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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Movie Mondays: Anvill**, Nov. 16, 8 p.m. A documentary featuring the Canadian heavy metal band will be showing for free at Sweat Records.

**Negotiating for Women's Skills Workshop**, Nov. 17, 5 p.m. Join in on this free meeting being held in the GC Faculty Lounge.

**Music Saves Lives**, Nov. 18, 12:30 p.m. Join in on this general meeting for free and find out how to make a difference. Meeting will be held in GC 314.

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#### WEATHER



**MONDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
LOW: 70 HIGH: 80



**TUESDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
LOW: 72 HIGH: 81



**WEDNESDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
LOW: 71 HIGH: 80

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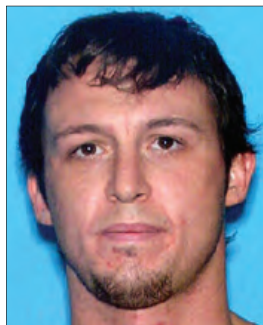
## Student missing since Nov. 2

**JULIA CARDENUTO**  
News Director

A FIJI member and law school student was reported missing by the FIU Police on Nov. 11.

Tommy D. Daniels was last seen at Cici's Pizza near the Modesto Maidique Campus on Nov. 2, according to the police report.

Adam Hagen, a fellow FIJI member, reported on Wednesday to FIU Police that Daniels "upon seeing a police officer entering



DANIELS

the restaurant, stated 'They are coming to get me,'" stated the report.

Daniels, who is also the FIJI house director, then fled the restaurant and has not been seen

since.

He was reported missing nine days after he was last seen.

Daniels' car is still parked at the FIJI house, according to *The Miami Herald*. His fraternity brothers and girlfriend haven't been contacted by him and neither has his family.

All attempts to contact Daniels, according to the report, have failed.

FIU Police is handling the case. Sgt. R. Diaz is the inves-

tigator assigned to the case.

Daniels is a third-year law student.

On Nov. 11, Daniels was entered into both the National Crime Information Center and the Federal Citizen Information Center as a missing person.

Daniels is 6-foot-5 and was last seen wearing a grey tank top and beige cargo shorts.

Anyone with information should call FIU Police at 305-348-2626 or 305-348-2633.

## HOMEcoming '09: PARTY ON



ALEX GARCIA/THE BEACON

**SPINNIN'**: DJ Kaeno spins techno and house music as the fourth and final DJ of the evening at FIU Ultra held Nov. 13. For more photos from Homecoming Week, turn to pages 6-7.

## Audits reveal ProCard misuse

### Four staff members 'separate' from FIU

**DAVID BARRIOS**  
Staff Writer

President Mark Rosenberg has reported two more cases of inappropriate usage of University issued procurement cards.

According to an e-mail sent by Rosenberg to

all faculty and staff dated Nov. 3, one member of the staff had inappropriately used one of his/her procurement cards while another staff member had failed to follow established approval procedures made for payments on the cards.

"The card holder and

the approver have separated from the University," stated Rosenberg in the same e-mail.

The names of the staff members and the circumstances of the separation have not been made public by the University.

This follows a similar occurrence in September when an e-mail was sent to faculty and staff noting the separation from the University of a senior faculty member for inappropriate use of the card

along with a staff member who failed to follow established approval procedures.

#### THE SYSTEM

Procurement cards, much like University issued credit cards, are issued to members of the faculty and staff who make purchases for their respective department's needs, such as University business expenses or

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#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Team looks for victory in front of home crowd

**JOEY CRUZ**  
Staff Writer

Having opened the season against the defending national champion North Carolina Tar Heels, the Golden Panthers basketball team does not expect to have jitters facing Florida Memorial Lions in its home opener.

"We weren't nervous going to North Carolina; we're definitely not going to be nervous for Florida Memorial," said forward Marvin Roberts.

Coach Isiah Thomas and the Golden Panthers will be looking to tighten the defense and win the first home game of the season against cross town rival Florida Memorial on Nov. 17. FIU has lost their first two games of the season and have allowed 88 and 99 points in those losses, respectively.

Although the players say they are not nervous, they are excited to open the season against the Lions. Many of the players have never experienced playing a home opener while playing for a Division I school.

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## Magazine recognizes law dean

**MELISSA CACERES**  
Staff Writer

Four months into his tenure, the dean of the College of Law at FIU has been recognized as one of the 100 most influential Hispanics in the nation.

R. Alexander Acosta was awarded the title by *Hispanic Business* magazine, a publication that makes its selections every year, basing the results on the candidates' contribution to their community or profession as well as the way they are "raising the bar in whatever they do."

This is the second year that Acosta is placed on the list by the magazine, though this time as dean of the law school.

"You sort of quickly realize that you have

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### NEWS FLASH

#### NATIONAL

##### 24 gallons of water found on moon

NASA announced that it has found water on the moon.

In a Nov. 13 announcement, NASA stated that a significant amount of water, approximately 24 gallons, was found on the lunar surface.

According to CNN, the discovery was made as a result of the Lunar Crater Observation and Sensing Satellite, which crashed on the moon as part of its mission.

NASA plans to continue funding similar missions to test different parts of the lunar surface.

#### TECH

##### Dell goes mobile in China, Brazil

Dell has announced its first entry into the mobile phone market.

Dell released the Mini 3, a mobile phone running Google's Android operating system, for markets in China and Brazil only.

Dell did not release specifications. However, the phone is confirmed to not have WiFi in compliance with China's strict Internet governance.

- Compiled by Jorge Valens

## MIRACLE



VICTORIA LYNCH/THE BEACON

**STILL DRY:** Sophomore Cristina Fernandez, architecture major, was the first student to "walk" across the lake behind the Green Library during the School of Architecture's Annual Walk on Water event. The event is a project part of the Materials of Methods class. The students' assignment was to build shoes to cross the lake.

# Rosenberg reports two more card abuse cases by staff

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travel. "We don't just hand people a credit card and say, 'Go buy things for the department or their unit,'" said Kenneth Jessell, FIU's chief financial officer.

In order to be issued a card, one must submit an application for the card and demonstrate a need for it, and a supervisor must approve

the issuance. At that point, the University works with the supervisor and the employee to determine the credit limit.

Supervisors along with cardholders are also required to take training for the usage of their cards.

"In some cases, it might be a credit limit of \$1,000 and in others, it may be a limit of \$40,000 depending upon what the issue is. If it happens to be someone in facilities

who has to do a lot of evening work and you have an emergency and they need to get a generator or some other emergency equipment to protect an experiment, they may need a higher credit limit," Jessell said.

Currently, there are two specialized procurement cards: a commodity card to make purchases for specific items needed for research, and a travel card used to

make purchases for traveling on University business.

The cards are currently provided by Bank of America.

#### PROTECTION

In both e-mails, Rosenberg stated that the employees' investigations were made after procurement card account audits were conducted by members of the University's Office of Internal Audit.

The audits are done on an unfixed schedule.

"We have been doing audits of all types: We've been doing audits University-wide, we do samples throughout different departments. We look for things that seem inappropriate and we investigate separately," said Allen Vann, audit director for

the OIA.

According to Vann, the OIA operates under the standards set by the Institute of Internal Auditors, an organization of more than 120,000 auditors worldwide.

"Our audits are planned. We evaluate the risks to the organization or department and we formulate audit plans that mitigate the risks," Vann said.

Certain transactions cannot be made on the University issued cards. Merchant codes from certain companies or retailers, such as online gambling, are read by the card and blocked. Purchase histories on the card are also monitored within the University.

"We look at different types of activity, similar to what

you might see in a credit card company. If we've seen a lot of activity, or repeated types of transactions, those might be reviewed," Jessell said.

Vann said that there is a fine line between personal and business expenditures.

"People do run into problems when they cross that fine line. It's not appropriate and the University will not stand for it."

Jessell said that there are proper checks and balances within the procurement system.

"We do have the appropriate systems in place to protect the integrity of this credit card system. No matter what system we have, there will always be an opportunity for abuse," Jessell said.

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## \$496,000 grant geared to research

ALEXANDER MILLER  
Staff Writer

In an effort to develop model retention programs for minority students in higher education, the College of Education has been awarded \$496,000 to fund three years of research.

The University received the Lumina Foundation grant on Nov. 2 so it may observe its strengths and weaknesses and improve the programs it offers students.

FIU graduates more Hispanic students than any other institution in the nation. However, the six-year graduation rate of Hispanic students at public universities is 46 percent compared to 57 percent of white students over the same course of time.

"The student population of FIU is representative of the future of higher education," said FIU President Mark Rosenberg in a statement issued by the University. "All communities are growing to look more like South Florida with its immigrant, language minority, low-income and ethnically diverse population."

Glenda Musoba, assis-

tant professor in the College of Education, said that two other professors who assisted in working on the grant will collaborate with other professors and graduate students to collect quantitative data to analyze what programs the students perceive to be working well and what programs they do not.

These steps are being combined in an effort to track the progress of a group of students for approximately

of Teaching at FIU, is the lead on developing FIGS. The academy focuses on workshops to improve teaching techniques for the University.

"We're at a good time in the history of FIU because we have a new president who has an interest in the students," Knapp said. "The opportunities that the grant presents the University with to improve students' success are really significant."

conferences with other universities," said Lidia Tuttle, associate dean for the Department of Undergraduate Education. "This population presents significant academic challenges, having graduated from one of the largest school districts in the nation, in one of the poorest metropolitan areas in the country."

The three leading professors in the production of the grant, Knapp, Musoba and

### Opportunities that the grant presents the University with to improve students' success are really significant.

Jeffrey Knapp, director  
Academy of The Art of Teaching

four to six years.

"The grant looks at what FIU does well and promotes to other minority institutions to improve retention," Musoba said.

FIU has many programs to assist in developing students, such as First Year Interest Groups and the First Year Seminar course. Jeffrey Knapp, director of the Academy of The Art

Knapp added that the students who were involved in FIGS in the past did significantly better on midterms.

Research will also be done on how students can improve when they transfer schools, assessing FIU's dual degree program developed in conjunction with Miami-Dade College.

"We want the data and findings to be shared at

Tuttle, have been working together for several years.

"We each have our areas of expertise and it's a sort of complement," Knapp said.

"Our findings will help universities across the country create results-oriented, student-centered programs to help Hispanic students attain the American dream," Rosenberg said.

## Law program aids high schoolers

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had a lot of opportunities and that you're really lucky and then you sort of say, 'What can I do to have some impact?'" Acosta said. "Most people have a job. The rare individual is lucky enough to have something that they truly love and enjoy. Here as dean, I'm having a great time and it's not a job, it's an occupation. It's a calling."

Douglas Wartzok, interim provost and executive vice president of the Office of the Provost, said that the award boosts the college's, as well as the entire University's, reputation.

"For every college, it's a combination of reputational factors and quality of the faculty," Wartzok said. "Part of our mission is to spread the word about how good the University and each individual college is, and I think the attention brought by giving him this award will do just that."

A graduate from Harvard College and later Harvard Law School, Acosta is the longest serving U.S. attorney in South Florida. He has served for 30 years and was also the first Hispanic to serve as assistant attorney general in the Civil Rights Division at the Department of Justice.

Since his appointment in June, Acosta has been able to implement new programs to the College of Law, such as the Three Plus Three Program, which allows undergraduates to apply to the college during their junior year.

He has also implemented the "Street Law" Program, which allows law students to go out to community schools and teach kids about their legal rights.

The law school has also started a partnership with the Hispanic National Bar Foundation in launching a mentoring program called Project Access that gives high school students the chance to learn about what it is like to go to law school, while being partnered with mentoring

attorneys.

With the national recognition from *Hispanic Business*, the dean continues to shine light on the College of Law as it becomes more notable for its students having the highest passing rate in the BAR exam, and offering courses by professors who come as far as Washington, D.C. to teach.

After the founding dean of the College of Law, Leonard Strickman, announced his resignation during July of last year, the search for new leadership brought candidates with backgrounds as professors of law, like Joel Friedman from Tulane University, and deans at other colleges such as University of Denver's Jose Roberto Juarez, Jr.

In the end, Acosta, who had not had as much experience in education and had more in administration, was chosen for the position.

"Everyone looked at the total package and what the school really needed at that particular point in time in terms of leadership. A large number of the faculty said that they were really interested in a dean who was somebody who knew how to really work with people," Wartzok said. "We learned about how Acosta was able to work with people from across a diverse range of political viewpoints, philosophical perspectives and how he was able to bring them together and develop a good mutual working relationship within the attorney's office that he was directing."

Throughout his career, Acosta tackled cases involving the prosecutions of Jack Abramoff, who was charged for fraud, José Padilla for terrorism, and Charles Taylor, Jr. for torture – the first case of its nature in the country.

Acosta also took part in the case involving Cali Cartel founders Miguel and Gilberto Rodriguez Orejuela, who were tried for importing 200,000 kilograms of cocaine, and the case against the Swiss

Bank UBS, which for the first time gave up the names of those who held secret Swiss bank accounts in order to bypass payment of annual U.S. taxes.

Joelle Moreno, associate dean for Research and Faculty Development and professor at the law school, said that given that Acosta's term has been so short, the college is "moving at a pretty quick pace."

"I really think that he has the drive, the initiative, the interest and the desire to do really good things, not only for the law school but for the University," she said.

## Anime club's president to face trial for altercation

JORGE VALENS  
Asst. News Director

The president of the FIU anime club Anything Goes Anime was involved in a physical altercation with a member of the club's executive board.

Pedro Cortes, who was elected president of the club September 2008, was placed in custody after Public Safety was called to the club's Winter Masquerade event on Nov. 6.

The victim, Carla Slon, AGA director of public relations, was giving a speech in the Graham Center Ballrooms at the time of the incident.

According to the police report, Cortes "grabbed her by her left arm while she was on stage ... and pulled her toward him, turning her around by force."

According to both Slon and Cortes, while Cortes grabbed Slon, he said, "If you pull that again, we are going to have problems."

The report states that Slon had no visible injuries.

"It was just very scary," Slon told Student Media. "It is one of those things that you see in horror movies and you're like, 'Oh, I wouldn't be scared at that ... it's terrifying.'"

The altercation began after she dedicated a song to the Council of Student Organizations, breaking Cortes's preferred set list, Slon said.

"What I did was rude," Cortes told Student Media.

He added that given the friendly relationship he had shared with Slon, he did not expect the situation would turn out the way it did.

A witness to the incident, junior Savannah Altwater, said that Cortes handled the situation "inappropriately" and regrets that "extreme measures" had to be taken.

Cortes will have to appear in court, according to the police report.

Cortes said he is also awaiting a session with the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution.

Ben F. Badger, Jr., AGA treasurer, said that despite the altercation, the event was successful.

The club raised \$400 for Child's Play, a charity that donates toys and video games to hospital children's wards around the world.

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## Homecoming week wraps up with crowning



PHILIPPE BUTEAU/THE BEACON

**ROYAL DANCE:** Homecoming Queen Ameila Harjhoon, a senior in biology, dances with Homecoming King Mohamed Ghumrawi, a senior in psychology.

**PHILIPPE BUTEAU**  
Staff Writer

Neither Mohamed Ghumrawi nor Ameila Harjhoon thought they had a chance.

"I thought they put the wrong name on the ballot," said Harjhoon, who ran against Lorraine Henderson, a junior business marketing major, and Vanessa Forbes, a senior hospitality management major.

But it was no joke: Biscayne Bay Campus students voted Ghumrawi, a junior double majoring in criminal justice and psychology, and Harjhoon, a senior biology major, as Homecoming king and queen, respectively.

Their names, along with the other members of their court, were announced at the "Visions of Atlantis" Homecoming dance held Nov. 12. The event was organized by the Student Programming Council at BBC.

More than 200 people, of which 149 were students and about 50 non-students, attended, according to the Campus Life.

Attendees got a chance to travel under the sea, or at least a blue-curtained approximation.

This year's Homecoming prince and princess are Nakeia Calvert, a junior history major, and Ana Perez, a sophomore journalism major.

Calvert ran unopposed, and Perez ran against Nadly Moline, a sophomore majoring in social work.

Ghumrawi, who ran against Blayne Stone, a senior liberal arts major, said he ran for king because he felt the position would let him represent the student body at BBC.

"It's only fit for that representative to be as involved [on campus] as I am," Ghumrawi said.

Melissa Binns, a senior public relations major and vice president of SPC-BBC, was in charge of organizing the dance. Although the job of chairing the Homecoming Committee was "thrown" on her last year, Binns said that planning Homecoming and being SPC-BBC vice president was hard, but that she still managed to

have fun.

"I'm a senior, so I'm taking the hardest classes in my major," she said. "And there's the work load I have both in and out of SPC," Binns said.

Her responsibilities included planning the music and the Homecoming court.

Although the announcement of the winners marked the end of the Homecoming dance, the beginning and middle did not lack suspense.

The band Sounds Of Light entertained the guests for the first hour of the night, performing covers of chart toppers such as "Best I Ever Had" by Drake, "I'm So High" by Grindmode and "Swag Surfin'" by F.L.Y.

After their set, the performers left the stage and DJ Push Play entertained the crowd for the rest of the night.

When he started mixing the songs, there was plenty of head bobbing among the attendees, but the dance floor lacked the important part of its name: no one was dancing.

Ghumrawi and Harjhoon helped break the ice when they were among the first on the dance floor.

Ghumrawi got the people moving with his "come ons," "let's gos," and backward walking while motioning toward the dance floor.

After Ghumrawi and Harjhoon opened the dance floodgates, the remainder of the night was busy, especially when female students in heels tried to do The Jerk, the dance behind the New Boyz' single "You're A Jerk."

Push Play started with hip-hop, and when he announced that reggae was coming, the crowd announced back that they approved.

When it came time for salsa music, Ingrid Martinez, a freshman biology major, took the opportunity to learn how to dance salsa.

Members from BBC's Student Government Council were also part of the party. Vice President Christin "Cici" Battle joined the crowd and hit the dance floor, and President Sholom Neistein even had a song dedicated to him: "Becky" by Plies.

## Week of events focuses on international initiative

### Cooking demos, cultural fair comes with worldwide flair

**LAURA DE LA FE**  
Contributing Writer

Following the University's goal to create an international learning environment for students, the Office of Global Learning Initiatives will host a week of discussion panels, informational sessions and guest speakers that will talk about cultures from around the world and eliminating violence against women, among other topics.

The Office of Global Learning Initiatives is an interdepartmental committee that includes the Department of International Student and Scholar Services, Multi-cultural Programs and Services, Student Government Association, the Office of Campus Life & Orientation, the Center for Leadership and Service, the Women's Center, Housing & Residential Life, University Health Services, Student Programming Council, Career Services, Student Organizations Council and the Recreation Department, according to Julie Wilbers, IEW coordinator.

These departments co-sponsored and organized a series of events to celebrate International Education Week, which starts the week of Nov. 16 at the Biscayne Bay Campus.

Students will be able to go to informational sessions where they can learn how to study in Japan for one semester, test their IQ levels, and celebrate the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

International Education Week is a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education to promote opportunities for cross-cultural exchange and to celebrate the benefits of international education, according to the IEW official Web site.

The partnership started in 2000 both nationwide and at the University, and is now celebrated in more than 100 countries worldwide.

IEW also celebrates the benefits of worldwide education through a week of events that educate the public about

### THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

<b>MONDAY • NOV 16</b> <b>Kick-off Day &amp; Cultural Fair</b> 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Panther Square	<b>International Dinner</b> 7 p.m. Bay Vista Housing
<b>International Cooking Demo</b> 8 - 9:30 p.m. Bay Vista Housing	<b>THURSDAY • NOV 19</b> <b>International Career &amp; Engage Workshop</b> 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. WUC 157
<b>TUESDAY • NOV 17</b> <b>Venture Abroad Fair</b> 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Panther Square	<b>International Late Day Latte</b> 4:30 - 6 p.m. Academic One
<b>WEDNESDAY • NOV 18</b> <b>International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women</b> 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Panther Square	<b>FRIDAY • NOV 20</b> <b>International Film Festival</b> All day WUC Mary Ann Wolfe Theater

different cultures, countries and diverse points of view.

• The events begin Nov. 16 at 11 a.m. in the Wolfe University Center's Panther Square with a cultural fair, which will

feature cultural displays, a martial arts performance and giveaways. The "Faces of the World" exhibit will feature a presen-

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# Week of events to highlight global learning on campus

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tation of portraits of ethnic people from around the world.

That night, there will be a cooking demonstration for students in the Bay Vista Housing community room at 8 p.m. The cooking demonstration will feature cuisine from various parts of the world.

Nov. 17 is "Venture Abroad Day." Students will have an opportunity to learn about studying abroad programs, Fulbright scholarships and the Peace Corps.

poems.

• There will also be a forgiveness burning ceremony, where students will be encouraged to participate and burn things that have hurt them in the past in order to forgive the people that caused them pain, and a free self-defense class in the Recreation Center's aerobics room after the ceremony.

• Ada Alvarez, a graduate student, who at age 16 wrote the book *Lo Que No Dije* (What I Didn't Say) about domestic violence, will be the day's guest speaker.

**I will deal with prevention because you cannot prevent domestic violence without the proper education.**

Ada Alvarez, author  
"Lo Que No Dije"

• There will also be a presentation from International Alternative Spring Break, a program in which students travel to a Third World country and do community service in a village they sponsor during spring break.

• There will also be a presentation from the Japanese Exchange and Teaching Program, a government sponsored program that organizes exchanges between Japanese students and American ones.

• "Venture Abroad Day" will also give students an opportunity to network with people from the Miami area. Tuesday's events begin at 11 a.m. in Panther Square.

• Wednesday will be the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. Beginning at 11 a.m. in Panther Square, there will be a poetry presentation with On Point Poetry, a poetry student club based at the Biscayne Bay Campus, featuring domestic violence-themed

By the age of 19, she had already spoken at more than 70 conferences in Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic.

"I will deal with prevention because you cannot prevent domestic violence without the proper education," she said. "It's important, especially in the college community, to educate against this crime."

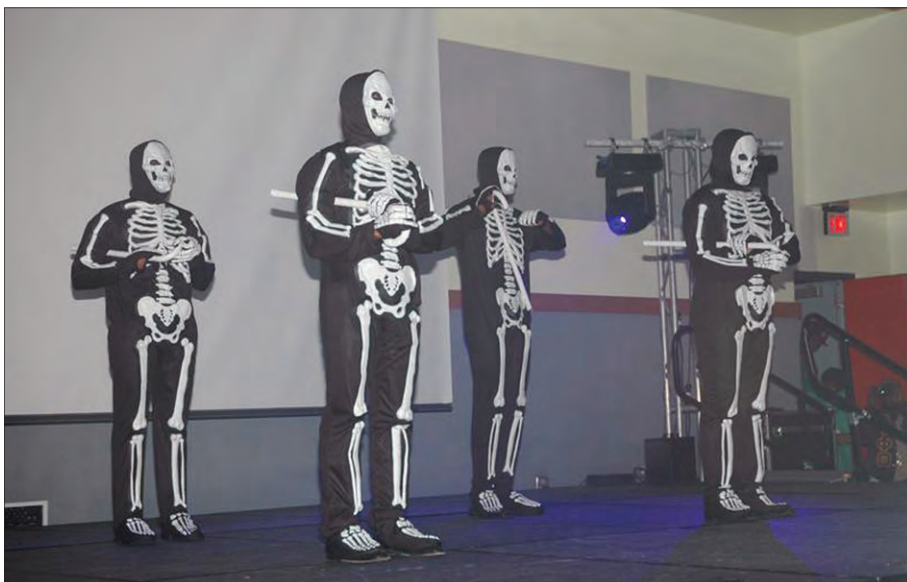
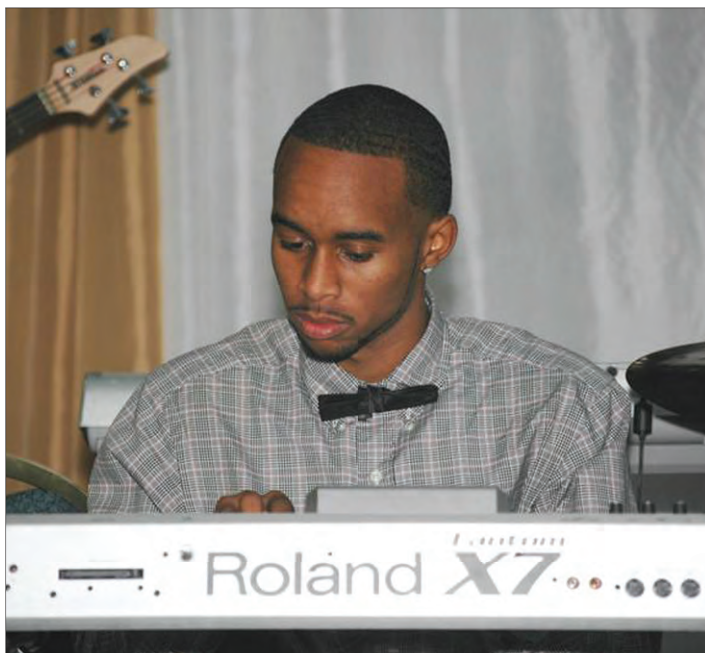
• There will be an international dinner and dance in the Bay Vista community room on Nov. 18 at 7 p.m.

Free lunch will be provided to students and staff participating in International Education Week events, which are free and open to all students.

"The more, the merrier!" Wilbers said.

For more information, contact Julie Wilbers at 305-919-5813, or visit the Office of Campus Life and Orientation in the Wolfe University Center, Room 141.

## HOMECOMING EXPOSED



**SCHOOL SPIRIT:** (Top left) Walter Fleming, sophomore business major, tunes his keyboard before performing for the Homecoming Dance, Nov. 12.

(Top right) Jamil Charles, a sophomore biology major, competes in a hula-hooping contest in Panther Square during the Homecoming Pep Rally, Nov. 12.

(Bottom) Fraternity members perform at the Homecoming Step Show, Nov. 6.

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# **Home Sweet Home**

**ABOVE:** DJ Irie rides on a crowd of fans at FIU Ultra on Nov. 13. The event was free to students and was held between the Blue and Gold garages; it lasted until 2 a.m. Other DJs spinning that night included Jorge Felix, Danny Daze and Kaeno.

**BELOW:** The Golden Panthers football team raise their helmets to cheering fans after the homecoming 35-28 victory against the North Texas Mean Green. This was the Golden Panthers' second consecutive homecoming win and their third consecutive win over North Texas.



CHRIS ADAMS/THE BEACON

**ABOVE:** Greg Pellicer (left), father of FIU football's No. 59 Cody Pellicer, and Cindi Giannone (right), girlfriend, await the upcoming game against North Texas. Other parents also participated in FIU's fifth annual Parent & Family Weekend where parents were involved in activities held on campus, to feel what it is like to be a Panther.



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**LEFT:** Vignesh Doraiswamy (left) and Katrina Fumagali (right) were announced Homecoming king and queen of the Modesto Maidique Campus during halftime at the Homecoming football game, Nov. 14.

**RIGHT:** President Mark Rosenberg and his wife, Jennifer Rosenberg, wave to a cheering crowd of students while riding on a Volkswagen at the FIU Parade on Nov. 13. The Volkswagens were provided by sponsor Esserman International. The parade started between the Blue and Gold garages and continued past the stadium. Rosenberg was the grand marshal of the parade. Student organizations created floats that represented University traditions including the Kissing Bridge, DM's Cube and GC's Seal.



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F.R.E.E.: FOR RIDICULOUSLY EXCITING ENTERTAINMENT

## Game helps escapees fight to keep freedom

Scientific experimentation on humans is usually frowned upon.

And while I'm not entirely sure that the subject of the Thing Thing series is actually human - in fact, I'm pretty sure it's not - it is definitely the product of some horrible experiments, and it is also definitely not too happy about it.

The series has been improving its formula since the release of the original game in 2005. Created by Weasel of Diseased Productions, it has grown to include three sequels and three arena-fighting spin-offs.

The original games are side-scrolling, arcade shooters that boast a ton of weapons, customizable characters, over-the-top action and interactive environments.

Thing Thing Arena takes the same fast-paced action and pits players against never-ending waves of enemies.

There is no need for a story line here, the only goal is to survive for as long as you can.

The latest installments in each series, Thing Thing 4 and Thing Thing Arena 3, make some very notable improvements over the previous entries. After escaping from your containment cell and realizing freedom, it is you against the world in a frantic effort to maintain it.

First off, instead of having just one weapon at a time,

players can now equip two weapons at a time and switch between them until they are out of ammo. And, if you pick up a weapon that can be dual-wielded, you will automatically pick up a second when you find it.

When you run out of ammo, or just get tired of the weapon you're using, you can throw one at an enemy to buy some time to switch weapons or pick up a new one. Enemies drop weapons when they die and walking over one while one of your weapon slots is empty will allow you to automatically pick it up.

Another cool add-on is the lead pipe. If you are out of ammo and in a bind, you can switch to your pipe and melee your way through a crowd. It's not so useful against enemies with shotguns but something is always better than nothing.

Thing Thing Arena 3 has also added new challenges. Instead of simply killing as many enemies as you can, extra points are awarded for doing it with a bit of style. They have also added a command for executions and some achievements to unlock through some creative killing.

This game also adds new weapons and a couple of new outfits which adds the option to play as a girl.

To help Thing Thing outrun "the man," visit <http://www.crazymonkeygames.com/Thing-Thing-4.html>.

COLUMNIST



ASHLYN TOLEDO

# Duo blurs the line between rock and metal in new album

RYAN MOREJON  
 Contributing Writer

Noise-rock and metal are two genres that, for some odd reason, have a blurry, gray distinction.

The two are abrasive, experimental and angry. Classifications between the two strands of rock deal mostly with aesthetic.

Noise-rock bands usually affiliate themselves with a broad DIY mentality arguably introduced and influenced by 80's hardcore punk.

It's a more humble approach to playing shows than your glossy, arena-rock concerts.

Metal, however, has always carried a type of grandiose, almost biblical vision of popularity where small clubs aren't big enough to house such walls of dark sound.

But if the line between noise-rock and metal are already cloudy, then Lightning Bolt's new album, *Earthly Delights*, does not help the cause.

The pummel-throbbing Providence, Rhode Island noise giants released their fifth album; an album so rough and droney, it can easily be passed off as some kind of post-metal oddity.

Lightning Bolt are comprised of Brian Chippendale on drums/vocals and Brian Gibson on bass guitar...sort of.

See, Gibson modifies his bass guitar to hold both guitar and bass strings, then passes that sound through pedals and effects. The work of one guitar player now sounds like eight.

Not to mention Chippendale's unreal power-drumming and voice effects give the band a collective sound. The product is



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**ELECTRIFYING PERFORMANCE:** Lightning Bolt performing at the Broadway Backyard in Brooklyn, NY on August 30, 2009.

rough, fast and really noisy.

*Earthly Delights* begins with the suitably titled "Sound Guardians." The song is Lightning Bolt in a nut-shell: stony, violent and harsh. It's the tone LB have played with since their beginnings in the late '90s.

The beginning of "Colossus," clocking in at seven minutes, can be confused with an Electric Wizard or Melvins song but, as soon as Chippendale starts his parade of hell-drums, it becomes pretty distinct as LB fodder.

The song does sound a bit restricted. Lightning Bolt is supposed to sound like a full-fledged band, but the presence of only two members can easily be heard.

They experiment with proggy-country riffs ("Funny Farm"), and wreak total chaos with unconventional song structures and call-and-response vocals ("S.O.S").

Yet, I've always thought of

Lightning Bolt as a "metal band." Song titles like "Dracula Mountain," "Ride The Sky" and "Riff-wraiths" border on exaggeration and epic fantasy.

There's something to be admired about that.

A band working on a consistent grassroots aesthetic confused with delusions of Melville-like epics.

The album's sound is pretty consistent. Though it may be their most flattering characteristic, it's anarchic consistency that makes *Earthly Delights* one of the best rock albums of the year.

Just don't call it an earthly delight.

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## THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS: HOMECOMING EDITION

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2009

**CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST**



WHEN: 9:30 a.m.  
 HOW MUCH: Free  
 WHERE: GC 241

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS CLUB**

WHEN: 11 a.m.  
 HOW MUCH: Free  
 WHERE: GC PIT

**BAHAMIAN STUDENTS ORGANIZATION**

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

**MUSLIM STUDENT ORGANIZATION**

Lecture/Dinner  
 WHEN: 6 p.m.  
 HOW MUCH: Free  
 WHERE: GC Faculty Lounge

**FRENCH CLUB**

Induction Ceremony  
 WHEN: 8 p.m.  
 HOW MUCH: Free  
 WHERE: GC 305

**MOVIE MONDAYS: ANVIL!**



A documentary about the Canadian heavy metal band  
 WHEN: 8 p.m.  
 HOW MUCH: Free  
 WHERE: Sweat Records

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2009

**CATHOLIC STUDENT UNION**



General Meeting  
 WHEN: 2 p.m.  
 HOW MUCH: Free  
 WHERE: GC 241

**CAMPUS BIBLE FELLOWSHIP**

General Meeting  
 WHEN: 7:30 p.m.  
 HOW MUCH: Free  
 WHERE: GC 1235

**NEGOTIATING FOR WOMEN'S SKILLS WORKSHOP**

WHEN: 5 p.m.  
 HOW MUCH: Free  
 WHERE: GC Faculty Lounge

**DANCE MARATHON - GENERAL MEETING**



WHEN: 6:30 p.m.  
 HOW MUCH: Free  
 WHERE: GC 305

**CHOSEN GENERATION**



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

**FRENCH CLUB - MOVIE**

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

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2009

**MUSIC SAVES LIVES**



General Meeting  
 WHEN: 12:30 p.m.  
 HOW MUCH: Free  
 WHERE: GC 314

**STONEMAN PRIDE ALLOWANCE**



General Meeting  
 WHEN: 5 p.m.  
 HOW MUCH: Free  
 WHERE: GC 305

**STUDENTS WRITE ASSOCIATION**

WHEN: 2 p.m.  
 HOW MUCH: Free  
 WHERE: GC 343

**NICARAGUAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION**



General Meeting  
 WHEN: 5 p.m.  
 HOW MUCH: Free  
 WHERE: GC 1223

**FREE CUBA**

General Meeting  
 WHEN: 8:30 p.m.  
 HOW MUCH: Free  
 WHERE: GC 340

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2009

**TRUTH FOR LIFE**



General Meeting  
 WHEN: 1 p.m.  
 HOW MUCH: Free  
 WHERE: GC 241

**ITALIAN CLUB**

General Meeting  
 WHEN: 3 p.m.  
 HOW MUCH: Free  
 WHERE: GC 340

**CARIBBEAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

WHEN: 5 p.m.  
 HOW MUCH: Free  
 WHERE: GC 150

**STUDENTS FOR A FREE TIBET**

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

**DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES**



Workshop  
 WHEN: 2 p.m.  
 HOW MUCH: Free  
 WHERE: GC 340

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## THE BEACON | Editorial

### Procurement cards misuse reveals trend, system improvement needed

Up to four people were recently “separated” from the University for improper use of University-issued procurement cards, according to an e-mail sent by FIU President Mark Rosenberg.

The Beacon supports the University’s zero-tolerance policy regarding the misuse of procurement cards but worries that these events are becoming a trend; there needs to be a serious discussion about the ProCard management system currently in place.

Last September, Rosenberg sent an e-mail to all staff regarding the firing of a senior faculty member for improper use of procurement cards. On Nov. 3, the president sent out yet another e-mail revealing another case of misuse of these credit cards.

In both cases, two people were involved: the cardholders and the supervisors who failed to report the improper transactions made.

The Beacon believes that such cases, while handled correctly, are alarming because they reveal that the system in place is not necessarily working. The fact that the names or details regarding both cases weren’t released, such as how much money was involved, goes directly against Rosenberg’s goals of a transparent administration.

At the very least, releasing the details surrounding the incident would serve as a clear example of what to do and what not to do for ProCard holders and supervisors.

The University’s administration has recently changed. Rosenberg brought with him a new provost, Douglas Wartzok, and CFO, Kenneth Jessell. It is curious that none of these types of cases were reported during the last administration. These purchases might have been made before Rosenberg’s administration altogether and they are only being discovered now.

It is unusual that these events are coming to light only now as they have clearly been a problem in the past. The program has not been properly handled and it is unusual that we are only hearing of these cases now.

In order to be issued a card, a University employee must submit an application and a supervisor must approve the issuance of the card. The administration then works with the supervisor and the employee to determine the credit limit, which can go from \$1,000 to \$40,000 depending on the department’s needs. The supervisor has to approve all transactions made.

Although the process seems very detailed, even Jessell admitted that the University does not have the “appropriate systems in place to protect the integrity of this credit card system.” He added that he thinks that no matter what system, “there will always be an opportunity for abuse.”

In addition, an internal audit report released in 2008 stated that “purchasing card accounts for former employees were not always timely canceled upon termination.”

It is clear that the process and the program need better supervision and more efficient implementation.

University employees should not abuse procurement cards, which are in place to easier accommodate any department’s needs.

The Beacon feels that the University administration should study the system in place and take initiatives, like firing wrongdoers, to publicly reinforce regulations and rules put in place to guarantee a safe and honest environment to all students and staff.

## Less confidants means more friends

### Catching up is hard to do

ERIC FELDMAN  
Staff Writer

I think I have a pretty big social network, and I’m not just talking about my Facebook friends.

Walking through the Graham Center I never run into less than five people that I shake hands with, or say hello to, and I’m always hanging out on and off campus with people from various social circles: the Greek community, newspaper staff, etcetera.

According to a survey by the Pew Internet & American Life Project, this is typical of the current trend: because of current communication technologies, there is an increase in the size of the average person’s social network.

There is the other side to this coin, however, and that is, according to the telephone survey of 2,500 American adults, the number of close confidants we have is down since two decades ago.

The statistics show that, on average, Americans have 1.93 “intimate” friends (compared to almost three in 1985), and that 12 percent of respondents reported having no confidants.

This report came at an interesting time for me because a few days earlier I had become privy to some personal problems that some of my friends were going through, that I had no idea about.

Sure, I go out to eat with these people

and say hello in the halls, but I started to question how many I was truly close to – not out of not caring about them, but simply not having time in the modern college environment to really keep up.

Today, I found out on Facebook that one of my friends gave birth – a whole month ago.

I have always praised social networking sites for what they do best: allow me to keep up on everyone’s lives without ever having to talk to them.

I am still up to date with the goings-on of many people whom I would have completely fallen out of touch with otherwise, but is this worth it considering it feels awkward to actually pick up the phone and call a friend for no other reason but to catch up?

Clearly it is not feasible for all the people I know in college to be intimate friends once we leave here, and for that, I’m glad Facebook exists because if not they would disappear from my life completely. But I would surely like to stay in close contact with more than 1.93 of them, so we should do something about this.

I have made a list of people I want to accomplish having lunch with over the next two weeks, and am calling people up and scheduling time to simply catch up with them, as opposed to just devouring my Subway meal quickly and moving onto my next event or exam.

Maybe a similar system can work to improve not just your social circle – but your friend base.



#### WHAT’S WRONG WITH ROMANCE? PART 2 OF 2

## Success stories can be written online

IRIS A. FEBRES  
Opinion Editor

This is a continuation of a series which began on Nov. 9.

Ah, love. In the realm of romance, we try to find love in the most ordinary and strangest places.

Sometimes, we go to bookstores – other times, bars, especially following particularly nasty breakups.

Online dating sites, however, have received a good brunt of criticism.

While eHarmony and other Web sites pride themselves on their matches that go beyond initial, superficial factors (the site proclaims efficiency through their “29 dimensions of compat-

ibility”) people – some of whom are my own friends – have been skeptical of these dating sites and what they have to offer.

The “Craigslist effect” comes into play here. The mistake many people make includes aligning one Web site with another, dragging along the apparent dangers and consequences it could bring. After all, with a click of a mouse, you can meet a perfect stranger anywhere. Horror stories include women ending up dead.

In April 2009, 22-year-old Philip Markoff was charged with murder, armed robbery and kidnapping following the killing of a young woman he targeted on Craigslist. Following this and other

incidents on Craigslist, the high-volume classifieds site had to reinstitute new policies for listings involving exotic services and dating ads.

Dating Web sites, while they must be approached with caution, are not hubs for rapists and other criminals. The majority of people on dating Web sites are looking for a partner to be with, not for someone to strangle.

Well, unless both parties are into that sort of thing.

I myself have done the online dating schtick, and even though most of them did not last longer than a few months (though the longest – and my first – was a little under five years), I considered

**The majority of people on dating Web sites are looking for a partner to be with, not for someone to strangle.**

them successful ventures.

In each, I learned a bit about myself, the male species and the new flavors offered by two men: Ben and Jerry.

Don’t be afraid of dating sites – they’re worth a try. And they’re certainly a nice change of pace from a dingy bar at midnight.

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#### WINNER/LOSER



NASA announced that it discovered water on the moon during their most recent LCROSS experiment. The experiment launched a satellite into the moon and then measured the resulting debris from the impact, all at the low cost of \$79 million to the U.S. taxpayer.



A Tampa Bay man was arrested for making a false 911 phone call after calling five times. His reasons: he ran out of minutes, he wanted someone to have sex with and it was the only number he could call. He was arrested 15 minutes after the fifth call.

#### OPINIONPIECE

# 175

The number of years in prison Evangelist Tony Alamo received after he was found guilty of having sex with minors.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Golden Panthers split weekend series with OT

**STEPHANIE GABRIEL**  
Staff Writer

The Golden Panthers women's basketball team dropped its season opener to North Carolina State on Nov. 13, but the next day the squad was able to pick up their first win of the regular season, in overtime, against Western Michigan.

## FIU 71, N.C. STATE 87

Although the Golden Panthers were able to overcome a 21-point deficit in the first half, the North Carolina State defense was too aggressive for the team to handle as it dropped its season opener 87-71 on the Kay Yow Court in Raleigh, NC.

Senior guard Ashley Traugott scored a career-high 25 points and made seven of her eight shots from behind the arc to tie a school record for most three-pointers made in a game.

Senior Monika Bosilj also contributed from the three-point line, knocking down four of her eight shots and she totaled 20 points. Forward Marquita Adley recorded a double-double, contributing 11 points and 13 rebounds for the Golden Panthers.

With just over six minutes left in the first half, FIU was down 21 points when three-point shots started pouring.

The Golden Panthers connected on seven shots from behind the arc and scored on eight consecutive possessions during a 29-7 run to take a one-

point lead at the half.

The Wolf Pack defense tightened up in the second half and came on strong with the full-court pressure.

Bothered by the Wolf Pack defenders, the Golden Panthers turned the ball over 27 times during the game, which allowed the opponent to benefit with 42 points off turnovers.

The score remained close until State put the game away with a 19-5 run topped off by an Amber Good layup with 39 seconds remaining to put the Pack up by 19.

Bosilj responded with the final score of the game, a three-point shot with 11 seconds left on the clock to make the final score 87-71, N. C. State.

## FIU 64, WESTERN MICHIGAN 61

Adley recorded her second double-double, 16 points and 17 rebounds, to lead the Golden Panthers to their first win of the season, a 64-61 overtime victory against Western Michigan to closeout the Sheraton Raleigh Wolf Pack Invitational in North Carolina.

The sophomore point guard, Michelle Gonzalez, contributed with 14 points and two steals, while Maja Krajacic, knocked down 12 points and recorded two blocked shots.

Coach Cindy Russo seemed pleased with Gonzalez's ability to handle pressure during the game,

"I think Gonzalez did a very nice job," Russo said. "She was fouled a lot and had just one turnover under a lot of pressure."

Krajacic has made two consecutive starts and has been a nice inside presence for the Golden Panthers who are missing their best shot-blocker, Elisa Carey, due to a knee injury.

"Krajacic has been very helpful," Russo said. "We've played two great teams and she has really proved herself."

Early on, the Broncos jumped out to a 22-14 lead with the help of a three-point shot by Aurielle Anderson.

The Golden Panthers were able to take the lead when Bosilj connected on a shot from behind the arc to open the second half.

With less than two minutes to play, and FIU down by one point, Fanni Hutlassa knocked down a three to give the Golden Panthers a lead.

WMU's Taylor Manley responded right away with a jumper in the paint to tie the game at 56 and send it into overtime.

In the overtime period, Adley was able to give the Golden Panthers a one-point lead after connecting on a jump shot with 1:36 remaining.

Gonzalez sealed that lead by driving to the basket for a layup with 15 seconds on the clock. Kemmy Dominique would try to respond with a three, but she missed with two seconds remaining to give FIU their first win of the season.

When asked what she was most pleased with on the game-winning night, Russo simply responded,

"Their effort; they never quit and they played really hard."

# Transfers happy to debut at home

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Roberts has gotten off to an excellent start of the season, leading FIU in points scored. He is a junior college transfer adjusting to Division I opponents, but he is averaging 19.5 points per game in the first two games.

Guard Antoine Watson is also an inexperienced junior college transfer, but he is second on the team in scoring, and he scored 16 points vs. UNC.

"People close to me know I like to dance before a game," Watson said of his usual ritual, "The Dougie Dance," which stems from a song by rapper Soulja Boi.

Team captain Marlon Bright doesn't have a pre-game ritual quite like Watson's, but he understands what type of attitude a player should have heading into a home opener as a Golden Panther.

"There's a lot of buzz going on around here. We'll come out fighting, swinging, and with a lot of passion," Bright said.

The Golden Panthers offense did score at least 70 points in its first two contests, something last season's squad accomplished just six times in 31 regular season games. The team won the last season's game vs. Florida Memorial 67-41 at the U.S. Century Bank Arena.

Despite various attempts, Thomas was unavailable for comment. His mother suffered a heart attack on Nov. 7, two games before the UNC game. He was questionable to coach the first game, but he has been on the sidelines every game so far this season. Thomas told *The Associated Press* she is doing much better.

## ATTENDANCE INFO

The first 400 students will have access to the lower level, behind the basket seating. All other students will be directed to the upper level seating. Free admittance with student ID. No students will be admitted without their ID or if the ID is invalid. There will be no student guest tickets for basketball.

Gates will open an hour before tip-off, or 30 minutes after the Arena clears for the doubleheaders.



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**BERRY GOOD:** Kendall Berry runs for his first of two touchdowns vs. the North Texas Mean Green defense.

# Team scores 21 unanswered points

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McCall was 12-of-18 for 85 yards and FIU (3-7, Sun Belt 3-4) established a ground game throughout the contest, but game changing takeaways by the FIU defense opened the door for the win.

Trailing by two touchdowns at halftime, the Golden Panthers defense tightened up on a loose first half effort and forced two key turnovers to set up Younger's homecoming heroics.

## TURNOVERS

Deep in their own territory early in the third quarter, North Texas (2-8, 1-6) quarterback Riley Dodge tossed a pass that missed his target and was snatched by Peter Riley and brought back 26 yards for an FIU score. The interception return brought the Golden Panthers to

within one touchdown.

Early in the fourth period, the long arms of FIU tight end Jonathan Faucher blocked a North Texas punt that was returned by running back Trenard Turner 22 yards to the North Texas 16 yard line. After a fourth down conversion at the UNT seven yard line and back-to-back one-yard gains by Kendall Berry on the ground, McCall found T.Y. Hilton in the end zone for a five-yard connection that evened the score at 28.

Younger and the Golden Panthers got the ball back with time to take the lead when UNT receiver Michael Outlaw fumbled at the North Texas 47-yard line.

Beyond the takeaways, FIU's defense had an impressive second half performance.

Dodge, who torched the Golden Panthers for a 38-yard touchdown run on the

third play of the game, was contained more effectively in the second half. In addition, UNT running back and SBC leading rusher Lance Dunbar was stuffed in the second half as well. Dunbar ran for a 42-yard touchdown in the first quarter, but otherwise had just 89 yards on 23 carries, with minimal damage coming after halftime.

Golden Panthers coach Mario Cristobal said his team made adjustments and altered their coverage schemes at the half in order to contain the Mean Green's explosive offense. Linebacker Aaron Davis, who led FIU in tackles for the third straight game with 13, pointed to the defense getting their assignments corrected to halting Dodge.

"Not to take anything away from [Dodge], but it really wasn't anything he did," Davis said of Dodge.

"It was something that we did. The first long run he had I went on a blitz and I was supposed to have the quarterback, but I ended up chasing the dive because it wasn't something we had seen before. We made some mistakes."

## 'OPPORTUNITY'

Although Younger may not be asked to score game-winning touchdowns very often, he is more than willing to embrace the chance when it comes. The speedy Younger did not attempt a pass in the game, but his lone carry was the biggest play of the night.

"Been waiting for it for awhile now," Younger said. "Been running a lot in practice and stuff like that. Our coach finally gave me a shot to run that play and I just took advantage of my opportunity."

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## FOOTBALL: FIU 35, UNT 28

# Football overcomes late deficit

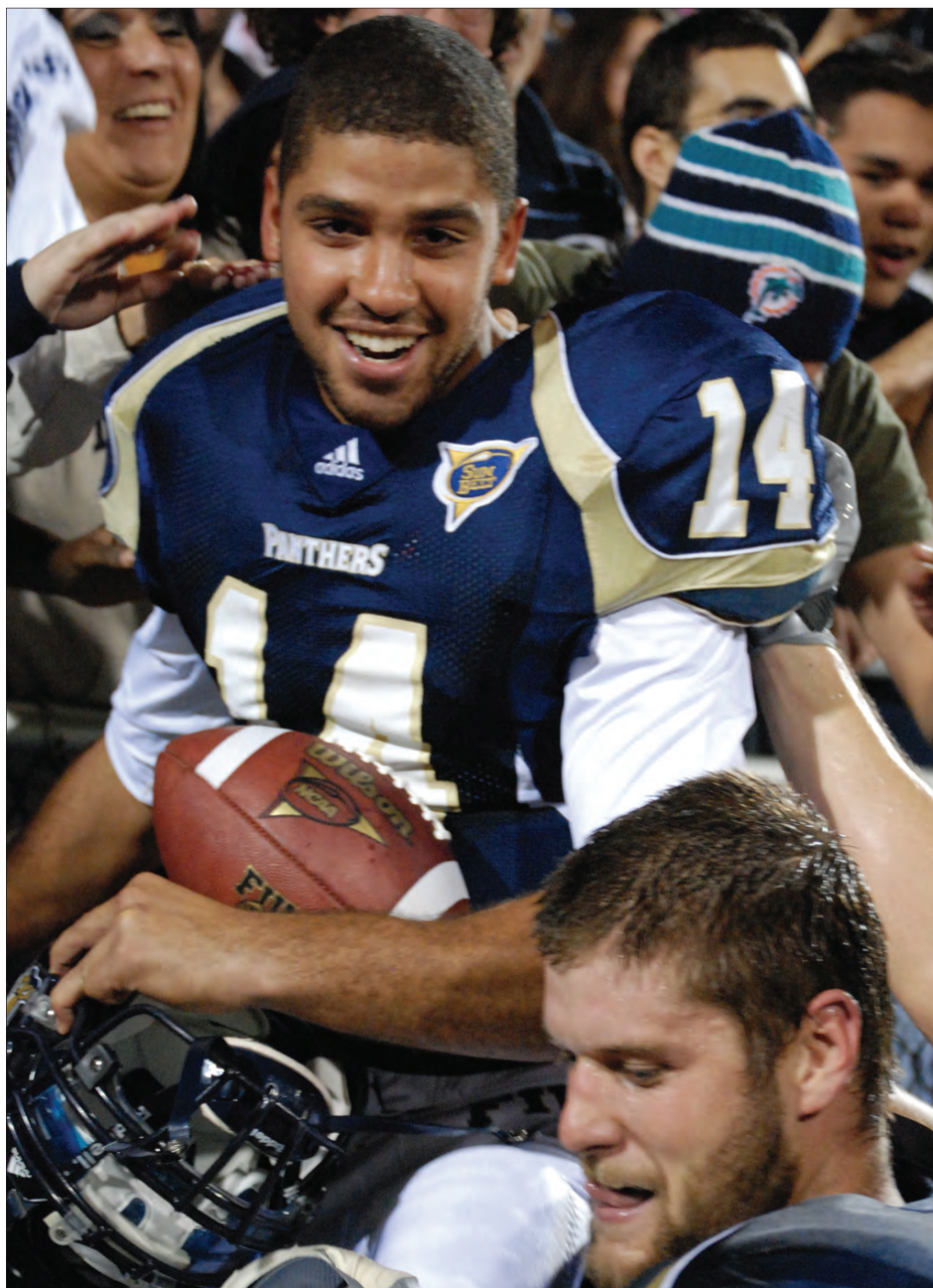
JONATHAN RAMOS  
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Ever since starting 11 games during the 2007 season, Golden Panthers quarterback Wayne Younger hasn't seen the field much as the backup.

"I sit back and just wait for my opportunity and I'm here to do whatever the coaches need me to do," Younger said. "I'm always pretty much ready to do anything they ask me to do."

With roughly five minutes left in a 28-28 tie with North Texas, Younger came in and was asked to convert on a third down with one yard to go for the first. The junior responded with a 23-yard touchdown run that was the difference in the Golden Panthers' 35-28 victory over the Mean Green on Nov. 15 at FIU stadium. Younger burst down the middle of the field untouched and scored right in front of the FIU student section in the east end zone to cap off a run of 21 unanswered FIU points and bring homecoming week to a delightful ending for Golden Panther fans.

"I hate coming out of games but he adds a completely different element to our offense," said starting quarterback Paul McCall. "It's great to see him go out there and have that success and lead us the way he did."



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**YOUNG GUN:** Quarterback Wayne Younger is hoisted by offensive lineman Andy Leavine after the team's 35-28 homecoming victory vs. North Texas on Nov. 14

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Team makes home debut after win

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The Golden Panthers women's basketball team had trouble handling pressure in their first matchup against North Carolina State - they totaled 27 turnovers in the loss.

After combining for a total of 48 in their first two games, Coach Cindy Russo said it is something the team will continue to work on during practice.

"In practice, we pressure each other all of the time," said Russo. "It's something we work on a lot."

Russo's expectations for point guard Michelle Gonzalez are seemingly high this season. The junior, who was a junior college transfer last season, has turned the ball over just three times and has scored a combined 19 points in two games thus far. Gonzalez turned over the ball 5.6 times per game last season.

"She definitely gained a tremendous amount of experience with the role she played last year," Russo said of Gonzalez. "Now we'll reap the benefits because she's a poised point guard."

The Golden Panthers hope to limit turnover and handle pressure more effectively in their home opener against Jacksonville University on Nov. 17 at the U.S. Century Bank Arena. Tip off is set for 5 p.m.

Entering the game, the Golden Panthers have a record of 1-1 after

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women's basketball

opening their season on the road against NC State, a 87-71 loss, and Western Michigan, a 64-61 overtime win.

Probable FIU starters for the home opener include Gonzalez, guards Monika Bosilj and Ashley Traugott, forward Marquita Adley, and center Maja Krajacic.

Bosilj, a senior, was selected as part of the All-Sun Belt Conference second team for her performance last season. As a junior, she tied the school record for three point shots made in a single season with 65 and averaged 14.4 points per game.

Adley has got out to a nice start already this season with two consecutive double-double performances.

The Golden Panthers found their shooting stroke early as they made school history for most three-point shots made in a single game with 13 vs. NC State, snapping the previous record of 11.

Traugott will also look to continue the success she has already displayed this season.

In the road opener against NC State, she tied a school record for three-point shots made in a game with seven and knocked down a career-high 25 points.

Jacksonville, led by Coach Jill Dunn in her sixth year, completed last season with a record of 19-13 in the Atlantic Sun Conference.

Courtney Jackson returns to the team for her senior year as the leading scorer for the Dolphins after averaging 8.3 points per game last season. Jackson also led the team with 40 three-point field goals.

"Courtney is a great competitor," Dunn told judolphins.com. "I think we're going to see a lot more minutes and a lot more point protection out of [her]."

Russo is confident that her team's offensive firepower will pose problems for Jacksonville.

"We will have a greater variety of scoring power from all positions," Russo said. "Opponents are going to have to pick and choose because we have ammunition."

# Redemption comes from Younger's late touchdown

He had been used mostly as a decoy the entire game.

Starting quarterback Paul McCall's injured right elbow meant FIU's offense would be looking for different ways to get yardage as the starter was limited to just 18 passing attempts.

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So Wayne Younger was brought in for about a quarter of FIU's offensive snaps to give the defense a different look, but that look meant mostly handing it off to a running back.

The one time he didn't hand it off, early in the third quarter, the snap hit him in the leg and he had to fall on top of the ball for a loss of six yards on third down, forcing FIU to punt while down by two touchdowns.

It's been a rough ride for Wayne. Coming off the high of being named the starter before the 2007 season, Wayne Younger was put in the unenviable position of quarterbacking one of the worst teams in the country.

He played tough and took a beating in a season that ended with a broken collarbone and Paul McCall's subsequent emergence as the leader of the team following a blowout victory over North Texas. He ended up having to watch his teammates carry McCall off the field after the win against North Texas ended the nation long 23-game losing streak.

He wouldn't start another game until last week at Middle Tennessee, a blowout loss where Younger threw three picks and faced constant pressure, being sacked six times by an overpowering opponent. The Golden Panthers would lose 48-21, dropping his record as a starter to 0-12.

He probably wasn't the last person you'd expect to lift the Golden Panthers to a victory on this night, but he wouldn't be at the top of your list. More than a few fans have been very vocal about their disappointment with his play during his career at FIU.

And yet with five minutes left and the game tied, it was Younger in the game on third down at the North Texas 23-yard line. After everything he'd been through, the coaches trusted Younger with a potentially game-altering snap. Out of the shotgun, Younger faked the handoff right to Kendall Berry, and then took the ball himself.

Younger darted forward into the heart of the FIU offensive line and came out on the other side as FIU's unlikeliest hero, sprinting 23 yards untouched into the end zone to put the Golden Panthers up 35-28, a score that would stand when the clock struck zero.

Younger's redemption was complete when McCall, the senior he lost his job to, and senior left tackle Andy Leavine hoisted the redshirt junior out of Cocoa, Fla. on their shoulders and paraded him in front of what remained of the student section. Reminiscent of the way the team carried McCall off the field after the North Texas win in 2007.

For a player who has had a more than bumpy journey in his four years with the team, that ride on his teammate's shoulders must have been the most gratifying one imaginable.