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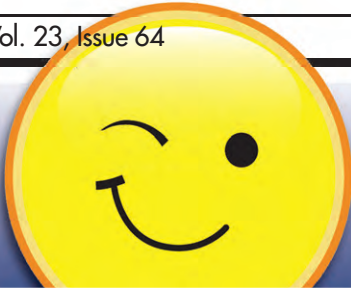
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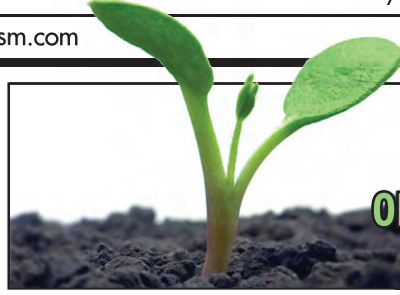
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New Exhibition at the Frost, Feb. 19, 6 - 9 p.m. Have a look at "Taiwan Discovered: In Time And Place," the Frost's latest installment. Exhibition open until May 16.

FIU Baseball, Feb. 19, 7 p.m. Cheer on the Golden Panthers as they take on Maryland in their season opener at the Baseball Stadium.

New Music Miami Concert, Feb. 20, 8 p.m. Presented by FIU Music at the Wertheim Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$5 for students with ID.

—More events can be found in our Monday and Friday issues of Life!.

WEATHER



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Mostly Cloudy
LOW: 54 HIGH: 68



SATURDAY
Mostly Sunny
LOW: 59 HIGH: 74



SUNDAY
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LOW: 65 HIGH: 77

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Games promote alcohol awareness

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News Director

Over 50 housing students gathered in Everglades Lounge to take part in "One Tequila, Two Tequila, Three Tequila, Floor: If You Are Not In Control, Who Is?," an event that promoted alcohol awareness using games and giveaways.

The first-time event was organized by Sierra Montgomery, vice president of operations for the Multicultural Greek Council and was sponsored by MGC and University Health Services.

"The whole purpose of the program is just to raise alcohol awareness ... and have fun," Montgomery said.

Montgomery added that she feels that this topic is very relevant to students in college and thought that the use of games and "fun topics" would be effective in raising awareness.

The One Tequila event utilized games like "alcohol bingo" and a relay race to teach housing students

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LET IT BEGIN

FIU hosts Maryland to open 2010 season

JOEL DELGADO
Asst. Sports Director

Turtle Thomas had a decision to make shortly after the 2009 baseball season came to a close.

FIU was coming off the biggest turnaround season in program history and was looking like a team on the rise.

BASEBALL MARYLAND VS. FIU

- When: Feb. 19-21
- Where: FIU
- Time: 6 p.m., 7 p.m., 12 p.m. (respectively)
- Broadcast: None

In two seasons with Thomas at the helm, the program has gone from a sinking ship yearning for past success to a speedy return to respectability.

And people were beginning to take notice.

About 1,000 miles north of Miami, the University of Maryland had apparently noticed what the 56-year-old coach was doing on Stadium Drive and, believing that he could do for the Terrapins what he was just starting to do at FIU, offered to fly him up last June to interview for the head coaching job.

Thomas declined to interview, deciding to stick with what he has begun building at FIU.

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RHP Scott Rembisz

Energy forum lays out future global initiatives

ELSIE PUIG
Staff Writer

Experts predict improved living standards globally, but concerns arise about whether advances in clean energy technology will be able handle the expected 40 percent increase in global energy demand reported by the International Energy Agency.

On Feb. 5, Scott A. Nauman, senior corporate strategic advisor for ExxonMobil presented "Outlook for Energy: A View to 2030," as part of FIU's Global Energy Security Forum, where he gave a detailed forecast of future global energy demands.

According to the IEA, financing for renewable energy technology is still lagging behind oil, natural gas and coal. Conservation on energy has triggered strong opinions in developing countries like China and India where development is backed by heavy CO2-emitting machinery. The IEA estimates that by 2030, China and India together will represent about 53 percent of incremental energy demand.

"They often say things like, 'You need to reduce your CO2 emissions, the problem is not ours,'" Nauman said. "Chinese are proud men, most of that coal is used to grow their economy; that is an enormous amount of CO2."

Although efficient and affordable technology to make renewable clean energy an attainable alternative has not been thoroughly developed, Nauman expressed optimism for the future.

"I have faith in technology; we underestimate what we can do in 10 years to cut CO2 emissions," he said.

Globally, there are households with flat-screen TVs and air conditioning. But there are still about 1.5 billion people without access to electricity.

"In our own backyard, Haiti has to cut down trees for wood energy," Nauman said.

According to the IEA, excessive use of biomass as an energy source is harmful not only to air quality, but also to people's health.

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Program gives future leaders necessary tools

NICOLAS SARAVIA
Contributing Writer

Last October, business alumni launched FIU Leaders in Practice, an organization with the purpose of giving back to their community through civic service.

FLIP is preparing to give underprivileged high school students the chance of having a career day at FIU. The event will take place March 19, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the special events room in the College of Business Building.

Fifty students from three area high schools will participate in a career day that will focus on financial aid

and career advice. Among the confirmed high schools attending are Coral Gables Senior High School and Miami Southridge Senior High School.

"The participants will develop the skills necessary to grow into the next generation of South Florida's leaders," said FLIP's marketing team member, Olakunle Ekunkonye.

Some of the topics that FLIP proposes to cover during this event are college applications, the cost of living, balancing checkbooks, credit and interview skills. There will also be opportunities for the selected

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Bingo, beer goggles blend festivity with responsibility

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about the importance of drinking responsibly. Alcohol Bingo had housing students place markers on the questions they knew the answers to.

The questions on the play card varied from naming the consequences of a driving under the influence charge to listing the top reasons why people drink.

“[This] seems like a really good program,” said Louis Rodriguez, a junior majoring in public administration, while looking over the alcohol bingo card. He added that he “learned a lot” from the activity.

After the round of bingo, students participated in a relay race that involved activities geared toward simulating inebriation such as playing soda pong and participating in relay races while wearing specially designed “beer goggles” that simulate the blurry vision one experiences while under the influence, which were on loan from UHS.

Sophomore geography major Jessica Weatherspoon described the event as “not typical.”

“It’s really good [and] interesting,” Weatherspoon said, adding that she learned a lot during the game of bingo.

“It went well,” Montgomery said. “I had over 50 people attend which I think is amazing.”

Montgomery plans on organizing this event again and hopes that UHS will play a bigger role in order to make the event bigger.

“I think people learned and had a good time as well,” she added.



PHOTOS BY ESRA ERDOGAN/THE BEACON

TOP: Freshman Christian Williams uses beer goggles to navigate a chair around an obstacle course.

BOTTOM: Students play root beer pong to learn alcohol awareness.

Youth guided to succeed

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high school students to interact with motivational speakers, as well as a question-and-answer forum.

“It is a great experience to work with high school students because we are giving back to young people. It gives a good feeling to guide them toward a better future,” Ekunkonye added.

This project has been inspired by the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce’s Leadership program, which teaches the business community leadership skills regarding civic service. Officially recognized by the College of Business Administration, FLIP has a total of 15 members. Although aimed at business alumni, the group is open to graduate and undergraduate students who wish to

participate.

“I joined FLIP because I have always enjoyed being part of something that makes a difference,” said Diana Cruz, College of Business alumna.

The group is subdivided into teams regarding duty areas, such as marketing and fundraising, which allow members to focus on specific tasks, as well as collaborating with other areas that need support.

FLIP usually holds sessions on weekends, in which speakers share their experiences as leaders of their community. FLIP is funded through donations, which can be made through the group’s Facebook page.

“After graduating from FIU, I wanted to stay connected and participate actively with the school, and FLIP was the perfect opportunity,” Cruz said.

ARC continues efforts to find alternative fuels

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At FIU’s Applied Research Center, ongoing research efforts have yielded contributions in the areas of technology development for converting biomass to fuels and power, algae fuels and deployment of renewable energy systems in Latin America. George Philippidis, energy director at

ARC, believes that FIU should be doing more to fund research in renewable energy technology.

“Energy is a top priority for the country and the University should align itself with the rest of the country. It is under-utilizing resources and the expertise available,” Philippidis said.

Even though the solar rebate is not an option for

households in Florida, federal government incentives are still available for institutions to install solar panels and water heating equipment. Philippidis urges FIU to write a proposal asking for a government subsidy.

“We have the opportunity to put a proposal together for installing renewable energy systems,” said Philippidis. “Other schools are doing it; we have a good track record and expert staff and faculty.”

Renewable energy, like solar panels and wind turbines, remain small-scale luxury projects where few are willing to venture. However, Philippidis ensures that there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

“The cost of getting electricity from wind is becoming as cost competitive as coal. If wind can make it, then solar and other biofuels can do it too,” he said.

Albert Razon, a graduate student in business administration and market analyst for the solar division of Premium Services, said the recession has been hurting companies like his, which depend on government incentives to “go green.”

“Getting electricity out of the sun is expensive, the technology has not caught on,” Razon said. “The government needs to put more incentives for households.”

Nauman believes that making clean energy technology accessible and affordable is a long-term goal, but according to him it won’t be happening anytime soon.

“The current administration is faced with enormous challenges; we want an energy policy to do everything we want, we want to continue to grow [the] economy with minimal damage to the environment,” Nauman said.

NEWS FLASH

FIU

SGC-MMC senator announces resignation

Student Government Council at Modesto Maidique Campus Senator at Large Yuniel Molina has announced that he is resigning from his position.

“Throughout my tenure as a senator, I’ve grown both professionally and personally and I have worked every single day to assure that the voices of my constituents are heard, and for this reason it pains me to resign,” wrote Molina, in a statement to the Student Government Council.

Molina cited a family emergency as his reason for resigning.

The resignation is effective as of Feb. 15.

– Compiled by Gabriel Arrarás

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SGC-BBC

Council approves OrgSync funding, card reader denied

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BBC Managing Editor

During the Biscayne Bay Campus Student Government Senate meeting held on Feb. 17, the council was finally able to take their stance on two previously proposed appropriations and extend the bounds of debate in the issue of proxy voting.

The council passed a motion regarding an appropriations request submitted by the Student Organizations Council for \$1000 to go toward the purchasing of OrgSync software for the use of BBC clubs and organizations. This matter was first brought up during the Feb. 8 and Feb. 15 senate meetings by Lower Division Senator Zahra Arbabi aski. However, the council failed to make quorum on both days and therefore could not vote.

Although the University-wide Budget Committee is to ultimately decide the allocation of funds for this software on March 1, SOC needed the funding beforehand since the deadline to purchase OrgSync software is also on March 1.

After giving the chair to SGC-BBC Comptroller Robert Chung, SGC-BBC President Sholom Neistein expressed his reservations to fund SOC.

"I think that \$1000 is quite excessive for OrgSync to be used for just three months," said Neistein.

He further cited that this was a University-wide initiative that is to be discussed on Feb. 19 during their deliberations meeting.

However, Honors College Senator Andrea Cruz pointed out a flaw in Neistein's argument.

"I think you may have misunderstood. It's not that we are paying \$1000 for three months," said Cruz. "If [SOC] misses that deadline, they are not going to have [OrgSync] for a whole year... If we wait until the U-wide makes the decision there is no purpose."

Although Neistein suggested that the request be tabled until Friday's deliberations, SGA Advisor Rafael Zapata objected.

According to Zapata, this one-time fee will help the University catch up to OrgSync's cycle. Furthermore, SGA will be able to use the technology.

"[OrgSync's] cycle is different

than ours, unfortunately," said Zapata. "That is why they are requesting the extra money now."

The motion passed with seven in favor and zero opposed. Even so, Neistein was less than enthusiastic.

"I will sign it with some protest," Neistein said.

The council's generosity only went so far. The appropriations request for \$1007.83 toward a card reader from the Campus Life and Orientation Marketing Department was unanimously denied.

When Zapata expressed concern at the lack of discussion, Arbabi aski pointed out that the matter was previously discussed at the senate meeting held on Feb. 15. Even so, she offered an explanation as to why the request was denied.

After explaining Campus Life had a card reader that was stolen earlier this year, Arbabi aski noted that the replacement of this machine is ultimately their responsibility to replace.

"Campus Life does have their own budget, which means they can use that budget to purchase [a card reader]," she said. "[The senate] all felt that this is not something the students should be paying for."

Arbabi aski also pointed out that she had not seen the card reader that Campus Life once had in their possession being used for SGA events, citing that it was mostly reserved for Late Day Latte and SOC and SPC events.

Neistein agreed, adding that this is not the first time SGA has funded a card reader for Campus Life. Zapata confirmed this, stating that this particular card reader was "lost"—or, at least that is what the council was told.

According to Neistein, the card reader that SGC-BBC funded in the past was held in the marketing department when it was not in use, whose doors automatically lock. Furthermore, the only people who had access to the key were Zapata and members of the marketing department.

"I would love to meet the robbers who stole it, because that would be pretty clandestine to just go in there without opening the door," Neistein said.

Neistein praised the council on being "judicious and conscious" in ultimately deciding to reject the motion.

TELL ME ABOUT YOURSELF



RODRIGO ZAMITH/THE BEACON

Miami-Dade Aviation Department construction supervisor Alex Montalvo leads a mock interview of an FIU student on Feb. 16. Montalvo was participating in the Practice Interview Program, hosted by the Career Services Office, in which employers hold mock interviews with students and provide feedback on their performance.

WEEKENDS WITH PARADISE

Lonely breakfast leads to bland food, reliable standby

This is going to make me sound so pathetic, but I find myself eating alone a lot. It is not because of my lack of friends down in Miami. I am just always on the run.

For some reason, the only meal that is totally socially acceptable to eat alone is breakfast. I guess people figure you do not want to be spoken to in the morning so breakfast is a throw-away meal.

So I went on a mission to find places that I could eat alone without being judged by anyone around me.

Sometimes I am uber-busy in the morning and need a place to sit while I eat. By mistake, I went to this horrid place called Sara's Kosher Restaurant on 2214 NE 123rd St., Miami.

I honestly thought this place was going to be a nice Jewish diner. They even have a sign on the door that says "Shalom ya'll"

and the menu contains charming names of their specials.

For example, they have the *aba* special (which means "dad" in Hebrew) which is three eggs, potato or salad, coffee and a bagel for \$4.27, tax included.

What I got, however, was not what I expected.

The eggs, which I ordered scrambled, had no flavor to them; they were also a little burnt on the sides. As for the bagel, it did not come with cream cheese. I am sorry bagels are not meant to be had with strawberry jam or butter. Then again, my coffee tasted like water and my home fries failed to come with my meal, so a lack of cream cheese is expected.

I would be disappointed if any of my readers step foot in there.

Most days, my lonely breakfast means a stop at Vicky's Bakery, 948 Weston Road, Weston. They have locations throughout Miami-

Dade and Broward, but this location is closest to me.

This is a great place to grab a cup of coffee, or *café con leche* depending how you pronounce it, and a pastry. A small cup of coffee will run you \$1.70 and a spinach croqueta is \$0.65 more.

I love stopping by here and eating my food in the car on my way to school. The croqueta always makes me smile with its creamy center. Since I am convinced that Cuban coffee is God's gift to the world, I love how their coffee is actually strong enough to wake me up with just one sip.

Breakfast should be relaxing, not bland. So forget the "daddy special" and go for Cuban in the morning. You will thank me when lunch rolls around and you are still wired from coffee.

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GETTING SCHOOLED

Minority students receive benefits from Wal-Mart

I have never liked Wal-Mart. The side of me that wants to remain a progressive, happy liberal has always made it a point to remind me that Wal-Mart is evil.

Every time I'm dragged to Wal-Mart to catch some sale with family, I remind myself that it is an awful company with awful business practices.

After all, *KnowMore.org*, a Web site dedicated to investigating companies and raising awareness of corporate abuse, urges its users to boycott Wal-Mart, citing areas of concern around "worker rights, human rights... and business ethics."

One critical facet of this concern revolves around the inability for Wal-Mart employees to unionize.

But now I find out that Wal-Mart may not be as evil as it seems.

The Chronicle of Higher Education revealed that The Wal-Mart Foundation would award 30 grants to the Council of Independent Colleges to benefit minority first-generation students.

Margaret McKenna, the Wal-Mart Foundation's president, said, "Our goal was to encourage schools to do what they thought made sense."

That being to help more students

graduate, especially those who have been consistently underserved by higher education.

The Chronicle noted that numerous studies from the Higher Education Research Institute and the U.S. Education Department "have found that first-generation students are much less likely to graduate," and generally perform worse than their peers whose parents have degrees.

Wal-Mart's awards to the CIC are funneled into grants to institutions that primarily serve minorities.

It gave \$4.2 million to the Institute of Higher Education Policy, which led to the creation of 15 grants last year.

Fifteen more grants will be announced in February, all of which will amount to \$100,000, except for 10 of the next CIC grants (which will equal \$5,000).

In addition to the grants to the IHEP, Wal-Mart granted over a million dollars to the Excelencia in Education's "Growing What Works" program, an initiative "designed to replicate programs that effectively increase Latino student success."

For a company whose market capitalization is over \$221 billion as

of September 2004, it is nice to see that the big guy is helping the little guy, and it's certainly refreshing to see Wal-Mart in good press.

What is perplexing, however, is Wal-Mart's limitation of its funds to small, private colleges, particularly with its funding to the CIC.

While I can see it is channeling its money into institutions concentrating primarily on minorities, it is obvious that these are not the only schools with large minority populations.

The CIC is comprised of more than 600 independent colleges, yet only 30 of those qualify for Wal-Mart's awards.

The criteria for selection, according to the CIC's Web site, includes that participating institutions must have an enrollment of at least 30 percent of first-generation students.

But what is a "first-generation" student?

The most common definition of one notes that neither parent possesses neither a bachelor's nor an associate degree. Additionally, diplomas from other countries are also considered, but vary by college.

Regardless of what exactly a first-generation student is, Wal-Mart should open their pockets just a smidgen more – millions of dollars,

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IRIS FEBRES

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PROBLEM:
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OUT, GUYS!



to them, is essentially pocket change – and open their recipient pool to additional institutions.

Wal-Mart's scholarship and grants

program must be expanded, though this may certainly limit public institutions like FIU, which receive funds already from their respective states.

Palin can resurge as politician through Tea Party

DEAN WILLIAMS Staff Writer

Politics in the United States are known to be quite polarizing.

To spectators everywhere, it may seem as though bipartisanship and plurality are elements of society that will never come to fruition.

Despite this, there are instances in which the ideologies of various political factions intersect.

Former Alaska governor and vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin is currently known as one of the most polarizing figures in American politics.

But I would like to believe that she has the ability to bridge this gap, just maybe not as a Republican.

Her ability to garner media attention can be used to provide support for her political career.

Among her accomplishments, she has become a best-selling author.

Going Rogue: An American Life

sold 1 million copies in its first two weeks, and garnered best-seller rankings comparable to the memoirs of Bill Clinton, Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama.

Palin also provides political commentary as a repeat guest on the Fox News Channel.

Sarah PAC, established Jan. 27, 2009, supports candidates for federal and state office whose beliefs and practices benefit the country – regardless of political affiliation.

As an accomplished speaker, Palin was the keynote speaker at the Tea Party Convention on Feb. 6 in Las Vegas.

The original [Boston] Tea Party was organized in response to the Tea Act of 1773 passed by British Parliament.

At the time, the United States was a British colony, and colonists opposed the Tea Act because they believed that it imposed "taxation without representation."

On Dec. 16, 1773, The Tea Party protested by boarding British ships and dumping the tea overboard into the Boston Harbor.

More recently, the Tea Party "re-organized" as a political movement to respond to the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 and the American Recovery and Investment Act of 2009.

Those involved regard these acts as wasteful government spending.

The Tea Party facilitates national protests held on April 15 for Tax Day, July 4 for Independence Day and Sept. 11, to commemorate the memory of victims of the 9/11 attacks.

As its primary public policy stance, the Tea Party opposes increases in national debt and taxes.

A Rasmussen poll administered on Dec. 7 found that 41 percent of Americans have a favorable view of the Tea Party movement.

The same poll constructed a hypo-

thetical situation to test the feasibility of an official Tea Party candidate.

A vote would solely be decided along party lines, among Democrats, Republicans, or Tea Party.

Surprisingly, 36 percent of Americans would vote for a Democrat, 23 percent for Tea Party, and 18 percent for a Republican.

This demonstrates that the Tea Party has a real chance to compete as a third party, and might even have a slight edge over Republicans.

A poll administered by the Washington Post/ABC News conducted on Feb. 11 finds Palin to have a 37 percent approval rating and a 55 percent disapproval rating.

Overall, 71 percent of Americans find her unqualified to run for president.

Some might conclude that Sarah Palin's future does not seem likely to include holding a position in a political office of any sort. However, I disagree.

The reason Americans do not see Palin as an influential political figure stems from her stand on social issues rather than political.

If she were to align herself with the Tea Party, it becomes apparent that her main concern as a candidate would be public policy, especially in concern to fiscal responsibility.

More pointedly, these speaking engagements have given her a reasonable platform upon which to continue to discuss her concerns about energy independence.

The recent alliance benefits the Tea Party tremendously. Sarah Palin attracts attention; she has a talent for energizing the conservative base as well as attracting media coverage.

Although this may not be bi-partisanship and political plurality in the theoretical sense, any attention that the Tea Party can garner will highlight its opposition to increases in the national debt and taxes and will eventually lead to reform.

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WINNER/LOSER



NASA. After several years of work, a new seven panelled window was installed on the International Space Station on Wednesday. The center window is the largest ever installed on a spacecraft and offers a view of the entire Earth from the orbiting craft.



Toyota. Again. Not only do their brakes not function, but reports claim that steering the Corolla is difficult and a potential risk. Meanwhile, owner Akio Toyota has stated he will not attend congressional hearings in Washington next week about the failures.

QUOTATIONATION

"It wants to wander all the time. You could have a wreck with it if you don't keep your eyes on the road."

Jerry Josefy,
on driving his 2009 Corolla

MODERN CLASSICS

Film depicts raw brutality behind war

Finally got around to watching Jean Luc Godard's *Pierot Le Fou* during a quiet Valentine's Day.

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DAVID BARRIOS

Intrigued by Fuller's profession, he asks the filmmaker about his feelings on film.

Fuller is succinct: "Film is like a battleground. There's love, hate, action, violence, death ... in one word: emotion."

Fuller's films are gritty, hard-bitten and shameless, yet utterly authentic to life. No other film exemplifies his style more than *The Big Red One*, a semi-autobiographical account of his experiences in Europe with the First Infantry Division during World War II.

Take for instance a scene in the film where a soldier triggers a Bouncing Betty land mine. Lee Marvin, the sergeant of the squad, examines the soldier and tells him he'll live. This particular land mine wasn't designed to kill him but to castrate him.

The soldier is undoubtedly frightened at the chance of losing his manhood. Marvin, the grizzled tired veteran who's seen it all, picks up a piece of flesh and says, "Here. I've found it."

Those are the moments that stick in my mind most deeply when I watch this film.

The film follows Marvin and his squad of young American soldiers; Zab (Robert Carradine), Griff (Mark Hamill), Vinci (Bobby Di Cicco) and Johnson (Kelly Ward). They travel through North Africa and Sicily without getting killed and are soon known as the "Four Horsemen."

The further the film goes, the more absurd the war becomes; squad patrols through Italian countrysides in search of snipers, falling asleep to the sounds of German radio star Axis Sally telling the Americans to surrender or die.

Zab, an aspiring writer based partially on Fuller, serves as the narrator and notes the irony of how to find a sniper: "You know how you smoke out a sniper? You send a guy out in the open and you see if he gets shot. They thought that one up at West Point."

Truth is what Fuller is after in this film and he comes far closer to it than Spielberg did in 1998 with *Saving Private Ryan*. In that film, following an incredible reenactment of the

GREEN THUMB

Club's organic mantra offers an easy way to make healthy choices



JANET CAREAGA Staff Writer

The Garden Club is a student organization on campus that focuses on growing organic produce at FIU and raising awareness about the food choices that people make.

The organization, also known as MANRRS (Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences), is open to the entire FIU community and represented by a diverse group of students, faculty and staff.

MANRRS hosts workshops that cover various gardening and food topics. They also take field trips to local farms to have a better understanding of what is going on in South Florida agriculture.

The FIU Garden is located between the Baseball Stadium and the nature preserve at the Modesto Maidique Campus and is maintained mainly by members of the Garden Club.

"I first joined the Garden Club because there is nothing like going out and picking your food fresh from where it is grown. I feel like growing your own food is a tremendously rewarding experience that everyone should enjoy," said Ian Wogan, president of MANRRS.

The Garden Club also hosts the local Organic Farmers Market on campus. They sell produce from local organic farms in the Homestead/Redlands area.

"One of my professors had mentioned the Organic Farmers Market before and he said those are the freshest type of vegetables," said Estrella Morejon, a senior journalism student.

They also have a local soap maker, a local bread maker, a local honey producer and local baked goods.

Other student organizations like the Yoga Club, Vegetarian Club and Students for Environmental Action sell fresh sandwiches, wraps, smoothies and fruit tarts.



PHOTOS BY MEGAN KELLEY/THE BEACON

Junior Jake Kruger (left), senior Jessica Okaty (center) and junior Braian Tome (right), work on a supporting trellis for tomatoes on Feb. 12. The Garden is located between the Baseball Stadium and the Nature Preserve.

The Organic Farmers Market is held from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. every Wednesday.

They are located right next to the fountain between the Graham Center and Deuxieme Maison.

There is plenty to get involved in with the Garden Club other than the farmers market.

Some of their upcoming projects include the beautification of the garden, a fruit tree and seed-sprouting workshop, planting for spring, field trips to local farms and a workshop on how to create a "market garden."

"I think it is important for other students to be involved with the Garden Club because it is a great way for people to learn to grow their own food," Wogan said. "Not only can you learn to grow amazing food, but we make sure to have a good time together."

FISTFULS OF TECH

To survive, Apple iPad must forge its own market

The iPad is currently floating in purgatory between the iPhone and the Macbook. It is a device without a market, but it doesn't have to be that way.

COLUMNIST



JORGE VALENS

Steve Jobs released the long-awaited iPad on Jan. 27 to a crowd of anxious tech journalists and a loyal customer base where he succeeded in disappointing each of them. Well, all except for *The Wall Street Journal's* Walt Mossberg – his man crush on Jobs prevents him from hating anything Apple.

It's no secret that this device has a massive identity crisis. This is evidenced by its gorgeous, 9-inch multi-touch screen and an awkward dock with a real life keyboard welded to it. Is it an iPhone? Is it a Macbook? It's neither.

However, my column this week isn't about the iPad's pitfalls, it is about the iPad's potential.

Underneath its rushed, iPhone derived software and its ambiguous purpose lies a computing platform that is not only extremely powerful but also limitless in its potential.

The iPad's biggest hurdle, its Achilles' heel, is ironically the same problem the iPhone has: it's a closed environment.

An unfettered iPad with no limits; multi-tasking and full Web support including Adobe Flash, would make this thing a very powerful contender in mobile computing, worthy of its lofty price point.

Not allowing multi-tasking and Flash on the iPhone, though crappy, is a little more defensible than on the iPad. These features take a toll on resources and battery life, and on a phone can be a bit problematic.

However, the iPad can do this. It has Apple's new A4 processor, a "system on a chip" processor than can handle large, demanding workloads while still maintaining good performance and a 10-hour battery life.

The iPad can achieve what the iPhone cannot. It can be an unstoppable computing platform, one that could propel multi-touch technology and make it more mainstream than ever.

Imagine a multi-tasking, flash-equipped iPad carried around by doctors at a hospital.

Him or her quickly walking around, going from patient to patient using it to manage and view their charts, prescribe medications and even view CT Scans or MRI results in real time.

Another place where an iPad would flourish would be in the classroom. An iPad in the hands of students in a classroom, completing assignments and e-

Quick Picks

MOVIES



Valentine's Day
 34/100
 16/100
 "It's a romantic piffle stuffed with so much candy that your skin could break out."

Rex Reed
New York Observer

Videocracy
 60/100
 71/100



"Morbidly fascinating Swedish doc about Berlusconi's Italy hits the mark."

Deborah Young
The Hollywood Reporter

GAMES

Bioshock 2
 Multi
 89/100
 9.1/10



"It's a game in which story, setting, and gameplay are expertly blended to create an experience that's as thought-provoking as it is entertaining."

Charles Onyett - *ign*

Alien Vs. Predator
 Xbox 360

68/100 7.0/10

"Its atmosphere, concept and overall proposal are of great quality, but it fails in some little things, and sometimes those little things are very important."

Daniel Escandell *Vandal Online*

MUSIC

Soldier of Love
 by Sade

77/100 7.0/10

"Soldier is sumptuously melancholy, exquisitely beautiful R&B, perfect for crying on a very expensive sofa."

Rob Sheffield
Rolling Stone

LEGEND

- Rottentomatoes.com
- ign.com
- Pitchfork Magazine
- Metacritic.com

Apple currently holding back iPad's potential

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mailing them to their professor, or reading Internet-fused textbooks, is quite a sight.

I have written ad nauseum about how Apple is holding back the iPhone's growth with its closed platform.

Though ruling the iPhone with an iron fist has had its ups and downs, it's at least somewhat justifiable.

The iPad however is something totally

different.

In the end, there is absolutely no excuse to not allow this thing to do anything and everything it can, and with the specifications it has, that's a lot.

Apple is a company that is on a roll, posting record profits by delivering devices and products that really set trends and propel technology forward.

But for the iPad to be a true success,

and not a complete bomb like the Apple TV, Apple needs to take a page from its successful line of computers and operating systems.

Open the iPad platform, let the developers be free to create without restrictions, and just sit back and watch.

Fistfuls of Tech is a weekly tech column. Look for it every Friday.

Fuller's epic typifies a raw, emotionless war

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assault on Omaha Beach, a squad of soldiers is sent to find and retrieve a soldier whose other brothers had died in the conflict.

The entire premise could have been shrunk and made into another one of the many episodes that pepper this film.

Both films are great in their own way. Spielberg set out to make a tribute to veterans as a paean to their sacrifices. His attention to detail and budget gave him a much more accurate film in terms of set-pieces and props.

He finds his truth in filming the massacre on the beaches of Normandy, which is in itself a highly effective sequence.

But at the end of the film, the flag still waves and America is a better nation for it.

Fuller doesn't care, nor do his protagonists. They do what they do because they have to.

There is no central story arc or climactic battle sequence. Much of the film involves marching and downtime. The soldiers feel like they're the only squad in the U.S. Army. Little flourishes – a young girl who adorns Marvin's helmet with flowers, or attacking an asylum occupied by Germans and patients – add character.

Spielberg was concerned with making an anti-war movie. Fuller was busy making a true-to-war film; people die, people live, people change, people gripe.

Replacements fill the squad and the Four Horsemen don't care. The squad members are all just a dime-a-dozen. One dies, another comes in. They don't care because they'll soon be gone. The truth just hurts too much. If they cry in combat, it's not because their friend got killed but because they could be next.



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Lee Marvin (front) stars in Sam Fuller's war epic, *The Big Red One*, as sergeant of an American squad in World War II.

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THIS WEEKEND

FRIDAY, FEB. 19

NEW EXHIBITION AT THE FROST



Enjoy "Taiwan Discovered: In Place and Time." Exhibition runs until May 16.

WHEN: 6 - 9 p.m. (Opening Reception)
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: Patricia and Philip Frost Art Museum

WORKDAY IN THE GARDEN



Join the Garden Club in tending the organic garden.
 WHEN: 1 p.m.
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: FIU Garden (between Baseball Stadium and nature preserve)

FIU BASEBALL

Cheer on the Golden Panthers in their first game of the season vs. Maryland.

WHEN: 7 p.m.
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: Baseball Stadium

LAW ABIDING CITIZEN



SPC-MMC presents Friday night movies.
 WHEN: 5 and 8 p.m.
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: GC 140

FIU SOFTBALL

Vs. Long Island University and Bethune Cookman.

WHEN: 4 and 6 p.m. respectively
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: Softball Fields

SATURDAY, FEB. 20

FIU BASEBALL



Golden Panthers take on Maryland.
 WHEN: 6 p.m.
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: Baseball Stadium

FIU SOFTBALL

Vs. Long Island University and Bethune Cookman.

WHEN: 4 and 6 p.m. respectively
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: Softball Field

UNA CHARLA CON SERGIO RAMIREZ

Meet and learn more about the Nicaraguan writer. Event is in Spanish.

WHEN: 5 p.m.
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: Books & Books in Coral Gables
 265 Aragon Ave.

"BAD ROMANCE"

Identify abusive behaviors, how to be safe, resources, and more.

WHEN: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: UHSC 230
 RSVP required: 305-348-1215

NEW MUSIC MIAMI CONCERT



Winds and NODUS Concert by FIU Music.

WHEN: 8 p.m.
 HOW MUCH: \$5 students, \$10 faculty, \$15 general
 WHERE: Wertheim Performing Arts Center

SUNDAY, FEB. 21

FIU SOFTBALL



Vs. Wisconsin and Florida Gulf Coast.

WHEN: 11 a.m. - Wisconsin
 3 p.m. - FGCU
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: Softball Field

CONCERTO COMPETITION CONCERT



Presented by FIU Music.
 WHEN: 7:30 p.m.
 HOW MUCH: \$10 students, \$15 faculty, \$25 general
 WHERE: Wertheim Performing Arts Center

WALK NOW FOR AUTISM SPEAKS

Make a difference and help fund autism research!

WHEN: Registration: 8 a.m. Walk starts at 10 a.m.
 HOW MUCH: Registration is free, however, each walker is encouraged to raise as much as possible
 WHERE: Crandon Park Key Biscayne
walk.autismspeaks.org

FIU BASEBALL VS. MARYLAND

WHEN: 12 p.m.
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: Baseball Stadium

Sudoku answers from 1/15

6	3	9	7	1	5	8	4	2
1	4	5	3	2	8	7	9	6
8	7	2	6	4	9	3	5	1
5	8	1	9	7	6	2	3	4
7	6	4	5	3	2	1	8	9
9	2	3	1	8	4	5	6	7
4	5	7	8	9	1	6	2	3
3	9	8	2	6	7	4	1	5
2	1	6	4	5	3	9	7	8

Puzzle by websudoku.com

Thanks for playing!

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Golden Panthers, Thomas anxious to start season

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Roughly eight months later, the Terrapins will be escaping frigid conditions for a three-game series from Feb. 19-21 to find out firsthand exactly what Thomas has done and continues to do at FIU.

"Most northern teams like to come down and play in the warm weather early, so I thought it was a good situation to be in," said Thomas. "And I know [Coach Bakich] who I respect very much so it looked like two and two just added up to be four."

Maryland, led by the first year coach Eric Bakich, is a team looking to rebuild, but is predicted by experts to finish at or near the bottom of the ACC Atlantic Division in 2010 in what should be a transitional year for the program.

Last season, the Terps finished 27-27 and struggled in the conference play with a record of 10-20. They struggled in the pitching department with a 5.93 ERA. FIU will likely face there two top returning starters, Brett Harmon and Matt Fullerton, over the course of the series.

At the plate, the team hit a paltry .281 as a team and coming into the new season losing three of their top four hitters. Their top hitter from 2009, David Poutier, remains the biggest threat for the FIU pitching staff.

But for the most part, it is hard for FIU to predict what to expect from a team that is expected to lean heavily on its new players to

deliver right away.

"They have a number of new players and some returning pitchers that pitched a fairly good amount for them," said Thomas on what to expect from the new-look Terrapins. "[Maryland's home field] College Park is one of the shortest fields in the ACC so I'm sure they're going to recruit some power guys that can hit home runs as well."

Scott Rembisz is expected to start on opening night, looking to give the Panthers a victory to set up the rest of the weekend and get his senior season started on a positive note.

"I'm excited and ready to go," said Rembisz. "It's always good to get started off the right way. Every Friday night win makes the rest of the weekend much easier for the team."

The Panthers expect to start R.J. Fondon and Corey Polizzano for the last two games of the series.

The FIU lineup is still anything but certain, however, as key position battles remain unsettled as the team practiced throughout the week preparing for the opening series. Thomas expects a rotation of Doug Joyce, Sean Reilly and Miami-Dade transfer Jose Behar at catcher early on in the season while there is still uncertainty as to who will emerge as FIU's starting left fielder.

"We got three or four candidates in left field," said Thomas. "Nobody has stepped up to win the job, but nobody has stepped down, either. They're all going to get a chance to play."



VICTORIA LYNCH/THE BEACON

Coach Turtle Thomas [left] prepares his team for the season opener against Maryland on Feb. 19. Thomas turned down interest from Maryland to become their coach last year.

Mansare shines in victory

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"I didn't have any worries," said Carey. "I knew we were going to win. We held our own and even when they had lots of push to go ahead we just played good defense, settled down, and did what we needed to do."

The Golden Panthers finished off the game with an 8-1 lead to take the win by 17 points.

FIU (14-13, 9-7) shot 48 percent from the field on the night while FAU (13-12, 9-6) was held to a 30.4 percent effort. The Golden Panthers also held an advantage from the free-throw line as they knocked down 8-of-9 shots compared to 6-of-10 for the Owls.

"I'm impressed because we are really playing like a team," said Miloglav. "It's amazing to be a part of this team."

With the victory, the Golden Panthers increased their current win streak to six and with just two games remaining against the two top teams in the Sun Belt Conference, Middle Tennessee and Western Kentucky, some seem confident that the Golden

Panthers can continue to turn heads.

"We just have to keep pushing," said Carey. "We're capable of doing it."

"We have players that can be the best in the conference," said

Gonzalez. "I think at the beginning of the season we knew we were good but we weren't playing together. We're going to win if we're laying as a team, and that's what we're doing now."



ALEX GARCIA/THE BEACON

Freshman Carmen Miloglav scored 11 points and totaled six rebounds in the Golden Panthers' 59-42 victory.

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FIU 59, FAU 42

SENSATIONAL SIX

FIU sweeps season series against Owls

STEPHANIE GABRIEL
Asst. Sports Director

The Owls never soared on Wednesday night at the U.S. Century Bank Arena in Miami.

In fact, from the moment the Golden Panthers started clawing, Florida Atlantic seemed flightless.

Four Golden Panthers, however, were able to get off the ground and score double-figures to lead the FIU women's basketball team to a 59-42 victory.

Freshman Finda Mansare led the attack with a game-high 20 points and grabbed nine rebounds while junior Elisa Carey was also productive in the frontcourt with her eighth double-double of the year – 12 points and 11 rebounds.

The backcourt also shined for the Golden Panthers as guard Michelle Gonzalez and Carmen Miloglav both knocked down 11 points.

"I feel like we just pushed through and there was a point in the game where [the Owls] became intimidated," said Carey.

Intimidation for the Owls may have struck earlier this season when the Golden Panthers defeated them at FAU in overtime just last month. Gonzalez scored all of FIU's 10 points in the extra time to lead her team to the victory.

This time around was completely different as FIU was able to close out the first half with a 15 point lead and then go up by as much as 22 in the second period.

"We didn't play their game, which is up and down, up and down, score, and score. Ours is half court; take your time and then score," said Carey. "We played our game."

The closest FAU ever came in the second half was eleven points after Carla Stubbs knocked down a three followed by a layup by Brittany Bowe with 3:47 remaining.



REBECCA VILAFANE/THE BEACON

Elisa Carey [center] puts up a shot against arch rival Florida Atlantic on Feb. 17. Carey had her eighth double-double of the season with 12 points and 11 rebounds.

At that moment, the last matchup between the teams probably crossed a lot of the players' minds while some remained confident.

"It crossed my mind maybe the last five minutes," said Gonzalez.

The junior's thoughts were of last month's game when FAU rallied back from a 15-point deficit in the final minutes against FIU to force overtime.

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BOXSCORE

	FIU	FAU
Field Goals	24-50	17-56
3-Point Field Goals	3-13	2-13
FG percentage	.480	.304
3-point FG percentage	.231	.154
Rebounds	32	39
Blocks	6	0
Assists	13	10
Turnovers	21	22

TRACK & FIELD

Team shines with strong showing at GVSU meet

TOM DEAN
Contributing Writer

The FIU Track and Field Team is in top form just in time for the SBC Championships that will take place this weekend in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

The GVSU big meet in Grand Rapids, MI. on Feb. 12 saw the Golden Panthers take further strides into becoming a force in the Sun Belt. Freshman Victor Chin turned in a very strong performance with a second-place finish in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.88 to break the freshman school record.

On the women's side, Benia Gregoire's mark of 50 feet in the weight throw was good enough to put her second all-time in the event.

"Slowly but surely we're moving to the place that we want to be going into the conference meet," said coach Eric Campbell regarding his team's progression. "I'm really proud of where we are going into the championships. I'm excited to see how both teams will perform."

T'Keyah Dumoy bested her time from last week's school-record breaking day by a freshman in the 60m dash, getting a 7.64 for a fourth place finish. Lakeisha Kelley also posted a time (7.79) that ranks among the top five performances in school history by freshmen.

The emergence of a young and hungry freshman class has propelled the Golden Panthers.

Freshman like Andrew Mattox and Dennison Long have consistently improved as the season has passed, with the team peaking at GVSU. Throughout the season, starting with the Jimmy Carnes Classic, the team has slowly progressed into top form, and take that momentum into Conference. The team is hoping to come out with a solid finish, yet has the talent to do much more than just finish in a solid position.

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL: FRATERNITY

Blowouts, uneven play highlight fraternity rivalries

BRIAN AYALA
Contributing Writer

For the first time in the Fraternity intramural basketball season this year a game ended in a tie, and Beta Theta Pi forfeited their game against first place Pi Kappa Phi.

PI KAPPA ALPHA 43, SIGMA ALPHA MU 43

Pi Kappa Alpha (1-1-1) made a nerve-racking three pointer with seconds left to tie Sigma Alpha Mu (1-1-1), 43-43.

Sammy guard Javier Rosario fought off and early Pike push and kept them alive and tied the game going into the half, shooting 3 of 5 from the three-point mark.

Late in the game, Rosario came to the

rescue on another three pointer to put Sammy ahead 43-40 with 17 seconds left in the game.

Cabrera then missed on the one-and-one free throw attempt and Pike forward Yendy Gonzalez tied the game on a three-point buzzer beater.

PHI GAMMA DELTA 35, LAMBDA THETA PHI 28

Phi Gamma Delta (1-2) got their first win of the season against Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity Incorporated (1-2), 35-28.

In the final minutes of the game, Lambda guard Ryan Ore nailed a pair of free throws that narrowed the FIJI lead 28-31.

But with few seconds on the clock, FIJI forward Chris Mur responded by knocking down his free throws, ending the possibility of

a Lambda comeback.

PHI SIGMA KAPPA 54, TAU KAPPA EPSILON 20

Phi Sigma Kappa (3-0) remained undefeated and defeated Tau Kappa Epsilon (0-2), 54-20. Teke guard Richard Driest kept them close in the beginning, leading them with 10 points.

SIGMA PHI EPSILON 51, SIGMA CHI 6

Sigma Phi Epsilon (2-1) easily defeated winless Sigma Chi (0-3) 51-6, not allowing a single point in the first half.

"It came down to our defense and we didn't let up," Sigep guard Andrew Areces said.

FRAT LEAGUE STANDINGS

TEAM	OVERALL	PCT	PD
Pi Kappa Phi	3-0	1.000	81
Phi Sigma Kappa	3-0	1.000	102
Kappa Alpha Psi	2-0	1.000	41
Sigma Phi Epsilon	2-1	.667	57
Sigma Alpha Mu	1-1-1	.333	-6
Lambda Theta Phi	1-2	.333	-16
Pi Kappa Alpha	1-1-1	.333	-2
FIJI	1-2	.333	-51
Beta Theta Pi	0-2	.000	-52
Sigma Chi	0-3	.000	-90
Tau Kappa Epsilon	0-2	.000	-64

*All records up to date as of Feb. 18