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Homecoming Spirit Parade, Nov. 13, 4 p.m. Join in on the spirit of FIU during this free parade starting in Lot 3 at MMC campus!

FIU Ultra, Nov. 13, 7:45 p.m. Enjoy the musical stylings of DJ Irie and others at the FIU Ultra Festival between the Blue and Gold Parking Lots. The event is Free.

FEAST, Nov. 13-14, Starting at 12 p.m. on Friday Nov. 13 Admission is free to this Electro-Acoustic Music Festival taking place at the Wertheim Center and the Frost Museum.

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WEATHER

FRIDAY
Sunny
LOW: 61 HIGH: 77

SATURDAY
Mostly Sunny
LOW: 65 HIGH: 80

SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy
LOW: 71 HIGH: 82

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FIREWORKS AT HOME

Quarterback may be out, still looks to be offensive show

JONATHAN RAMOS
Asst. Sports Director

In the last game of the 2007 season against North Texas, Mario Cristobal got his first career win as a Football Bowl Subdivision coach.

Likewise, quarterback Paul McCall notched his first victory as a starter in the memorable 38-19 victory. The Golden Panthers snapped a 23-game losing streak

and avoided a winless season in the last bout ever played at the storied Orange Bowl. The momentum led to an upstart 2008 season in which the Golden Panthers won a program best five games.

When FIU (2-7, 2-4 Sun Belt) faces North Texas (2-7, 1-5) on Nov. 14 at FIU Stadium, Cristobal and McCall will once again look to beat the Mean Green in order to change their fortunes in what has been a disap-

pointing 2009 campaign. FIU is not eligible for a bowl berth after losing last week to Middle Tennessee, and injuries have piled up like a snowball. The Golden Panthers followed up a thrilling overtime win vs. Louisiana on Oct. 31 with a humbling 27-point loss at MTSU.

"There are some positives to be drawn," Cristobal said. "Obviously when you give up that many points there are some things that you do have

to fix and remedy, one of them being the injury part. You have to go with what you have. A lot of freshmen are playing, and guys that walked on last year are playing and they are doing everything they can."

McCall is day-to-day with an elbow injury that forced him to sit out the MTSU game, but he practiced this week in a limited manner.

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SHOWTIME: (Top left, top right, bottom right) Student organizations sing, dance and perform during Lip Sync on Nov. 10 in the U.S. Century Bank Arena. Students' performances were related to this year's Lip Sync theme "Around the World" and Homecoming's theme "The Tradition Continues." (Bottom left) Comedian Daniel Tosh performs during Panther Prowl on Nov. 9 to a sold-out crowd at the U.S. Century Bank Arena. Other comedians included Kevin Hart and Andrew Kennedy.

Students to deliver toys to Nicaragua

MELISSA CACERES
Staff Writer

With the holiday season around the corner, one group of students is preparing to make Christmas more enjoyable for children living in a place where presents aren't always found under the tree.

More than five students will be traveling to Nicaragua in the hope of making children's dreams a reality by delivering toys and other goods through December of Dreams, a humanitarian program centered at FIU.

"In our society, December is supposed to be a very happy time and in these undeveloped countries, unfortunately, it's not always as positive as we see here," said student coordinator Andrea Cruz, a sophomore majoring in journalism.

Created in 2005 by Christian Jarquin, who was then an Honors College student, December of Dreams is a growing project that collects school supplies and toys for impoverished children in Nicaragua.

"I was born into a top middle class family and then, after the war in Nicaragua, I lost everything," said Jarquin, an FIU alumnus who currently serves as the program's director. "I'm trying to give back to the children who are playing in the

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LACC LECTURE

U.S. Ambassador discusses Brazil relations

DIANA JORDAN
Staff Writer

Latin America expert and ambassador Philip Chicola came to FIU to share his views with students and faculty about the region and talked about BRIC and U.S. relations.

The Latin American and Caribbean Center sponsored the lecture, "U.S. Policy Toward the BRICS," presented by Chicola, the U.S. deputy ambassador to Brazil.

Chicola began the lecture by highlighting the current positives associated with

Brazil, such as its excellent public universities, and by correcting the decades-old joke that the country is one of the future and always will be.

"Brazil is a country of the future and that future is now," he asserted.

He credited Brazilian Pres-

ident Luiz Ignacio Lula da Silva's "stable, serious government" for the visible improvements in the country and said that the country has ways to go in terms of elementary public schooling and infrastructure.

Chicola added that the 2016 Summer Olympics in

Rio de Janeiro will aid the country's economy and bring the construction of numerous road systems that will connect major areas of the country.

Students such as Sahyma Pampin, a senior in

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NEWS FLASH

FIU

Honors College student appointed to Obama's arts committee

Ricky Arriola, a member of the FIU Honors College Community Advisory Board, was appointed by President Obama to the Committee on the Arts and Humanities.

According to the University, Arriola has served the Honors College by hosting various events. He is also CEO of Inktel Direct, a leading provider of direct marketing tools for businesses.

Other members of the National Arts Board include violinist Yo-Yo Ma, philanthropist Teresa Heinz Kerry and actor Ed Norton.

LOCAL

Police Chief Timoney resigns

Miami Police Chief John Timoney will step down from his post.

This comes at a time when new Miami mayor, Tomas Regalado, who vowed to remove Timoney from office, was sworn in.

According to *The Miami Herald*, a new chief will be announced next week, but Timoney will remain with the department for the rest of the year in order to assist with the transition.

TECH

One million Xbox Live users banned

Microsoft has banned over 1 million users of its popular online service Xbox Live.

The ban is directed at users who alter the hardware of the Xbox 360 in order to cheat or play pirated games.

According to CNET, it is unclear if these bans are permanent. Xbox Live users can also be banned for threats, profanity, racism and being a poor sport.

- Compiled by Jorge Valens

Students win first place at cook-off

ASHLEY SALAMANCA
Staff Writer

Carefully sliced beef brisket, doused in a guava barbecue sauce and sandwiched between a homemade roll, and a vanilla-pear champagne sorbet for dessert was part of the winning menu at a beef brisket cook-off Nov. 7.

The menu belonged to students of the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, who won first prize for the second year in a row at the annual competition.

Bianca Rojas, a HTM graduate student; Meris Thomas, a senior HTM major; Christian Poole and Max Albano, both junior HTM majors, along with the guidance of Chef Instructor Michael Moran, competed against students from Johnson & Wales University, Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts Miami, the Florida Culinary Institute in West Palm Beach, and the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale during the Flamingo Family Food Festival.

HTM was the only nonculinary school participating.

"We're a management hospitality school, not a culinary school," said Thomas. "We've now won twice in a row. That has a lot to do with the program run by

Chef Moran and teaching assistant Bianca Rojas. It's quite amazing that we won."

After winning first-prize last year with papaya-glazed ribs, jicama mint slaw and a frozen mojito shooter with coconut rum, HTM students took first prize once again with a low-and-slow brisket in a guava fire barbecue sauce served on homemade bread, and accompanied by a mango-corn slaw and a vanilla-pear champagne sorbet.

The green mango slaw was prepared with roasted corn and grilled red peppers in a tangy vinaigrette made with rice wine vinegar, lemon and topped with fresh cilantro.

"FIU was original. Their dishes complemented each other well in a very different way," said Dan Richeal, judge and co-chair of the South Florida Chapter of AIWF, to *The Beacon*. "Most people made brisket with coleslaw, and they made a mango slaw. The champagne sorbet was very refreshing."

The other two judges in the competition were Morris Smyle from Grand Western, the meat sponsor for the competition, and Albert "Al" Will, president on the board of directors for Flamingo Gardens.

Taste, presentation and sides were the criteria used for judging. Richeal said the HTM students' menu fulfilled these criteria

the best.

"They thought outside the box, and that's what made them win. The combination, the side dishes and the overall package was the best. FIU presented a dish that people weren't expecting at a barbecue," Richeal said.

The food took over two days to prepare, down to the homemade bread.

"We made our own bread, kind of like a challah," said Rojas. "We added sugar and eggs to make it sweet and soft. We were going for something between challah and a brioche."

The brisket itself was the only one cut on site in thin slices and against the grain.

"We cooked for all day yesterday slow and low. We started at around 6 a.m., and we took it out of the oven at around 3 p.m.," Rojas said. "The meat was cooked again at a low temperature before the competition began."

"I've had brisket from Texas to Florida through the Carolinas and Tennessee. I loved the competition – it was great," Will said.

Johnson & Wales University made a pulled beef brisket with an optional chipotle or

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Children in need get Christmas

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streets with sticks and stones like I was."

Beginning in January, students gather the supplies and funds throughout the year by taking part in donation drives and events such as ExpoNica, a Nicaraguan cultural convention.

During their first year in 2005, students were able to reach out to about 1,500 children in the city of Granada. In the following year, they aided more than 3,000 young Nicaraguans.

Though not yet an official student organization, the project has been given support by faculty and students at the Honors College, as well as clubs such as Tau Sigma Alpha and Mentoring University Students for Excellence.

Cecile Houry, the coordinator of student enrichment at the Honors College, has been a growing supporter of the project.

"Anything that benefits the community and anything that could involve our

students in community service and in developing their own skills is perfect," she said.

The students involved hope to expand the project to other countries such as Honduras and Haiti to eventually serve the top 10 impoverished nations in the

of extreme poverty, the way the people live and the resources that they lack.

"A lot of times, for these kids, these are the first Christmas toys that they are receiving, we would like to be able to give them to those children. So every December, they know a group of students is going to

... For these kids, these are the first Christmas toys that they are receiving, so we would like to be able to give them to those children.

Andrea Cruz, student coordinator
December of Dreams

Americas.

Nicaragua is the second poorest country in the American continent.

"We're going to go right in the middle of it," Cruz said. "It's not just taking the toys to the children, the students are going to get the experience and see some cases

come to bring them toys, play with them and help their community," Cruz said.

December of Dreams will be taking part in ExpoNica on Nov. 13-15 at Tamiami Park. For more information, visit decemberofdreams.org or contact Christian Jarquin at christianjarquin@yahoo.com.

Chicola: Russia falling behind

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biology, said the lecture was informative.

"With the way the global economy is right now, it's important to stay informed," she said. "Attending lectures such as this is a good way for students to stay updated."

Chicola then spoke about BRIC, an acronym that refers to the fast-developing economies of Brazil, Russia, India and China.

"BRIC is not an entity but rather a group of countries that were given an acronym," he said. "The one main factor they all have in common is their rapidly growing economies."

He then argued the acronym should not include

Russia, citing its lack of population growth, social cohesion and infrastructure, and presented the U.S.'s stance on the countries.

"The U.S. has no problem with BRIC," he continued. "We have no problem with any group that fosters global economic growth."

He went on to say that all the U.S. asks of BRIC is that they play on a level field, letting currencies move up and down freely to accurately reflect economic reality – a request only Brazil and India have complied with, according to Chicola.

Although students enjoyed the lecture and the insight it provided to those pursuing careers in foreign service, some

agreed they would have liked to have heard more about the role of women in the discussed countries' economies.

"I would have liked for Chicola to have talked about the status of women in Brazil and the effect this has on its economy," said senior in international relations Wilma Hernandez.

A graduate of Florida Atlantic University, Florida State University and the United States Army War College, Chicola has served the U.S. government since 1979 when he first joined the State Department.

Over the past three decades, he has worked extensively with Latin America and has held positions such as refugee

officer for Latin America in the Bureau of Refugee Affairs and director of the Office of Andean Affairs.

He has earned five Superior Honor Awards and two Meritorious Honor Awards as well as the Intelligence Collector of the Year Award in 1991.

Cosponsoring the lecture, which was open to all students and faculty and held in the Green Library, were the Latin American and Caribbean Center Graduate Student Association, the Brazilian Culture Club, the LACC/ Brazilian American Chamber of Commerce of Florida Young Professionals Club and the Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy and Citizenship Studies.

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WEEKENDS WITH PARADISE

Enjoy brunch and mint-flavored water at low cost

So I am officially broke! Okay, not really, but I did lose my debt card for the millionth time this weekend. I only had \$20 in my wallet, so I decided to make the best of it and have a low-key Sunday morning to spend less money.

COMMENTARY



PARADISE AFSHAR

I started off at the Bagel Bar Bakery located at 1990 NE 123rd St. in North Miami.

From the outside, this place looks boring. It's just a white building with the name painted on the front.

But when you walk in, it looks like someone put a Jersey diner right in Miami. It's one of the few places in South Florida where you'll see a massive Jets flag right next to a tiny Dolphins one.

I sat down at the bar and ordered two eggs, which also came with home fries and a bagel, with a cup of coffee for \$6.95.

Well, they say they gave me two eggs, but I think it was way more than that, which is awesome if you know my love for food.

Big portions are always a plus.

My plate, which was a foot long and oval shaped, was covered. I mean, it's not hard to mess up eggs, but it happens

from time to time. The place was very clean, and everything looked very appetizing. This is one of those places where you get hungry just by looking at the plates of the people sitting near you.

I am not going to lie and say the coffee was good. It was no where near as strong as what I am used to. But at this point, if it doesn't taste like dirty water, I'm happy.

I am no foodie, so I cannot tell the differences in bagels, no matter who makes them. The people at Bagel Bar say they make their bagels fresh, but I couldn't tell.

I got my bagel toasted, so it was warm and crispy on the outside, and chewy on the inside. My one complaint is if you're like me and like your bagel with more cream cheese than bread, make sure you ask for an extra cream cheese because they don't give nearly enough.

I could barley smother both sides of my bread with cream cheese.

The service was decent, even for a Sunday morning. No one was rude or left me regretting walking into the place. Now, that's a first for me.

For those who are not into

a busy diner atmosphere, but still like eating on bar stools, try the Big Squeeze located at 18315 W. Dixie Hwy. in North Miami.

This is an outdoor restaurant, and of course, that may not sound appealing for South Florida, but they have fans with water mist which are great for those hot winter days.

I adore the salads here, in particular the Greek salad for \$7.95. They also give a good amount of feta with it. It's the traditional Greek salad, with black olives, tomato, onion and feta.

As much as I hate to mention this, one of the things that stood out to me at this place was the water. Hear me out: they just leave it out in pitchers, which is semitypical, but they also put pieces of mint inside the water, so it was semiflavored. I thought this was kind of cool and unusual.

I had a great weekend, and I hardly spent any money, which made it that much better!

Read Weekends with Paradise every other Friday for more tips on places to go in the North Miami area. If you have any suggestions, e-mail paradise.afshar@fiusm.com. The columnist pays for all food and experiences.

HTM takes home first prize

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sweet barbecue sauce. The Florida Culinary Institute in West Palm Beach prepared a brisket marinated in Coca-Cola, along with cornbread spiked with whole kernels of corn and diced jalapeño peppers.

Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts prepared a tricolor coleslaw with green and red cabbage with cilantro, and a succotash made of corn, lima beans and bacon, along with their brisket.

The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale offered up their version of barbecue beef brisket in a sandwich.

The cook-off competition was held at Flamingo Gardens in Davie, and was organized by The South Florida Chapter of the American Institute of Wine & Food, a nonprofit organization founded in 1981 by famous chefs such as Julia Child to increase appreciation of fine foods and wine among its members. The South Florida Chapter was founded in 1992, and one of its major initiatives is to provide scholarships to local culinary schools.

AIWF-South Florida has hosted this competition for the past four years, but this year was its first time hosting the beef brisket-themed cook-off. In the past three years, the competition's theme was pork ribs, and the event was

held at the Anne Kolb Nature Center in Hollywood, Fla.

"We changed to brisket thinking it might be easier for the guests to eat, and possibly hit a wider audience," said Richeal. "I am pretty certain we will stick with the brisket next year."

The event also included wine tastings, food samples by local restaurants and a variety of pastries for dessert.

Each school received a \$1,500 scholarship from AIWF-South Florida for participating, which will be divided among the students. HTM also received a unique trophy for winning first place - a ceramic cow.

For last year's win, they took home a ceramic pig.

"We created the competition as a way to hand out the scholarships to all schools in a fun and inventive way," Richeal told *The Beacon*.

The winning menu created by the HTM team reflected South Florida's unique tropical offerings, and the students were proud of representing its roots.

"We are FIU. We are South Florida. We're not the Carolinas or Texas," said Moran. "We're our own place and that is OK, and that was the driving force behind putting those ingredients together, from the guava in the sauce to the mango in the slaw. We have the cuisine of the sun."

HOMECOMING



TOMAS LOPEZ-MELIS/THE BEACON

BUSY NIGHT: Keba Williams, a senior double majoring in Chemistry and Music, rehearsing for the night's performance.

BBC HOMECOMING COURT

WINNERS



Mohamed Ghumrawi

Ameila Harjhoon

CANDIDATES

KING



BLAYNE STONE

QUEEN



LORRAINE HENDERSON

No Image Available

VANESSA FERBES

CABRALITICS

Electing royalty makes Washington roll in grave

CHRIS CABRAL
Life! Editor

Oh, how we have forgotten the efforts of our founding fathers.

In 1775 in this day, Nov. 13, revolutionary forces, under the command of legendary general and furniture maker Ethan Allen, attacked Montreal. They fought, in part, to escape the clutches of an evil monarchist system that had produced despot after despot.

And how have we honored their accomplishments here at FIU? By having a homecoming ceremony that glorifies such a tyrannical system. This week, students have competed to be FIU Homecoming royalty.

Clearly, these students have forgotten what terrors monarchy hath wrought upon human history. Students may find such a "homecoming court" to be a "cute" tradition.

Well, real monarchies had their own "cute" traditions - like systematic oppression and political beheadings.

I hardly think the subjects of King William II would look favorably upon this ceremony. *The Beacon* asked FIU students how they felt about the fact that FIU was electing a king and queen to rule the Modesto Maidique Campus, even in light of the actions of William II and Ethelred the Unready.

"Wait ... what? I don't get it," said Junior Vado, a sophomore, likely confused by this foolish idea, since the sheer danger of it could

confound even the greatest intellect.

Moreover, the qualifications of these perspective monarchs is questionable. While all who are vying for the crown are accomplished students, few are of royal bloodlines and none appear to have grounds to claim a divine mandate.

They also appear to have agreed to being selected through a democratic process, rather than through birth or a violent, bloody struggle. Such a process is hardly fitting for the appointing of a king or queen.

And none of the candidates have any experience whatsoever with lording over a fiefdom, with the exception of SGA Vice President Myka Figueiredo. In light of these obvious flaws and injustices relating to this Homecoming court business, I call upon our campus' sovereign leader, Roary Rage III, to step in and stop this madness.

With his sharp teeth and ample claws, Mr. Rage is more than capable of intimidating the next king and queen into abdicating the throne and freeing us from the threat of their potentially iron-fisted rule.

Sadly, such a glorious intervention seems unlikely. It appears that the lessons of history and the wisdom of such philosophers as Paine and Vado cannot stop the crowning of a new king and queen to rule us.

May their rule be just and kind, and may they not ruthlessly crush their enemies like Henry VIII or Yarimar Rosa.

Book fair an asset to Miami

IRIS A. FEBRES
Opinion Editor

My Mecca has finally arrived. Though the Miami Book Fair International has already been in full swing since Nov. 8, this weekend will kick off the coveted street fair. On Nov. 13, despite the day's supposed unluckiness, you can bet that I, and scores of other bibliophiles, will be at the fair all weekend.

Situated at the Miami-Dade College Wolfson Campus in downtown Miami, rows of colorful tents line up with books galore from different vendors, publishing agencies and even a few media outlets. Local and visiting authors from all over give talks and read selections of their recent work.

In fact, many of our own University professors will be discussing books they themselves have penned, including novelist John Dufresne and poet Campbell McGrath.

The Miami Book Fair has grown considerably within its 26-year run. In 1984, the book fair was known as Books by the Bay, but since then the event has snowballed into one of the largest literary expos in the United States.

But according to The Associated Press, the book fair's budget this year had been slashed by \$400,000, marking their available funds to total a little over a million dollars. While this seems like a large sum of money, the Book Fair underwent noticeable adjustments and cutbacks.

A press release from Miami-Dade College noted that the fair would increase admission from \$5 to \$8. Along with this, the fair will charge \$10 for their "Evenings With" program, where attendees listen to and meet selected authors. Before, these nightly programs were free of charge.

It's a shame that the Miami

Book Fair has had to tighten its belt this time around, but with the current economy, it was inevitable. Fortunately, a number of economists (including Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke) have announced that the nation's recession is coming to end - so perhaps we can see a bigger, better Miami Book Fair in the coming years.

Do not let these fee increases deter you from enjoying this book fair. Yes, we may be college students who can barely afford our \$10 "value" meals at Subway and Einstein Bros., but the Miami Book Fair International is a great opportunity for students to witness Miami at its best.

The City of Miami, Miami-Dade County and other sponsors of the fair must remember how valuable this event is to the entire community, especially students, young adults and children.

MORE DEFENSE

Americans would feel safer with anti-terrorist squad

IVAN FLORES
Staff Writer

This summer, Central Intelligence Agency Director Leon Panetta revealed to Congress a program designed to train anti-terrorist assassination teams. Unfortunately, the program did not reach an operational phase and "never took a single terrorist off the battlefield," said Agency spokesman George Little.

However, a recent report from the U.S. military's Joint Special Operations University, which was established in 2000 as an institution of higher learning focused on joint special operations education, stated that the CIA did not go far enough. The CIA should have had an operational assassination force in place.

I agree that the CIA did not go far enough, and America needs an elite assassination teams that capture and kill enemies of the state. The U.S. military has already assembled teams from

different departments to go after high-level targets.

For example, the Iraqi militant leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, who was responsible for the 2005 bombings of three Jordanian hotels, was killed after being tracked down and bombed by American forces.

While American forces are capable of tracking, capturing or killing high-level targets having a dedicated organization that operates outside of the military would allow military personnel to continue their duties uninterrupted.

Currently the units that are responsible for tracking down, capturing or killing high-level targets have been assembled from different government agencies and branches of the armed forces.

The JSOU report stated that "dedicated teams must be assembled, able to respond 'on-call' in the event of a raid on a suspect site or to conduct independent 'break-in and search' operations without leaving evidence of their intrusion."

Having a centralized organization that standardizes the training that

these elite units undergo would help to streamline the process of tracking down, capturing or killing these targets. By having one centralized organization the need to search for members to form assassination teams from other government agencies would not exist.

Also, by standardizing the training that all of the members of the unit receive it would ensure a more efficient unit because every member would have received the exact same training, ensuring that each member of the unit knows the standard operating procedures.

I believe that these units are a necessity that has come about because of the guerilla warfare that insurgents and terrorists have bogged the U.S. military down in. By having specialized units, the U.S. military avoids having to fight a full scale conventional conflict with an unconventional force.

These specialized units would not only focus on terrorist

groups. The JSOU report states that the units could be used in the prevention of drug trafficking, piracy, human trafficking and other forms of smuggling.

Specialized units like the one described in the JSOU report are not unheard of.

During the 1972 Summer Olympics, held in Munich, Palestinian terrorists captured and killed 11 Israeli athletes. In response to the attacks the Mossad, Israel's Intelligence agency, organized a team to kill all of the terrorists that were involved in the attack.

I wholeheartedly believe that a proactive agency with the ability to gather intelligence, track down, capture or kill the leadership of these organizations is not something that should even be discussed; it should have already been done.

America needs a dedicated force to track down, capture or kill terrorists, drug runners, human smugglers, pirates and other enemies of the state. The only reason I sleep safe in my bed at night is because rough men stand ready to protect my freedom and my rights from any and all who would do me harm.

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The number, in billions, that Florida may receive if it wins the federal education competition Race to the Top.

QUOTATIONATION

"I laid out a simple principle, which is this is a health care bill, not an abortion bill and we're not looking to change what is the principle that has been in place for a very long time ..."

President Barack Obama speaking on the health care bill

WILD WEEKEND

Electro-acoustic festival could be a 'FEASt' for the ears

On Friday, Nov. 13 and Saturday the 14 the third bi-annual FEASt festival, sponsored by Red Bull and Culture Shock Miami, will showcase several unusual musical acts, along with guest lecturers including Juraj Kojs, Nathan Wolek and Orlando Jacinto Garcia.

Garcia is both a composer of classical music and the director of the Composition Program for the FIU School of Music.

The musical acts will consist of students playing electro-acoustic music, a combination of live and prerecorded electronic music.

According to the event's promotional materials, the event is hosted by the Electro Acoustic Research Society at FIU, School of Music, College of Architecture + The Arts, and Council for Student Organizations. The FEAS in FEASt stands for Florida Electro-Acoustic Students.

The Festival will feature several

concerts, including one on Nov. 13 at 8 p.m. and two on Saturday evening, at 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. The concerts will be held at the Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center, while a reception with live music will take place from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday in the Frost Art Museum.

Among the more interesting acts will be the FLEA ensemble. FLEA is an acronym for "FIU Laptop & Electronic Arts," and the group consists of several FIU students who make music with their computers rather than conventional instruments alone.

More information on that particular group can be found on the web at <http://www.myspace.com/fleaensemble>. For more information and tickets for the entire festival, visit <http://carta.fiu.edu> or call 305-348-0496.

'Ultra' to feature official Miami Heat DJ

On Nov. 13 the FIU Homecoming Council, along with the Student Programming Council at Modesto Maidique Campus, will be hosting "FIU Ultra." FIU Ultra is a yearly music festival held during Homecoming Week.

This year's performers will include the official Miami Heat DJ, DJ Irie and Sirius XM radio DJ Kaeno. Admission is completely free, and the event is taking place between the Blue and Gold parking garages at MMC.

Apart from Irie, performers will include local DJ Danny Daze, who, according to the Homecoming Council Web site, "enjoys all sorts of music," and "used to play tennis." Jorge Felix, who has

been a DJ since early adolescence, will also be performing. Aside from being a DJ, Felix is an accomplished sound engineer,

having worked with such artists as Nas, Gloria Estefan, Shakira and Kelly Clarkson. DJ Kaeno will also be spinning at the concert. Kaeno, an FIU alum, has released many tracks and performed at many concerts around the world and has a podcast on iTunes called "The Vanishing Point," which features a wide variety of trance, tribal and house music.

The event carries a few restrictions, however. Attendees cannot bring large bags and will not be allowed re-entry if they choose to leave during the performance. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. and students can pick up their tickets in the Campus Life office. Disabled students may call 305-348-2138 for assistance in attending the event. For more information on the web on this and other Homecoming Week events, visit <http://www.fiu.edu/~hc>.

-Compiled by
Chris Cabral



GREEK LIFE!

Expanded housing options for Greek groups under consideration

AMANDA BATCHELOR
Staff Writer

The idea of having Greek housing on campus has been something that has been talked about a lot recently. Dr. Rosa Jones, vice president of Student Affairs hosted an informational on Oct. 22 for those Greek organizations that do not have houses on campus to discuss the possibilities of more Greek housing.

"Given that Dr. Rosa Jones has taken the time to host an informational meeting on Greek housing and that President Rosenberg is a supporter of Greek life, this is the perfect opportunity for our organizations to enhance their Greek experience," said Ashleigh Nguyen, treasurer of Panhellenic Council.

Because of the large expenses that come with the creation of such houses, the Panhellenic Council at

FIU, which consists of seven sororities, has brought up the idea of having housing suites in the residence halls. They surveyed all seven sororities to find out how many of their women live on campus, and how many of them would be interested in having Greek housing suites.

Last semester the idea was briefly discussed with Ron Thompson, the director of Residential Life, however there have not been any major developments with this project as of yet. It is still possible for housing suites to happen in the future, and as of right now, housing suites seem to be the most plausible idea for the Panhellenic sororities since their bylaws state that no Panhellenic sorority can have a house on campus until all seven of the Panhellenic sororities have the money for a house until 2011. Then in 2011 the seven sororities will vote again to keep or change

that bylaw.

Having housing suites could mean having sections of the dorms secluded for one sorority separately or it could mean having a wing in the dorms that has rooms with girls from different sororities.

"I don't think it's impossible for the bylaw to be changed, but it might take a while for something like that to happen," said Nicole Rivera, a member of Tri Sigma who is a junior majoring in education. "If there were to be suites, I think people should be able to choose with whom they would like to live with. If they want to live with girls from their own organization, that would be great. If they want to live with girls from other organizations, that should be fine too."

At the meeting however, Jones discussed the option of including

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COMIC REVIEW

'New Avengers' not the same old comic book series

SEAN GONZALEZ
Contributing Writer

The stereotypical superhero fights crime every night. The cops always agree with whatever the protagonist in tights has to say and free reign is given at all times. This is not what *The New Avengers* deal with.

Living in a world where they are hunted by the law for refusing to reveal their masked identities, the New Avengers try to stick to their ideals of doing the right thing, despite their outlaw status. The team comprises of a mix of well-known superheroes such as Spider-man, Captain America and Wolverine and less commonly known ones like Luke Cage, Ms. Marvel, and Mockingbird. Headquartered in a normal apartment, The New Avengers try to get out and fight crime whenever they can. To further complicate their

lives, the man in charge of hunting them down is Norman Osborn. Before fooling the American public into thinking he is an honest patriot, Osborn spent most of his time as the insane criminal, and archenemy of Spider-man, The Green Goblin.

The current story arc involves a sickly Luke Cage falling in the middle of battle due to a failing heart. Due to his unbreakable skin, The New Avengers have no choice but to turn to authorities, and Osborn, to obtain the necessary medical equipment and save Cage's life. Writer Brian Michael Bendis handles this turmoil with a fine attention to detail and a realistic tone. Every team member has a differing opinion on what should be done about their situation whether it be Captain America's qualms about being captured,

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IT'S HOMECOMING FOR THE FIU PANTHERS!

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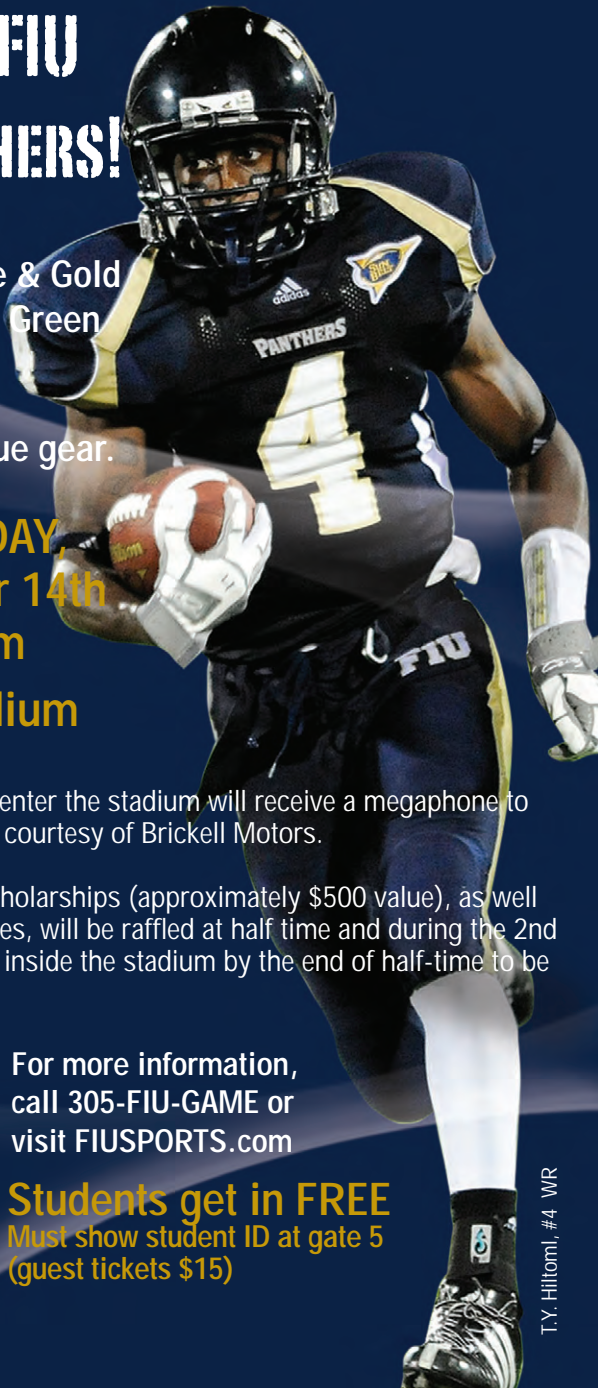
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T.Y. Hillomi, #4 WR

GREEK LIFE!

Suites for sororities possible

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more Greek houses on campus, where she stated that FIU is interested in doing.

Phi Gamma Delta, aka FIJI, was the first house built on campus. When FIJI was built, FIU set aside spots for five lots. Since the Pi Kappa Alpha aka PIKE house was built now there are three left. If there are a lot of organizations interested in having a house, another possible location would be somewhere near the stadium.

She also stated that FIU could change their design plan for this campus to accommodate more houses, such as moving roads.

Of course there are risks in having Greek housing such as, occupancy and organizations

defaulting on a loan, which FIU is aware about and will be taking into consideration while planning for more houses.

“As much as I could understand why housing suites would make sense, I don’t like the idea of multiple Greek organizations living under one roof. For starters, it would be harder to prevent pranks, there would be an increased chance of fights, and the secrecy that is so essential to Greek organizations would be more in jeopardy,” said Jephren Perez a member of Pi Kappa Phi who is a junior and advertising major. “I think fraternity houses are a good way for organizations to create a strong internal bond by having a common place for them to gather away from GC, but not off campus. It gives them a place to work on event-

planning and have meetings, without needing to go on the endless search for an available room somewhere on campus.”

In the spring another meeting for interested Greek organizations will be held to discuss the criteria for an organization to have a house. What will be talked about will be figures about how much a house would cost, how many lots are available, financing options, and how much needed up front

Historically each organization, if interested in having a house, would have to present a business plan to present to FIU and demonstrate cash flow for the house, drawing plans that are up to code, how much an organization has in their reserves and demonstrate some type of collateral.

Comic features compelling artwork

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Spider-Man’s confusion over how a criminal can gain the public’s trust, or Jessica Jones’ (Luke Cage’s wife) anger at the team for giving up her husband. Bendis makes sure to spotlight not only this believable emotional turmoil that the team is going through, but also the high flying action that every superhero comic needs.

Adding to both the rich action and dialogue is the style of Stuart Immonen’s art. He wields the ability to serve epic

fight scenes that truly illustrate the power that the characters possess. Along with action, Immonen livens up Bendis’ dialogue with subtle, but unique, facial expressions and quirks. With his refusal to slack in any department, Immonen makes every page pop.

Whether you’re a beginner in the realm of comics, or a veteran collector, you’ll notice that The New Avengers offers an eclectic mix of everything that is right in the comic book industry. Picking up this issue,

or any in the current story arc, will entertain without the need of back-story or research. If you’re looking for a cheap way to enjoy the many characters that exist in the Marvel Universe, *The New Avengers* offers a little bit of all of them, along with an exciting story and great visuals to match. Getting a pleasurable comic book fix is guaranteed with the creative team of Bendis and Immonen at the helm.

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THIS WEEKEND

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2009

HOMECOMING SPIRIT PARADE



Organizations showcase their impressive floats in our FIU Parade!
WHEN: 4 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: Starting in Lot 3

FIU ULTRA

Come dance at FIU’s biggest dance party!



WHEN: 7:45 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: Between the Blue and Gold Parking Garages

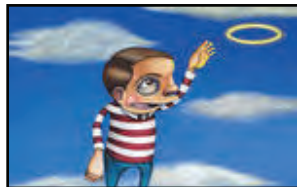
GREEK ALUMNI REUNION

Reconnect with your brothers and sisters
WHEN: 6:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: The Sports Exchange, 45 Miracle Mile

ULTIMATE REMIX DJ TOUR KICK OFF FEAT. SAMANTHA RONSON

WHEN: 8:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free w/reservation
WHERE: Dolphin Mall

BUTTER GALLERY RE-OPENING



“Sacrificial Offering,” a solo show by Rick Falcon
WHEN: 7 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: Butter Gallery, 2303 NW 2nd Ave

CELEBRITY CHEF SERIES Hosted by Anthony Bourdain



WHEN: 8 p.m.
HOW MUCH: \$25-200
WHERE: Adrienne Arsht Center, 1300 Biscayne Blvd

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2009

FIU VS. UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

WHEN: 7 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: FIU Football Stadium

MIAMI INTERNATIONAL BOOK FAIR



Street Fair, Children’s Alley, Comix Galaxy, and readings from more than 400 authors
WHEN: 10 p.m.
HOW MUCH: \$8
WHERE: Miami Dade College Wolfsonian Campus

PAULY SHORE



He will be doing something that may or may not resemble stand-up comedy this Saturday night.
WHEN: 10:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: \$23.54
WHERE: Miami Improv, 3390 Mary St #182

LAKEVIEW CARNIVAL

Celebrate the homecoming traditions with food, fun, and games!
WHEN: 12-3 P.M
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: Housing Quad

ART + DESIGN DISTRICT



Top notch gallery space showing new local art
WHEN: 7 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: Miami Design District, 3841 N.E. 2nd Avenue

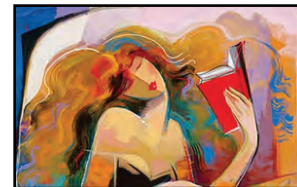
ROOFLESS RECORDS IN-STORE SHOW



Performing live: Self & Other, Skunk Ape, Stead & His Larson
WHEN: 8 p.m.
HOW MUCH: \$3
WHERE: Sweat Records, 5505 NE 2nd Ave

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2009

MIAMI POETRY COLLECTIVE



Free readings at the Miami Book Fair
WHEN: 4:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus

RALPH NADER BOOK READING



Nader speaks about his book, *Only the Super-Rich Can Save Us*
WHEN: 10 a.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: Miami Dade Wolfson Campus

ACOUSTIC NIGHT

WHEN: 9 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: John Martin’s Pub, 253 Miracle Mile

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Performances that include killer nuns and clowns with knives!
WHEN: 2 p.m.
HOW MUCH: \$13.75
WHERE: Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts

MIAMI BEACH ANTIQUE JEWELRY & WATCH SHOW



Collectors from around the globe cull exotic gems.
WHEN: 11 a.m.
HOW MUCH: \$15
WHERE: Miami Beach Convention Center, 1901 Convention Center Dr

SONGS OF GREENWICH VILLAGE

Rod MacDonald, folk music
WHEN: 3 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: Spanish River Library, 1501 NW Spanish River Blvd

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

MEN'S BASKETBALL: UNC 88, FIU 72

Team loses season debut against No. 6 opponent

JOEY CRUZ
Staff Writer

Golden Panthers coach Isiah Thomas was going through a whirlwind of emotions in his collegiate coaching debut vs. the defending national champions University of North Carolina Tar Heels.

With the media spotlight concentrating on Thomas already, he received more attention when his mother Mary had open heart surgery in Chicago. He was with her on Nov. 8 and flew to Chapel Hill the next day.

Despite numerous attempts, Coach Thomas was unavailable for comment.

Losing its four starters from last season did not stop No. 6 ranked North Carolina from beating FIU in a close contest 88-72 for the Coaches vs. Cancer on Nov. 9.

Thomas was also playing under a former coach of his: Roy Williams. Williams was an assistant coach under Bobby Knight in Indiana, where Isiah played and won an NCAA national championship.

Even with Thomas as the media's focus, Marvin Roberts led the Golden Panthers with 18 points and had four steals in the

loss against UNC. He also played the most minutes with 32 in the game.

"Playing against North Carolina was a humbling experience," Roberts said.

Along with Roberts, Antoine Watson was the second highest scorer with 16 points, 6 assists, a block and a steal.

Other FIU players include Marlon Bright and Tremayne Russell, both with 10 points in the game.

"Playing in the Dean Dome is what college basketball is all about," said Bright. "The score was not the outcome we were looking for, but we fought hard and gained from it."

Deon Thompson paved the way to victory for North Carolina while going 7-11 and scoring 20 points. Ed Davis had 13 points, while Marcus Ginyard scored 12 showing no signs of letting up against the Golden Panthers.

Even though the Panthers are undersized, Thomas told *fiusports.com* that one thing he liked about the team is that they were scrappy and could fight.

"We've gained some areas with which we can improve upon, to get better in the upcoming weeks," Bright said.



GERRY BROOME/AP

FIGHTING FOR POSSESSION: Phil Gary Jr. (right) tries to take the ball away from Marcus Ginyard on Nov. 9 at North Carolina. It was the team's first loss of the 2009 season.

Panthers roster hurt by injuries

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Backup Wayne Younger tossed for 178 yards against MTSU in McCall's absence. Cristobal said Younger was serviceable, but he faced tremendous pressure from MTSU defenders and the team did not protect him as adequately as they would have liked.

With or without McCall, a high scoring affair is conceivable as both team's feature explosive offenses but suspect defenses.

T.Y. Hilton, who will play despite a nagging knee injury, lit up the Mean Green in last season's 42-10 FIU victory, picking up 135 yards on just three catches. UNT coach Todd Dodge is well aware of Hilton's prowess.

"[Hilton] is a guy that last year absolutely killed us as a freshman," Dodge said. "You want to go out and try to recruit speed and athleticism and get guys who can do things with the ball in their hands, but he was really our inspiration to go out and recruit Darius Carey and Jamaal Jackson because we felt that [Hilton] made such a difference on their team from one year to the next."

BIG PLAYS

UNT will counter Hilton with Carey and Jackson,

a pair of newcomers who have combined for 91 receptions and comprise arguably the best receiver duo in the SBC.

The Mean Green rank 37th in the nation on total offense, and are led by efficient quarterback Riley Dodge.

The most dynamic weapon on the field might be UNT sophomore running back Lance Dunbar, who leads the SBC in rushing yards and will take aim at FIU's rushing defense, which is the second worst in the SBC.

"Lance Dunbar is a downhill runner right now who is also a slasher," Cristobal said. "When they run outside zone, he can circle a defense in a heartbeat. He is a total package guy."

GOOD TO GO

Cristobal estimates that Hilton is "80 percent" healthy, which he noted is an improvement from last week.

Linebacker Toronto Smith will play after minor knee surgery that has sidelined him over the last two games, and running back Darriet Perry is day-to-day with a wrist issue.

Cornerback Anthony Gaitor will play and is almost fully recovered from a shoulder injury.

Coach pleased with added depth

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treys per game.

She needs just 33 more shots from behind the arc to become the all-time three point shot leader at FIU.

"Monika is always looking to push defenses, always looking to score," Russo said. "I think her shot selection will be a lot better this year. We will have a greater variety of scoring power from all positions. Opponents are going to have to pick and choose because we have ammunition."

Seniors Cherisse Buddy and Ashley Traugott should provide some speed and scoring off the bench for FIU.

Buddy saw playing time in 15 games last year after transferring from Columbia Union College in Maryland. She averaged four points a game for FIU and shot 54.5 percent from behind the arc.

Traugott totaled nine starts last season and made 23 three pointers which was good for third on the team.

Sophomore Asia Wilson will also see minutes off the bench after playing in 22 games last season with a single start, which was vs. Boston College.

NEWCOMERS

Among the newcomers will be four freshmen and one transfer player.

Guard Carmen Miloglav and forward Finda Mansare are two international freshmen. Miloglav was named the Best Shooter at the 2009 Junior Championship in her home country, Croatia, while Mansare, who hails from Hungary, was named an All-Star at the European U20 Tournament in 2008.

Mansare will be recognized for her athletic ability and her perimeter shooting ability. She explained that

she's not like most post players,

"I'm more athletic. I run a lot of fast breaks," said Mansare. "I'm not like most of the big girls who play under the basket."

Russo says that Miloglav is point guard material but can also play the

Salas' improvement since her arrival from Archbishop McCarthy in Fort Lauderdale.

"Sabina has a good instinct of the game," Russo said. "She gets better almost every minute."

The player that Russo seem-

I'm more athletic. I run a lot of fast breaks. I'm not like most of the big girls who play under the basket.

Finda Mansare, forward
Women's basketball

shooting guard position.

The Golden Panthers will have to remain patient on seeing both Miloglav and Mansare on the court for they are both currently ineligible and it is unknown when they will be cleared to play, according to Russo.

Erin Knight and Sabina Salas both join the team as Florida natives.

Knight, a 5-foot-7 guard, was recruited from The First Academy in Orlando, Fla. Russo says that she is a nice shooter but has not been able to see her play much because she has sustained a back injury, since her arrival to FIU, that doctors found to be hereditary.

Salas, a 5-foot-9 guard/forward, seems to be healthy after making her debut as a Golden

Panther in the Nov. 6 exhibition game. She totaled one blocked shot, along with a steal and two rebounds.

In a recent interview with Student Media, Russo seemed pleased with

ingly has the highest expectations for would be transfer from Hofstra University, Rakia Rodgers.

"I can't say enough about Rakia. The level changes when she's out on that court, she is very intense," Russo said. "She's one of the best athletes I have ever worked with."

Although Rodgers will not be cleared to play until Dec. 14, the Golden Panthers are already anticipating the 5-foot-9 guard/forward's admittance to the lineup.

"She has an extreme passion for basketball," Russo said. "The only person that will stop [Rakia] is herself."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

LADY BALLERS

Coach Russo brings recruits to improve on 6-24 season

STEPHANIE GABRIEL
Staff Writer

The Golden Panthers women's basketball team added five new players to its roster and returned 10 to make up what Coach Cindy Russo thinks is a team with the necessary elements for creating success.

However, the team's health is a concern heading into this season just like last season, when FIU's depth and starting lineup was depleted early on due to a lengthy list of injuries.

STAYING HEALTHY

Forward Marquita Adley and guard Fanni Hutlassa both suffered leg injuries in 2008, but will return to this season's starting lineup.

Russo is especially confident that Adley can make a huge difference with her inside presence.

"She is definitely in the best shape she has ever been in since she's been here," Russo said. "Hopefully she can be injury free this year for the first time in her life and if that is the case, I think we're going to see nothing but greatness from her."

Adley was limited to 20 games off the bench last season, but was able to record a double-double on two different occasions and averaged five points and six rebounds a game.

Hutlassa played in just seven contests last year, averaging 8 points, before sustaining the season-ending knee injury.

The 6-foot-1 guard started in last week's exhibition game against Nova, she totaled 12 points with two field goals from behind the arc.

On the other hand, forward Elisa Carey is currently recovering from a knee injury. She missed the team's lone exhibition game just last week and will be out for another two to three weeks, according to Russo.

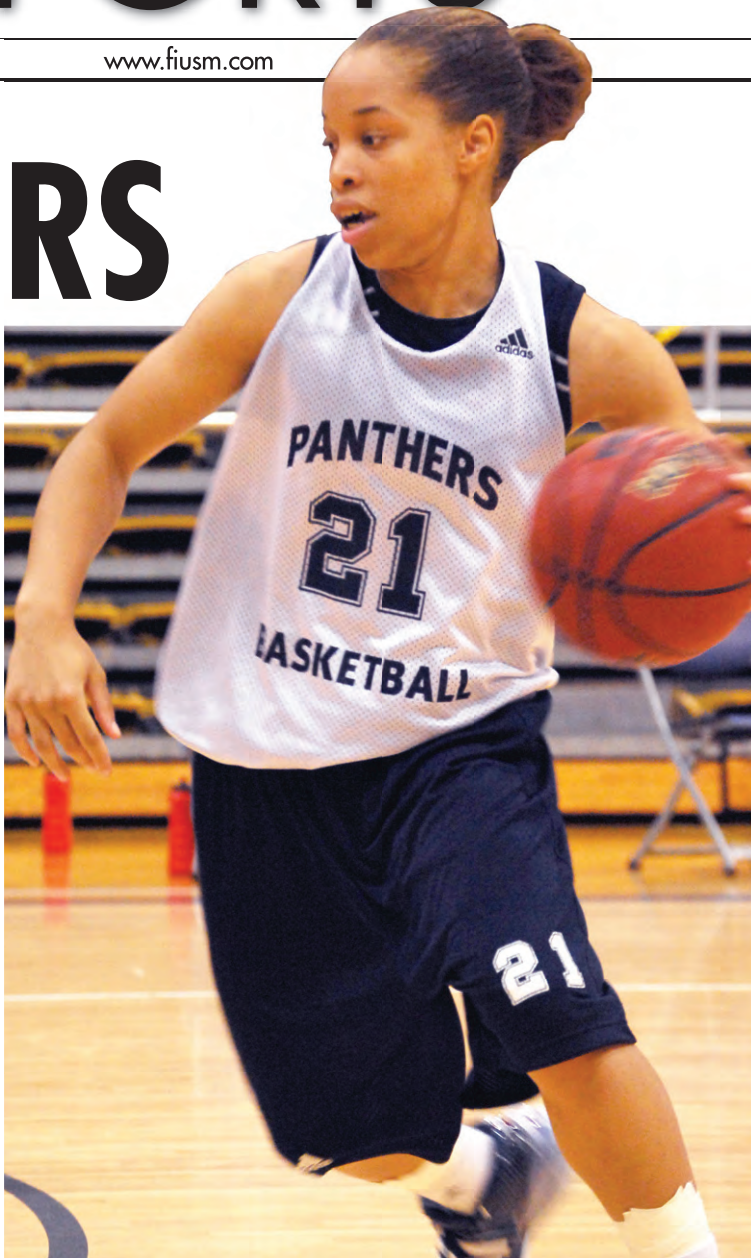
Carey is vital to the Golden Panthers' lineup after averaging eight points and nine rebounds while ranking third in the conference for blocked shots (1.53) and fourth in rebounding just last season.

FRONTCOURT

Aiding Adley and Carey, when she becomes healthy, will be players who have been around the team for quite some time now.

At the center position, junior Maja Krajacic could be a familiar contributor after seeing playing time in 14 games last season, all off the bench. At 6-foot-4, her size could be very useful to the Golden Panther squad.

Krajacic started in the exhibition game, totaling six rebounds, four points, and three blocked shots in the 67-50 win.



CHRIS GREEN/THE BEACON

HANDLING THE ROCK: Guard Asia Wilson will have to help the guard play if the team wants to improve upon its 6-24 record last season.

Junior Liene Jekabsone will also be called upon. The 6-foot-1 forward from Latvia played in 18 games last year with a lone start against Arkansas State.

BACKCOURT

In the backcourt, junior Michelle Gonzalez will remain the starting point guard. Gonzalez ranked first in the Sun Belt Conference last season in average

minutes played (37.03) and was the team's second leading scorer with 9.3 points per game.

"[Gonzalez] definitely gained a tremendous amount of experience with the role she played last year," Russo said. "Now we'll reap the benefits because she's a poised point guard. She had a good summer, and she has come back very strong mentally and physically. Her game has developed."

Monika Bosilj will also return to play her last season as a Golden Panther. Last month, the senior was named to the Preseason All-SBC second team for the second year in a row.

Bosilj tied the school record for three-point shots made in a single season last year with 65 and averaged 14.4 points along with 2.17

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Number of players added to a team depleted by injury.

37
Average minutes Michelle Gonzalez played last season.

27
Number of winning seasons for Coach Cindy Russo.

10
Number of players who can play the guard position.

VOLLEYBALL: FIU 3, FGCU 0

Rosa leads team to 20th victory, earns 2,000th career kill at home

JOEL DELGADO
Staff Writer

Yarimar Rosa knew she was close to achieving another milestone in her historic career at FIU on Nov. 11 as the Golden Panthers took on the Florida Gulf Coast Eagles.

Rosa entered the match 20 kills away from becoming the first Golden Panther to reach the 2,000 kill milestone for her career. She left the game with 2,000 kills under her name as the Golden Panthers (27-2) swept the Eagles (15-12) in three sets.

"I didn't expect to get the 20 kills tonight," Rosa admits. "When they told me I got the 20 kills I was just really happy. I knew I could get it, but I wasn't counting; I was just playing. It feels real good."

Said Coach Danijela Tomic: "She was amazing. This is the fourth year

I've been coaching her and I see her in practice every day but she still does things that are breathtaking. It's unbelievable. She gave a great performance."

The Golden Panthers had little trouble putting away the Eagles, who barely challenged FIU for the most part throughout the match. In the third set, the Eagles tried to rally but it came short as Yarimar Rosa got her 20th kill of the match and her teammates stifled their comeback attempt.

"We did well," said junior setter Natalia Valentin. "We stepped up and just played volleyball. This game helped us with the basics."

When talking about Rosa, Valentin couldn't have been happier for her teammate.

"I'm proud of her; I just love it," Valentin said. "She deserves it, she deserves more than that. It just

makes me so happy for her."

Rosa finished the match with 20 kills and a .613 attack percentage to lead the offensive attack. Valentin added on 35 assists and nine digs of her own. Chanel Araujo had 10 digs on the night to help anchor the FIU defense, holding FGCU to a low .054 attack percentage.

"We did what we needed to do," Tomic said. "We wanted this game to be a tune up for FAU and then for the conference tournament. That was our goal for this match."

The win gave the Golden Panthers their 20th consecutive victory of the season and currently stands as the fourth longest winning streak in the country.

The Golden Panthers travel to Boca Raton, Fla. on Nov. 14 to take on Florida Atlantic to close out their Sun Belt Conference schedule.



VICTORIA LYNCH/THE BEACON

Y2K: Yarimar Rosa celebrates in the team's 3-0 victory over Florida Gulf Coast University on Nov. 13. Rosa got her 2,000th kill of her career.