been able to shape the image of the organization

from scratch and turn it into an event driven organization that has been recognized around campus in the mere one year since we started it," said Lianamar Davila Sanabria, a communications major.

Many of the major events the club hosts are related to the Invisible Children national events. One of these events was the Rescue, in which participants abducted themselves in place of the Ugandan children and wrote letters to the American government. The FIU Invisible Children club made all the preparations and organized the event.

Another major event that will take place this semester is a visit by the Invisible Children "roadies." These roadies are people selected from all over the country to travel from city to city for three months spreading awareness about Invisible Children. The roadies will be making a stop at FIU on Oct. 18. They will be showing a new Invisible Children film at 8 p.m. in GL 100. Free food and drinks will be provided and official Invisible Children merchandise will be sold at the event.

Members of FIU's Invisible Children range from those who have been involved with the organization since high school to those who had never heard about the war in Uganda before, according to Santos.

"Before I joined Invisible Children, I never knew what was going on in Uganda. I had seen things in movies but I was never aware that it was real, and 10 times worse," said member and hospitality management major, Amanda Fraga.

The members are united by their passion and commitment to the cause.

"My favorite part about being a part of Invisible Children is working with people that are just as passionate and motivated as I am," said Santos, a psychology major.

All FIU students are encouraged to attend the Invisible Children events, even if they are not members. The club will continue to raise awareness and fundraise for the cause as long as the war in Uganda continues and the children are subjected to this tragic lifestyle. *Is It Worth It?* will be back next Friday.

THIS WEEKEND

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 09, 2009

ASIAN MOVIE NIGHTS



Enjoy epic Asian film with this event!
WHEN: 7 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 150

MILK

Watch this eye opening film tonight!
WHEN: 5 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 140

FALL EXHIBITION OPENING NIGHT



The Missing Peace: Artists consider the Dalai Lama.
WHEN: 6 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: The Frost Museum

YOGA IN THE PIT

Get centered with yoga hosted by the Caribbean Student Association.

WHEN: 3 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC Pit

THIEVERY CORPORATION



Check out this concert to start off your weekend!
WHEN: 8 p.m.
HOW MUCH: \$40-65
WHERE: The Fillmore Miami Beach

DOWNTOWN MIAMI CONCERT SERIES

Enjoy Afro Cuban music and local reggae for free!
WHEN: 5:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: Tina Hills Pavilion @ Bayfront Park

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2009

PURE IMAGINATION LIVE RETURNS



Enjoy humorous storytelling accompanied by great tunes today!
WHEN: 8:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: Sweat Records

ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL



Enjoy an opening night flick to this festival!
WHEN: 7:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: \$50
WHERE: Regal Cinemas

TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF ART

See 22 years worth of Miami New Times' covers at this event!
WHEN: 7 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: Miami Art Space

MOTHER EARTH'S FREE COMEDY SHOW



Enjoy self loathing comedy tonight!
WHEN: 8:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: Mother Earth Coffee House

ROCKTOBERFEST

Rock out with local bands!
WHEN: 8 p.m.
HOW MUCH: \$5
WHERE: Churchill's Pub

CRANDON KAYAK AND SNORKEL EXCURSIONS



Explore underwater life at Crandon Park!
WHEN: 10 a.m.
HOW MUCH: \$35
WHERE: Crandon Park

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2009

BROWARD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



Enjoy a Sunday hearing classical music today!
WHEN: 2 p.m.
HOW MUCH: \$82
WHERE: Bailey Concert Hall

COLUMBUS DAY REGATTA



Enjoy a sailboat race this Sunday morning!
WHEN: 10 a.m.
HOW MUCH: \$75
WHERE: Coral Reef Yacht Club

GUILLERMO KUITCA

Enjoy this exhibit at the MAM today!
WHEN: 12 p.m.
HOW MUCH: \$8
WHERE: Miami Art Museum

MIAMI HEAT VS. SAN ANTONIO

Spend a Sunday with the Heat!
WHEN: 6 p.m.
HOW MUCH: \$10
WHERE: American Airlines Arena

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Enjoy this production today!
WHEN: 2 p.m.
HOW MUCH: \$23-\$63
WHERE: Broward Center Au-rene Theatre

MIAMI CARNIVAL



Brazilian carnival? Sounds like a great Sunday!
WHEN: 9 a.m.
HOW MUCH: \$20
WHERE: Bicentennial Park

-Compiled by Mariana Ochoa.
Got an event you want featured?
Send an email to mariana.ochoa@fiusm.com

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Recent play has team optimistic about season

CHRIS GREEN
Staff Writer

The Golden Panthers women's soccer team is coming off of the best start to their conference season since 2004.

Whether the team is satisfied with their current 2-1-1 conference record is debatable.

At this point last season, the team was 0-3-1 and still searching for its first win.

However, defender Katrina Rose's recent play has her coach and players believing they can have its first winning season under Golden Panthers coach Thomas Chestnutt.

"In preseason, we made a list of our goals," said forward Thaisa Moreno. "I think we're beginning to check them off one by one."

Chestnutt also sees the award as a way for the team to show what they can do on a national stage.

"It's great that the team got a little attention for their hard work. We've got to keep pushing forward," Chestnutt said.

Rose earned her first career Sun Belt Conference Player of the Week nod.

The award comes after Rose tallied a goal, her third of the season, and an assist during the Oct. 4 game vs. North Texas.

"We came into conference playing really hard," said Rose. "We challenged a lot of good teams so to get it now after we've been playing so well is really special."

However, when looking at how the team has played in the past few matches and their respective outcomes, players are left looking for answers as to what went wrong.

After holding a 2-0 lead for most of the game, FIU gave up two goals in three minutes to allow the Mean Green to come away with a tie.

"We sort of let it slip but there's still a lot of positive to come out of it," said senior midfielder Amy Jackson.



CHRIS GREEN/THE BEACON

TAKING CONTROL: Junior forward Thaisa Moreno is one of the players happy with the team's improvement from last season. She has two goals so far this season.

Coaches need to make adjustments to save season

TOWERS, page 1

Can it get any lower? Can Cristobal manage to salvage anything from a season that is quickly looking lost?

MUST WIN

FIU's opponent for tomorrow's game is the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers, a team making their debut as a Football Bowl Subdivision team, and the game represents WKU's first ever Sun Belt Conference game.

The Hilltoppers are among the weakest teams in the conference and indeed the country, allowing 41 points

per game while scoring just 12 per game, and this is the first time this season FIU is facing a team they are clearly more talented than.

This has to be a statement game for the Golden Panthers. They absolutely have to win this game, and it should be emphatic. This team needs to start building some confidence.

So far this season, they've shown an inability to run the ball with any kind of consistency, and the Hilltoppers allow almost 300 yards per game on the ground. If Darriet Perry, Darrian Mallary and

Daunte Owens aren't able to get it going this week, offensive coordinator Bill Legg might as well abandon the run now.

The Golden Panthers have also struggled to stop the run, and this might continue to be a problem this week. The Hilltoppers' offense gains about half of their yards on the ground, and will look to do that again this week to keep pressure off their redshirt freshman quarterback Kawaun Jakes.

COACH CALL OUT

It is time for the Golden Panthers to live up to the preseason promises. You have to question how the team has managed to take such a big step back from the 2008 season, and some of the blame has to fall on the coaching staff.

The same problems that have plagued the Golden Panthers from the beginning (an inability to run the ball, or stop the run, or protect the quarterback) have not been fixed through four games, and while some of it goes on players not executing, some also has to be on the coaches.

If FIU can't beat WKU, not only do you have a team taking a massive step back by losing to a team they are supposed to be better than, but you are then looking at a very tough three game stretch facing tough conference foes Troy, Arkansas State and Louisiana.

It is entirely possible the team could lose their first eight games if they don't take care of the Hilltoppers, and that would be massively disappointing.

Forget thoughts of bowl games and postseason glory, we're at the point where FIU just needs to win a game before the bottom completely falls out.



VICTORIA LYNCH/THE BEACON

RUNNING START: Darriet Perry will have to lead the running game in order to defeat the Hilltoppers on the road.

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Salustiano
Reincarnation, 2005
Pigments and acrylic resins on canvas
54 x 120 inches

Fall Exhibition Opening Night

Oct. 9, 2009 at 6 p.m.

Featuring 3 exhibitions in search of peace and serenity. *The Missing Peace: Artists Consider the Dalai Lama* is the result of a collaboration between the Committee of 100 for Tibet and the Dalai Lama Foundation. The exhibition is a unique opportunity to explore the idea of art as an interpretation of, and a catalyst for, peace. Also on view, *En Vista* by the Cuban-born husband and wife team of Eduardo del Valle and Mirta Gómez who have worked collaboratively for thirty years, receiving international acclaim for their photographs of subjects in a state of flux and *I a c u n a i n t e s t i m o n y* by celebrated Indian artist Navjot Altaf, who uses photography and videos in an attempt to listen to the testimonies of those affected in communal riots in India's Gujarat State in 2002. Altaf's video clearly translates cross culturally, as it speaks not only of Gujarat, but of global conflict.

◎ **Target Wednesday After Hours** Oct. 14, 2009 at 6 p.m.

Meet the Artists
Eduardo del Valle and Mirta Gómez, *En Vista*
Navjot Altaf, *Iacuna in testimony*
The evening will include traditional Indian dance by Rashmi Venkat of the Shiva Reddy Association of Performing Arts of India.

Eduardo del Valle and Mirta Gómez, the Cuban-born husband and wife team, have worked collaboratively for more than thirty years, receiving international acclaim for their photographs of subjects in a state of flux. Navjot Altaf's video installations reflect her interest in a broad range of art media, societal issues and social unrest. She lives and works in Mumbai, India.

◎ **Target Wednesday After Hours** November 4, 2009 6 p.m.

The Mystical Arts of Tibet and Dr. Nathan Katz lecture. Mandala sand paintings are painstakingly created grain-by-grain by Drepung Loseling monks. This artistic tradition of Tantric Buddhism ranks among the most unique and exquisite forms of Asian arts. In Tibet this art is called *dul-tson-kyil-khor*, which literally means "mandala of colored powders." Formed of traditional iconography that includes geometric shapes and a multitude of ancient spiritual symbols, the sand-painted mandala is used as a tool for re-consecrating the earth and its inhabitants. Nathan Katz was selected as a delegate to the 1990 Tibetan-Jewish dialogue hosted by H. H. the Dalai Lama and reported in the best-selling *The Jew in the Lotus*. He reciprocated the hospitality in 1999 when the Dalai Lama first visited FIU for an honorary doctorate, as well as his 2004 visit. Inspired by the Dalai Lama's vision of educating both the "warm heart" and the "good brain," Katz founded FIU's innovative Center for the Study of Spirituality.

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VOLLEYBALL: FIU 3, FAU 0

Golden Panthers stay perfect vs. conference

JOEL DELGADO
Staff Writer

It wasn't exactly the way Coach Danijela Tomic and the Golden Panthers (15-2, 5-0) expected their match against rival Florida Atlantic (3-11, 2-4) to unfold, but it was enough to get the job done.

The Golden Panthers were able to extend their win streak to eight games and remain undefeated in conference play with a three-set sweep over the Owls on Oct. 6.

"This game was harder than we expected," Isadora Rangel said. "We thought we were going to win more easily than we did. We had to focus and do our job."

The Owls were able to get off to a fast start in the opening set, jumping out to an early lead due to sloppy play by FIU.

"We didn't show up to play," Tomic said. "We came out so flat. They played the way we expected them to play. Once we started serving strategically we started winning. It was just up to us to play."

FIU got back on track and finished

strong, dominating the rest of the first set and carrying their strong play into the second set. Sabrina Gonzalez, who had nine kills on the match, had a strong performance that helped her team climb out of their early struggles.

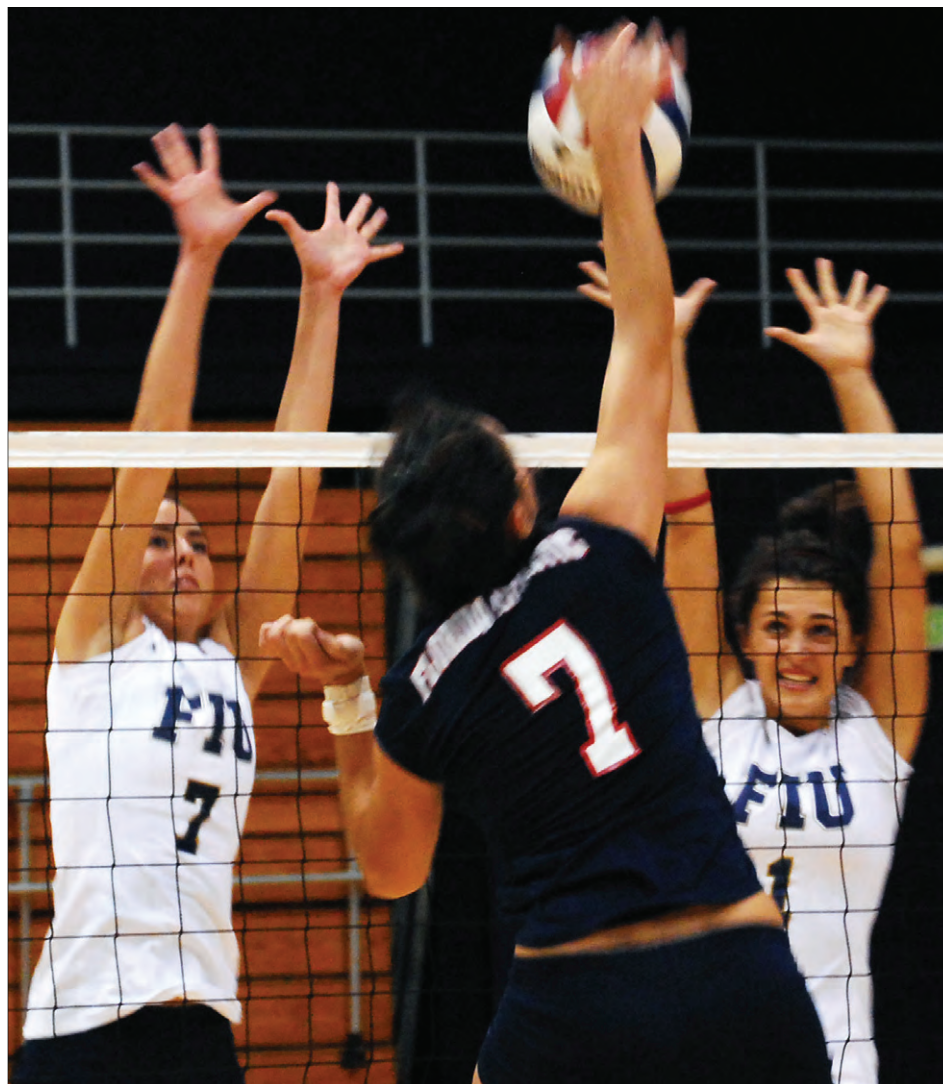
"We were too relaxed," Gonzalez said concerning the team's play at the beginning of the first set. "Coach told us we needed to regain ourselves and play our game."

Both teams were locked in a back-and-forth battle in the third set that went down to the wire, taking extra points to decide the set.

But the Golden Panthers proved to be too much for FAU, sending the Owls back to Boca Raton with their fourth consecutive loss.

The match featured a more balanced attack from FIU with Yarimar Rosa leading the way with 13 kills in addition to Rangel's nine kills.

Natalia Valentin, who leads the conference in assists, had team-high in assists (35) and digs (18).



CHRIS ADAMS/THE BEACON

BLOCK PARTY: Olga Vergun (left) and Andrea Lakovic (right) block a Florida Atlantic attack. The Golden Panthers defeated the Owls 3-0 on Oct. 6 at the U.S. Century Bank Arena.

FOOTBALL PREVIEW: FIU VS. WKU

GROUND GAME

Golden Panthers face weak run defense

JONATHAN RAMOS
Asst. Sports Director

Golden Panthers Coach Mario Cristobal has repeatedly reiterated throughout the season that establishing a running game is critical to their success.

Quarterback Paul McCall has echoed the same sentiment for an FIU team that is ranked last in the Sun Belt Conference in rushing yardage.

Against Western Kentucky (0-4, 0-0 SBC) on Oct. 10, the Golden Panthers (0-4, 0-1) will take a shot at the worst rushing defense in the SBC when they look to get their first victory of the season.

"It starts up front with the offensive line," McCall said. "They did a great job protecting [against ULM on Oct. 3] and we threw the ball 46 times, which is more than you want to throw in a game."

Sometimes it has to be like that and you have to use the pass to set up the run but when you go against a defense like that you have to run the ball. They have a good secondary, just like Western Kentucky this week."

The Golden Panthers found success against Toledo on Sept. 26 en route to a season best 148 yards, but have averaged less than 100 yards per game on the season.

"Both sides have to get a push up front to be successful," Cristobal said. "For us to be a good defense,

guys have to be able to control the line of scrimmage.

For us to be a good offense, our offensive linemen have to control that as well. We spend countless hours with them working on technique and explosion."

Cristobal is hoping the work will begin to pay bigger dividends against WKU, who is playing its first season in the SBC.

Senior running back Daunte Owens received a season-high six carries in the loss to ULM, which is the most significant role he has had this season.

'STEPPING UP'

Owens only had 17 yards vs. ULM, but he had 7 and 12-yard runs. After the ULM contest, Cristobal said Owens played his way into the rotation and is healthy from offseason injury.

"It's nice to see him stepping up," McCall said. "I would like to see him get a lot more carries. He's going to have to have a great game and we have a lot of guys back there between him [Darriet Perry and Darrian Mallary]."

McCall said that Owens is a threat to break big plays, a change of pace from the capable but different Perry.

Owens has just 62 career carries, joining an inexperienced backfield that is still searching for consistency.

EMERGING

WKU quarterback Kawaun Jakes has taken over the position following an injury to Brandon Smith, and has completed 32 of 45 passes.

The versatile Jakes has also run for 95 yards for the Hilltoppers. ULM quarterback Trey Revell acquired 52 yards on the ground while passing for 273.

"You have to play assignment football. It really showed up in the first quarter [against ULM] when we played assignment football and were disciplined in that and made the tackles that we're supposed to make," Cristobal said.

In the second quarter, the exact same play, exact same defensive calls, time to make a play and we didn't. We have to and that's very clear. Even though there are a lot of young guys playing, part of getting better is being in those situations and making a play."

- Tight end Dudley LaPorte is out for the season with a broken foot. He played in two games and caught one touchdown pass vs. Louisiana-Monroe.
- Eric Kirchenberg is out for the season with an abdominal injury.
- Junior Mertile is expected to make a return sometime in November.

MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Mon, Nov 09	North Carolina	at Chapel Hill, NC
Fri, Nov 13	Monmouth	at West Long Branch, NJ
Sun, Nov 15	Tulsa	at Tulsa, OK
Tue, Nov 17	Florida Memorial	Home
Fri, Nov 20	North Carolina Central	Home
Sun, Nov 22	James Madison	Home
Mon, Nov 23	Murray State	at Richmond, KY
Sat, Nov 28	Eastern Kentucky	at Bowling Green, OH
Mon, Nov 30	Bowling Green	at Tallahassee, FL
Thu, Dec 03	Florida A&M	at Tallahassee, FL
Sun, Dec 06	Florida State	at Fort Myers, FL
Sat, Dec 12	Florida Gulf Coast	at Denver, CO
Thu, Dec 17	Denver *	at Denton, TX
Sun, Dec 20	North Texas *	at Huntsville, TX
Tue, Dec 22	Sam Houston State	Home
Thu, Dec 31	South Alabama *	at New Orleans, LA
Sat, Jan 02	New Orleans *	Home
Thu, Jan 07	ULM *	Home
Sat, Jan 09	Troy *	Home
Thu, Jan 14	Middle Tennessee *	at Murfreesboro, TN
Sat, Jan 16	WKU *	at Bowling Green, KY
Thu, Jan 21	Arkansas State *	Home
Sat, Jan 23	Arkansas-Little Rock *	Home
Sat, Jan 30	Florida Atlantic *	at Boca Raton, FL
Thu, Feb 04	Louisiana-Lafayette *	at Lafayette, LA
Sat, Feb 06	North Texas *	Home
Thu, Feb 11	South Alabama *	at Mobile, AL
Sat, Feb 13	Troy *	at Troy, AL
Thu, Feb 18	Florida Atlantic *	Home
Thu, Feb 25	Middle Tennessee *	Home
Sat, Feb 27	WKU *	Home