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## ECUADOR

### President rescued from hospital seige

Ecuador was under a state of siege, with the military in charge of public order after rescuing President Rafael Correa from a hospital where he had been tear gassed by rebellious police.



## CAMEROON

### Hostages released after several weeks

A spokesman for the government of Cameroon says six foreigners who were kidnapped off the nation's coast in early September have been released.



## RUSSIA

### Space Station hotel intended for tourism

The intended Commercial Space Station and hotel can serve as a tourism hub for travellers and offer accommodation for the International Space Station and workspace for science projects.

## On-campus housing completely full, plans for expansion projects in the works

**GABRIEL ARRARÁS**  
News Director

With the University experiencing a record amount of students living on campus, and having over 300 people on a waiting list for housing, the need for future residential projects is clear.

Currently, all of residential housing is full, with a total of 2,527 students living at the Modesto Maidique Campus and 219 students living at the Biscayne Bay Campus. The numbers are up from last year, which had 2,396 students living at MMC and 196 living at BBC.

"Our numbers last year were at 100 percent occupancy at MMC, and about 90 percent at BBC. So we've really tried to maximize all of our spaces," said Gisela Vega, associate director of Housing and Residential Life. "There are definitely future plans for housing and if enrollment continues to grow at this rate we are clearly going to need more housing."

"Housing and Residential Life are critical aspects of the FIU experience. We are at a hundred percent occupancy, which we are very pleased about," said University President Mark Rosenberg during an interview with Student Media. "We are going to grow in terms of number of rooms available for our students, which we think is critical."

According to James Wassenaar, executive director of Student Affairs Operations and Auxiliary Services, a workgroup has been established by Vice President of Student Affairs Rosa Jones and Chief Financial Officer Kenneth

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Mark Rosenberg  
University President



Jessell, which will devise a ten-year plan for the expansion of campus housing.

"We are projecting at this initial stage an addition of 3,000 to 4,000 beds during this ten year time period," Wassenaar told Student Media. "[However], that number still needs to be validated against the new enrollment objectives, so I expect it to go up."

Along with expansion at MMC comes the need for expansion at BBC.

"Housing doesn't evolve independently from its academic programs and enrollment objectives," said Wassenaar. "As the vision for BBC becomes clear in terms of its academic focus, we will be there to serve and make sure that the institution at that campus can meet its enrollment goals."

Wassenaar stresses that Housing and Residential Life is vital student support service, for which student feedback is necessary.

In efforts to facilitate the communication

between the residents of housing and members of the University leadership, the Student Government Association held the first housing town hall forum of the fall semester.

The housing forum, organized by Student Governing Council at MMC Housing Senators Carlos Rodriguez and Christina Marinos, had 67 housing residents in attendance at Everglades Hall on Sept. 29.

During the forum, students were able to voice their concerns and get direct feedback from members of Housing and Residential Life, including James Wassenaar.

"[Wassenaar] was able to listen in and give feedback... it's a great way for the students and the administration to have communication," said Rodriguez. "This way they know what the students want and the students know what the administration is doing."

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## Five year strategic plan draft unveiled

**MELISSA CACERES**  
Staff Writer

The draft version of the University's strategic plan for the next five years was unveiled during the Sept. 30 open forum held at the Graham Center ballrooms by Provost Douglas Wartzok and President Mark Rosenberg.

With numerous members of the faculty and staff attending, the provost broke down the layers of the five year plan that is meant to "embrace the best of an institution's identity, leverage assets to adapt to the times, and making adjustments to prepare for the future." It includes changes to documents such as the University's mission, values and goals as well as the initiatives that would be taken to pursue them.

"A strategic plan will help us cope with the many challenges we have out there," said Rosenberg.

At the forum, University faculty was given the opportunity to share their views

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## Awareness session shines light on underexposed disaster

**ALEXANDRA CAMEJO**  
Asst. News Director

The concerns voiced at the Pakistan Floods Awareness Session mirrored an ongoing debate over the lack of international response and support in aid efforts for flood victims.

Because record-breaking monsoon rains caused floods to displace or injure over 20 million people last July, the country has roughly estimated its recovery costs to be \$43 billion, and the figure is almost certainly expected to increase.

In an effort to raise awareness at FIU, the Graduate Student Funding Committee, hosted the event on Sept. 29 with presentations from Dr. Richard Olson, professor and chair of the Political Science Department, and Muhammad Azhar Saleem, a Ph.D candidate in Civil Engineering.

These speakers, along with Student Government Association Graduate Senators, T.J. Ligouri and Aman Muqet, spoke to 30 people in attendance about the disaster that has claimed the lives of over 2,000 and affected more people than the Indian Ocean tsunami, Kashmir earthquake in 2005, Cyclone Nargis in 2007, and the earthquake in Haiti—combined.

In an effort to emphasize the lack of media



ESRA ERDOGAN/THE BEACON

In order from left to right: Graduate Senators T.J. Ligouri and Aman Muqet along with speakers, Dr. Richard Olson, and Muhammad A. Saleem gathered at the Graham Center on Wednesday, Sept. 29 to present the Pakistan Floods Awareness Session.

attention the disaster has received, Ligouri read aloud the words of United Nations Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon when he said, "Perhaps because this is no made-for-

TV disaster, with sudden impact and dramatic rescues. By contrast, this is a slow motion catastrophe — one that builds over time. And it is far from over."

Dr. Olson, a disaster expert with over 30 years of field experience, boldly opened his presentation with a direct address to the current generation of college students: "Fasten your seatbelts because the 21st century, your century, is going to get much worse."

His lecture placed six preventive dimensions that could alleviate a country from the catastrophic devastation currently witnessed in Haiti and Pakistan. Olson presented the "5C+A" dimensions, a framework he wrote, of capability, competence, compassion, correctness, credibility, and anticipation, which he claims can analyze a government's ability to effectively respond to the expectations and needs of the public in post-disaster situations.

Olson stressed the lack of anticipative measures taken by the international community.

"Most of these disasters can be seen ahead of time. We don't have an awareness of vulnerability of various populations," said Olson.

A question posed by Erika Edwards, chair of the GSFC and graduate student senator, questioned the lack of media attention this disaster has received, particularly in the United States.

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# Final version of strategic plan to be shown in December

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on the draft so far and voice any suggestions for improvements.

While there were no proposals to eliminate any of the ideas that the plan was structured upon, many faculty members were vocal about making additions that would include their departments and areas of study.

“Here I’m seeing all of this discussion about how we are going to increase our research and commercialization, but those are empty sentences if we do not have STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) as part of our investment and strategic plan for the next five years,” said Amado Gonzalez, coordinator of computer systems at the College of Engineering and Computing.

In response to Gonzalez, Wartzok mentioned that STEM was embedded within select themes of the plan though his point

would be taken into account.

Constituents from the English department, like Professor James Sutton, also added that the plan should highlight the liberal arts.

“[About] the pillar listed as ‘Arts’, I’m not suggesting that it be renamed ‘Arts and Humanities but it is very important to me and my colleagues in English and other humanities disciplines that humanities is recognized within our strategic plan,” said Sutton.

This past summer, seven committees, appointed by the provost and president, created the draft of the ‘Worlds Ahead Strategic Plan,’ which instead of ten years, will span five.

Three committees focused on foundations for success at the University; Finance, Infrastructure, and Student Success.

Four committees focused on collaborative content areas in which the University has strategic strengths; Arts, Environment, Globaliza-

tion, and Health. Each of the committees has representatives from faculty, staff, students and members of the University community.

“If a strategic plan has got something in there for everybody, then its not very strategic. Clearly what we’ve tried to do is be as parsimonious as we could be and as inclusive as we know a comprehensive research University needs to be,” said Rosenberg.

“There are significant opportunities ahead of us and the plan will help to focus us. But it is certainly not intending to say that those who are not explicitly mentioned are explicitly excluded.”

Brian Peterson, professor of History, mentioned that the committees should reconsider using the word ‘student-centered’ within the vision statement because it gives the impression that FIU is not a research university.

He added that this would hinder the

University when it comes time for funding distribution at the state level.

“We’ve had this conversation as to whether we should be student centered, learning centered, or discovery centered,” Rosenberg stated. “But the bottom line is if we don’t work well with our students, we don’t work as a university. The research is critical but the students are why we are here.”

Every ten years, the University administration engages in the strategic planning process which involves identifying the desired future for the institution as well as deciding what actions should be made to reach that goal.

These initiatives, which are updated in order to fit the needs of the University for the coming decade, focus on key areas of University interests.

The final version of the ‘Worlds Ahead Strategic Plan’ will be presented to the University’s Board of Trustees on Dec. 9 meeting.

# Housing town hall helps students voice their concerns

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Among the concerns housing students shared at the forum were general campus safety issues and problems with the washing and drying machines provided for the residential halls.

“My major concerns are the washers and dryers working because it’s really frustrating having to run the dryer twice when you’re in a hurry,” said Rebecca Fernandez, a Psychology major and resident of Everglades Hall.

Wassenaar said that Housing and Residen-

tial Life is looking into improve the machines, as well as transitioning students to start using Panthercards instead of loose change to run the washers and dryers.

“We’ve installed the readers in all the laundry rooms so they simply just need to charge the system and swipe the card,” said Wassenaar.

Another major concern with housing students at the forum was parking.

“I’m afraid to leave campus during the week because I might lose my parking spot,” said Rodriguez.

“The reality is that there is a challenge with parking,” said Wassenaar. “The accommodation that the parking and traffic folks made was to open the gold garage for residential student parking twenty-four seven.”

In addition, Wassenaar mentioned that the next phase of housing would come with a parking structure as well.

With housing full and 300 people on a waiting list, both Rodriguez and Wassenaar believe that the university is moving closer to removing its commuter campus label.


“The fact that we have a 300 person waiting list means that people want to live on campus. That itself says that we are not as much of a commuter school,” said Rodriguez. “Now we have a significant housing population and we can now start catering more to that population like bigger schools, like the University of Florida.”


“Ultimately, we know that the affinity to the University of those who live on campus, their sense of belonging, is greatly augmented and fostered by that on campus experience and that’s important to us,” said Wassenaar. “When you talk about a commuter school mentality, that in general is the difference – the sense of belonging to an institution.”



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Noeline Prins (Left), a graduate student in biomedical engineering, talks to the Executive Director of Student Affairs Operations and Auxiliary Services, James Wassenaar (Middle).

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Moderator:  **Elmo Lugo**  
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# Paid executive cabinet positions placed under scrutiny by Senate

**VINCENT FERNANDEZ**  
Staff Writer

As Student Media previously reported, the Student Governing Council at Modesto Maidique Campus Senate has been focusing on making sure the performance of the Executive Branch and all of their cabinet members have on par with the standards set for their positions.

Specifically, senators were interested in the positions of SGC-MMC Chief Information Officer, SGC-MMC Comptroller, SGC-MMC Director of Campus Life and SGC-MMC Director of External Relations.

All of the positions summoned to appear before the senate on Sept. 27 are vital parts of Student Government and as such receive a stipend. Currently, director positions in the executive cabinet make \$500 per semester, while coordinator positions make \$400 per semester.

The executive cabinet of the current administration has twenty-five positions, not including assistants. The executive cabinet of previous SGC-MMC President, Anthony Rionda, was composed of twenty-eight positions, including assistants.

While having a smaller cabinet than the previous administration, the current administration has had to deal with budget cuts, which have affected their resources.

“[Even] with budget cuts – Student Government continues,” said SGC-MMC President Helena Ramirez. “We had to see the resources we had with the budget and what positions we needed. We don’t do this for the money – we do it for the students. Budget cuts or not we will address what the

students want and need.”

The summons process allows members of the senate to call forth whichever executive cabinet member they wish to appear before them in order to gage their performance. While four positions were selected to appear before the senate, only two were present.

The summon hearings produced no information on the SGC-MMC Director of Campus Life or the SGC-MMC Comptroller, two positions that have been recently under fire by members of the Senate.

SGC-MMC Director of Campus Life, Alex Lastra, informed the senate that he would not appear before them due to a scheduling conflict.

This led Hector Mujica, SGC-MMC speaker pro tempore, to call for an investigation into Lastra’s performance by the senate’s Division of Internal Affairs. A report from the division is expected on Oct. 4.

The SGC-MMC director of campus life is responsible for ensuring that all goals set forth by the administration for campus life are met and that students are well informed about the coming events. He is responsible for holding regular meetings with governing councils and bimonthly meetings with the SGC-MMC president and SGC-MMC vice president.

SGC-MMC Comptroller Maria Rosa-Blanco was also absent due to an internship in New York. Initially, the senate chose to summon Rosa-Blanco due to being in clear violation of the senate attendance statute, which requires her to be present for senate meetings.

However, the summon was put on hold by SGC-MMC

Attorney General Altenese Phenelus, who filed a write stating that Rosa-Blanco’s summon was unconstitutional.

Present at the summons hearing was SGC-MMC Chief Information Officer Julio Yanes, who appeared before the senate and demonstrated his only project – a survey to gage the quality of customer service provided by different University departments who deal with students on a consistent basis.

As SGC-MMC CIO, Yanes is responsible for creating surveys that allow for the executive branch to gauge the needs of their constituency. As part of his job, he must also assist members of the senate with their own surveys.

Yanes, who was confirmed as SGC-MMC CIO during the summer, was asked several questions relating to his performance during the hearing.

SGC-MMC Graduate Senator Erika Edwards questioned Yanes during the summon hearing on the number of projects he has taken up since his confirmation to which Yanes responded: “this is the only project on my agenda right now.”

This led members of the senate to question why Yanes has only worked on one project even though he has had several months of time on the job.

Yanes responded that obligations to other campus organizations had prevented him from putting his focus solely on his position in the executive cabinet.

However, Yanes mentioned that he has since given up those other positions and is now fully dedicating himself to the position of SGC-MMC CIO.

*Additional reporting by Gabriel Arrarás.*

## NEWS FLASH

### Florida Back to Work Program falls short

Florida’s Back to Work Program hasn’t worked as envisioned, according to The Miami Herald. The government’s pledge to pick up at least 80 percent of salary and training costs for lower-income workers lured thousands of employers. Florida was to receive \$126 million in federal stimulus dollars to pay for about 14,000 new jobs.

With the funding spigot set to close this week, the results did not meet those goals. Employers state-wide filled only 5,500 of 13,787 jobs approved for funding over the past six months. 8,300 jobs have been left vacant, with employers either unable to find suitable candidates or backing away from promised jobs because of the economy.

### New sex ed funding ends decade of abstinence-only

For the first time in more than a decade, the federal government is funding sex education programs that aren’t based solely on abstinence. Beginning this school year, a five-year, \$375 million grant is being divided among 28 programs that have been proven to lower the pregnancy rate among participants, according to the Associated Press.

Many programs distribute condoms, but half also aim to boost teens’ academics, get them involved in extracurricular activities and even improve their parents’ job status. Advocates believe this “above the waist” approach gives kids the tools to help them succeed in school and make better life decisions, especially about sex.

### Arctic refuge is back as an oil, environment battleground

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), the pre-eminent environment-energy issue during the previous administration, is back.

This time it’s not environmentalists trying to stop oil wells from drilling — it’s pro-drilling folks vowing to stop an attempt to declare that area off limits by making it federal wilderness. A few things changed this time around: there’s that recession and the clamor for jobs that new drilling would provide over the years and oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

– Compiled by Alexandra Camejo

# 1.9 million homes destroyed

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Bluntly, Olson reiterated the views of Ki-moon, when he said that these floods are not forms of “disaster pornography.”

He went on further to explain that the current Pakistan disaster does not present an opportunity for journalists to capture the shocking photos typically associated with massively destructive disasters and “without a photo-op, it doesn’t catch.”

After Dr. Olson concluded his presentation, Azhar Saleem took his place on the podium to enlighten attendees on the current situation and disaster-stricken statistics of Pakistan.

According to Saleem, unprecedented monsoon rains caused water to build up on the slopes of mountains.

As the pressure of water broke the mountains’ dams, massive flash floods uncontrollably broke into the cities, and over 1.9 million homes were destroyed and 20 percent of the country’s land is currently underwater.

In this percentage lies the

majority of Pakistan’s agricultural land.

Because the water is receding at such an unpredictable rate, farmers have completely lost this year’s harvest, and will miss the deadline to plant for the next season.

According to Graduate Senator,

**There’s no mathematical assessment for the psychological damage that these floods have created.**

Aman Muqet, Graduate Senator  
Student Government

Muqet, the damage caused by these floods cannot be measured in dollars and square feet alone.

“There’s no mathematical assessment for the psychological damage that these floods have created,” Muqet said. “People are suffering from hunger and sickness, and they don’t understand how to deal with it.”

When asked what kind of lessons the Pakistan society learned from the destruction of these floods, Saleem placed a heavy emphasis on cautious infrastructure construction and planning, “if we can manage it well, we can reduce the damage.”

The Ph.D candidate ended his presentation on a “hopeful note,” by commending the national response to the floods and claims that the relatively small percentage of deaths was attributed to the evacuation that took place.

The United Nations has allocated \$460 million for relief efforts, and donations are being accepted by all major organizations.

The Pakistan Flood Awareness session urged that anyone interested in donating money for victims of this disaster, text “flood” to 27722 to donate \$10 to the Pakistan Relief Fund.

Students like Muqet stress the importance of student participation in relief efforts for disasters like this.

“It’s been a huge devastation, a huge calamity. We haven’t done a lot and we need to do a lot more.”

# University Libraries offer research award

**ALEXANDRA CAMEJO**  
Asst. News Director

The first ever Undergraduate Student Research Award is being offered by the University libraries and the Department of Undergraduate Education.

The award focuses on recognizing students who perform exceptional research and creative projects that utilize the resources of the University libraries.

Members of the review committee evaluate all submitted applications.

The best ten research projects will be featured and presented at the Biscayne Bay Campus Library naming ceremony on Nov. 8.

The top selections will be chosen according to three criteria: excellence, the clarity and explicitness of research documentation, and role of the

FIU Libraries’ resources.

Resources can include collections, services, space, consultation, and/or instruction.

Cash prizes of \$500, \$300, and \$200 will be awarded to the top 3 finalists, and will be exhibited at both Biscayne Bay Library and the Green Library for one week.

Students interested in applying for the Undergraduate Student Research Award must be currently enrolled undergraduate students.

Their research is required to be completed within the last year and at FIU.

All majors are eligible, and contestants may be individual students or groups.

All applications are to be completed by Oct. 15 and submitted to Patricia Pereira-Pujol, chair of the review committee, via email at pereirap@fiu.edu.

FOOTBALL: PITTSBURGH 44, FIU 17

## FALLING IN THE PITT

### Another early lead evaporates as team stays winless



KEITH SRAKOCIC/AP PHOTO

Pittsburgh running back Ray Graham dives into the endzone for one of his three scores.

**IGOR MELLO**  
Staff Writer

No Dion Lewis? No problem for Pittsburgh.

The Golden Panthers (0-4) failed to defeat another Bowl Championship Series opponent, falling short to the University of Pittsburgh (2-2) 44-17 despite the absence of sophomore tailback Dion Lewis. Lewis sat out the game with a shoulder injury.

That led the way for Ray Graham, who had a career game.

After hanging in with Pittsburgh for the first three quarters, FIU's inability to stop the sophomore tailback proved to be costly. Graham took care of the load rushing for 277 yards on 29 carries, the most any FIU team has allowed in school history. Graham gained a bulk of his rushing yards on a 34-yard and a 79-yard touchdown runs to give Pittsburgh control.

Graham single-handedly scored three of Pitt's four touchdowns.

"He's a good football player and as the game

wore on he got better," FIU head coach Mario Cristobal said. "It was harder to tackle him. Their offensive line won the battle today."

It was Graham's third consecutive 100-yard game rushing. It was also the third consecutive game that FIU has allowed an 100-yard rusher. He also went on to have 355 all-purpose yards.

After a scoreless first quarter, Pittsburgh kicker Dan Hutchins got on the scoreboard with a 30-yard field goal to give the Pitt Panthers a 3-0 lead. Hutchins went on to nail three field goals for Pitt.

Quarterback Wesley Carroll lead FIU on the following drive for a touchdown. It was a 13-play 75-yard drive that was capped off by a one-yard touchdown run by junior running back Darriet Perry. He went on to tack another touchdown run in the fourth quarter. Perry has four touchdowns this season, most by any FIU running back.

Wesley Carroll continued to play well after

his 355-yard performance in the previous week. The junior quarterback had his first interception-free game as a Golden Panther. Carroll completed 23 of 38 passes for 223 yards and no touchdowns.

"He did well," Cristobal said of Carroll. "I thought he made some plays. He got himself out of some pressure situations."

Greg Ellingson led the Golden Panthers in receiving with six receptions for 78 yards.

Despite allowing 300 yards rushing, Geoff Collins' unit was able to showcase a strong effort against the pass.

FIU's defense held Pittsburgh's quarterback Tino Sunseri to 169 yards on 15 out of 23 completions. Sunseri's main target was Mike Shanahan who caught four passes for 82 yards. Fullback Henry Hynoski caught Sunseri's only touchdown pass of the game.

Safety Jonathan Cyprien led the Golden Panthers

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WOMEN'S SOCCER: CHELSEA LEIVA

## Freshman establishes herself early

**JACKSON WOLEK**  
Staff Writer

Chelsea Leiva, the freshman phenom of the Golden Panthers, had a huge decision to make when choosing where she wanted to go to play soccer in college.

She had offers from other colleges besides FIU, including the University of South Florida, Jacksonville, Auburn, and Florida Gulf Coast University, who she scored a winning goal against in a double overtime thriller just three games into her young college career.

"I really liked FIU," said Leiva on her final choice. "I liked Thomas a lot, he's a really good coach, and I liked the campus."

Leiva says that she has adjusted to the University pretty well so far, as she gets along with her fellow teammates and roommates pretty well, and academically it is going smoothly as well.

One major difference between high school soccer

and college soccer according to Leiva is the pace of the game, the fact that you must work much harder, and the skill level.

Leiva played her first collegiate game against Southern Methodist University on Aug. 20.

"I was so nervous. At first when I was warming up I wasn't nervous, but a couple minutes before the whistle blew, I was.," Leiva said. "But once I started playing, the nerves went away."

Leiva currently leads the team in goals as a freshman, and is only the third freshman in school history to have a four-game scoring streak, being only one away from tying the school record.

She attributes her success as being driven from her parents.

"My parents have contributed most to my success as a player, everything is for them," Leiva said.

All though Leiva has many accomplishments, her greatest one in her eyes is

just making it to division one soccer in general.

But soccer is not her only sport.

"If I wasn't playing soccer, I would probably be playing volleyball," said Leiva, who had offers to play volleyball in college.

Leiva comes from a very athletic family. Her cousin, Shaun Garceau, was drafted in the 20th round by the St. Louis Cardinals as a pitcher right out of high school.

Her brother also plays baseball for Northwood University, and she has another cousin who plays softball for Palm Beach State College.

"The whole family loves sports. We're always at each other's sports events," said Leiva, who is majoring in sports management.

There are sacrifices that Leiva makes, such as having free time, something that is hard to come by during the season.

"I just like to hang with friends or go to the movies

or the mall if we do have free time," Leiva said.

Leiva enjoys when the team goes on road trips to play games as well. In dealing with the long trips, she says that she and the team usually just listens to their iPods and just try to get pumped up before games.

Leiva also has a handshake she likes to do with fellow freshman Nicole DiPerna before a game, as well as focusing her mind while the national anthem is playing.

"During the national anthem, I like to envision myself playing, which calms me down," Leiva said

Leiva currently leads the team with four goals and nine points in 10 games.

With nine games left in the season, she is on pace to score eight to nine goals and eighteen to nineteen points, two stats that no University player has achieved since Janessa Taddei, who had eight goals and eighteen points in 2004.



KRISTI CAMARA/THE BEACON

Chelsea Leiva has been a force in her first season with the Golden Panthers, with six goals in 12 games.

## SPORTS REPLAY

# Women's soccer picks up key win at Troy

**JONATHAN RAMOS**  
Sports Director

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

The FIU Panthers (6-4-1, 3-0 Sun Belt) were able beat Troy (7-3-1, 2-0 SBC) 2-0 on Oct. 1 to stay tied with Denver for first place in the SBC.

The Panthers did it behind yet another excellent defensive effort, as they allowed only two shots the entire game against a Troy team who ranked first in shots in the conference. The two shots were a season low for Troy.

“Keeping a team to two shots on goal is impressive,” head coach Thomas Chestnutt said.

About 15 minutes into the game, freshmen Chelsea Leiva scored an unassisted goal to put the team up 1-0, allowing them to have some comfort. It has been a good sign for FIU when they are able to strike first on the scoreboard, as they are undefeated on the season when being able to score first.

FIU was able to get another score as senior Kassandra Sorzano was able to put one in coming off a corner assist from Kim Lopez in the 72nd minute. The shutout of Troy is FIU's third in a row, as well as their third win in a row, and makes them a combined 6-0 in goal differential against conference teams. They are also currently second amongst the conference in winning streak with three, behind Denver.

For results of the team's game vs. South Alabama yesterday, check [fiusm.com](http://fiusm.com).

## VOLLEYBALL

Although several players posted season high's in several statistical categories, FIU ultimately falls short to a team

trying to get national exposure. The Golden Panthers (8-7, 2-1 Sun-Belt) fell to Middle Tennessee (13-4, 4-0 SBC) in four sets 22-25, 12-25, 25-23, 20-25.

For FIU, Freshman Una Trkulja led the team with a career-high 23 kills, while on defense Chanel Araujo had a season best 18 digs. Natalia Valentin also added 43 assists for the Golden Panthers. On the other side of the net for the Blue Raiders, Izabela Kozon tied her career high with 25 kills, while adding 12 digs on the defensive side.

In the first set, FIU only led once at a score of 1-0. Once the Blue Raiders took the lead, they never looked back. FIU got to within 2 late in the set 22-24, until Izabela Kozon finished the set with a kill. In the second set, the Blue Raiders put on the accelerator, going on a 8-2 run to make it 17-7 before finishing it off.

In the third set, FIU fought back. Una Trkulja helped the Panthers establish a 14-9 lead, but the Blue Raiders made a comeback and eventually took the lead at 18-17. The lead changed a few times towards the end of the set, until Trkulja put her stamp on the set with two kills to finish the third set in FIU's favor.

The momentum carried over to the fourth set, as neither team could establish a lead, until Middle Tennessee broke free to a 20-15 lead. FIU did bring it to 22-20 before committing a couple of mistakes and it is only fitting that Izabela Kozon finish the set and match with her 25th kill.

With the win over FIU, Middle Tennessee became the first conference team to defeat the Panthers since 2008.

For coverage of Saturday's game at Western Kentucky, check [fiusm.com](http://fiusm.com).

## INTRAMURAL FOOTBALL STANDINGS

## FRATERNITY

	W-L-T	PCT	STREAK
Sigma Phi Epsilon	3-0-0	1.000	W3
Pi Kappa Phi	2-0-0	1.000	W2
FIJI	2-1-0	0.667	W2
Pi Kappa Alpha	2-1-0	0.667	L1
Phi Sigma Kappa	2-0-1	0.667	W1
Tau Kappa Epsilon	1-0-1	0.500	W1
Lambda Chi Alpha	1-2-0	0.333	W1
Sigma Alpha Mu	1-2-0	0.333	L2
Beta Theta Pi	0-3-0	0.000	L3
NPHC All-Stars	0-3-0	0.000	L3
Sigma Chi	0-2-0	0.000	L2

\*All records up to date as of Oct. 1

## SORORITY

	W-L-T	PCT	STREAK
Alpha Xi Delta	2-0-0	1.000	W2
Phi Sigma Sigma	1-0-0	1.000	W1
Delta Phi Epsilon	2-1-0	0.667	W2
Sigma Kappa	1-1-0	0.500	L1
Alpha Omicron Pi	1-1-0	0.500	W1
Phi Mu	0-2-0	0.000	L2
Sigma Sigma Sigma	0-2-0	0.000	L2

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# Players using Twitter keeps a team connected to its fans

As far as FIU goes, not many people have made the kind of virtual entrance that Geoff Collins made.

COMMENTARY



JOEL DELGADO

When the Golden Panthers brought in the fiery coach to be their new defensive coordinator, he also brought his Twitter with him.

His first tweet after getting hired to take over the defense: “the 305 is quickly becoming MY-ami.”

Fans and media alike were pleasantly surprised to see how outspoken he was on Twitter. Just by scrolling through his tweets, one can easily tell that “CoachCollins”, as he is known in the Twitter-verse, would bring a certain level of intensity to the program.

But there is a question as far as privileges being given to athletes to use the social media website for personal purposes as well as even official purposes.

It’s a question being raised by a number of different college football programs across the nation and, more recently, created local headlines when University of Miami Head Coach Randy Shannon ordered his players to shut down their Twitter accounts – permanently. One of the main reasons given by Shannon was to limit the distractions.

Boise State did the same thing over the summer with similar reasoning.

The Golden Panthers football team has a number of coaches (notably missing is Mario Cristobal, himself) who tweet regularly and even some student athletes, such as record-chasing infielder Garrett Wittels,

connect with friends and fans through social networking.

Why not let them express themselves? As long as there is an established team policy where rules about what can’t be allowed, things like profanity, inappropriate or questionable photos, tweets close to game day, etc., then let them have fun with it. If things get out of hand, the plug can easily be pulled.

There are plenty of creative things that can be done as the sports world has become increasingly reliant on Twitter to get news out to the public.

The average sports fan loves it and they can’t get enough of it. Thousands upon thousands of fans follow hundreds of athletes and coaches both locally and nationally.

Players and coaches can connect with each

other and also with fans, generating interest and familiarity among those who basically spend hours upon hours scrolling through updates and status updates can only help.

And it is the best form of advertising because it costs absolutely nothing. Might as well take advantage of it.

The Golden Panthers should open up even more in light of this new social media era that has emerged over the past couple years.

The world of social media is still relatively new when it comes to its relation with sports. There are certainly risks whenever you open that door to students and athletes in general.

But there are more pressing things to worry about and transparency for a team looking to reach out to a student body that uses Twitter can go a long way.

## Run defense fails as Graham gains

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with 11 tackles, most by any player in the game.

This was FIU’s last BCS opponent of the season and third consecutive road game against a BCS school. The Golden Panthers will finally go home and begin their Sun Belt Conference play vs. Western Kentucky on Oct.9.

According to Cristobal, he will look at conference play as a new season for the Golden Panthers.

“We haven’t had strong fourth quarters,” Cristobal said. “I think there is a depth factor there in us continuing to pound the ball away and

playing these out of conference games with some of these opponents that have this kind of depth.”

Said Perry: “It’s conference play now, so it’s a whole new season. We’re going to start off fresh.”

Jeremiah Harden and Darrian Mallary led FIU in rushing with 35 yards. Ellinson paced the eam in catches with six receptions for 78 yards.

The Golden Panthers held a slight edge in time of pocession, but Graham’s play alone was enough to beat FIU, as his three touchdowns were more than FIU

had as a team.

NOTABLES

Wide Receiver T.Y. Hilton was benched for the first seven plays of the game. The cause for his benching is unknown, but it was injury related, according to Cristobal.

“I’m surprised T.Y played at all,” Cristobal said. “He was having some problems in his leg but he came out of pre-game feeling pretty good.”

Curtis Bryant started the game at right guard replacing Giancarlo Revilla.

Revilla did not see any playing time.

Tight end Dudley LaPorte did not start but saw some playing time against Pittsburgh. It was the first time LaPorte has played this season after nursing an ankle injury. He did not catch any passes, however.

According to Cristobal, defensive lineman Andrew Maddox is listed out for the season with a shoulder injury. The sophomore was expected to be a factor on the defensive line this season.

FIU VS. PITTSBURGH		
	FIU	PITTSBURGH
First Downs	21	21
Rushes-Yards	32-93	36-300
Passing	223	169
Comp-Att-Int	23-38-0	15-25-0
Punts Avg.	34.6	38.0
Penalties-Yards	3-24	10-64
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Time of Possession	30:08	29:52
RUSHING — FIU: Harden 12 - 35, Perry 9 - 28, Times 1-10 , Mallary 5 - 35 PITTSBURGH: Graham 29 - 227, Burns 3 - 12, Hynoski 1 - 7		
PASSING — FIU: Carroll 23 - 38 - 223 PITTSBURGH: Sunseri 15 - 23 - 169		
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## Schools collaborate for season preview

ADRIANA RODRIGUEZ  
Life! Editor

In collaboration with the College of Architecture and the Arts and the Wolfsonian, the Frost hosted the FIU Arts, Culture and Design event for the third year on September 30th.

Over seven departments participated in the event including the department of Interior Design, Communication Arts, Theater, Architecture, the School of Music, Landscape Architecture, Art and Art

History, The Frost and Wolfsonian Museums.

“It is an opportunity to showcase the arts,” said Dr. Carol Damian, the director of The Frost. “And it’s the most beautiful place on campus to do it.”

Each section of the museum was designated to one of the participating departments to exhibit what they each have in store for the 2010-2011 year.

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1. Peter Paul Rubens, Alexander's Lion Hunt, a part of the recent acquisitions to the Frost's permanent collection.
2. FIU's Jazz Combo plays on the patio.
3. The Solar Decathlon team displays solar-powered model home design.



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PRESS START

# October brings basketball, lightsabers and hedgehogs

October’s rolling in, and while we won’t be seeing the beautiful look of autumn foliage here in Miami, there are a few titles coming up to check out this month for those wanting to embrace fall.

The NBA is set to begin league play soon, meaning it’s a perfect time for 2K Sports to break out its yearly basketball game, NBA 2K11.

No doubt the Miami Heat will be the team everyone will be playing online, at least early on. Others may prefer the early ‘90s Chicago Bulls, featuring cover boy Michael Jordan.

Originally, NBA 2K11 had competition in EA Sports’ NBA Elite, but recently, the game was delayed indefinitely for undisclosed reasons. Instead, Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3 owners are getting a download-only release

of NBA Jam, a more comical take on basketball where you can see players like Dwyane Wade or Kobe Bryant light basketballs on fire and slam dunk from mid-court.

Razzle dazzle! Wii owners will be getting the game on disc. The title is expected out on Oct. 5 on Wii with the PS3 and 360 getting their version closer to the holidays. NBA 2K11 will be hitting all major game consoles on Oct. 5 as well.

Don’t care for sports games? Each console has a few other things to look forward to. One of the more hotly awaited titles this month is Bethesda and Obsidian Entertainment’s Fallout: New Vegas, hitting PCs, the 360 and the PS3 on Oct. 19.

A non-direct sequel to Fallout 3, players will explore Las Vegas and the surrounding Mojave Desert set in a post-apocalyptic wasteland called the “Mojave Wasteland.” While the rest of the United States was ravaged by nuclear radiation, Las Vegas largely remains intact,

meaning surroundings won’t be quite as demolished as Fallout 3’s and features landmarks like the Hoover Dam.

Fans of Lionhead Studios’ Fable will get a chance to continue exploring the world of Albion in the upcoming Fable III for the 360 on Oct. 26. Under the rule of a corrupt king, players set out as the king’s sibling to become a revolutionary leader against him. After the coup, players are tasked by managing day-to-day societal needs by being either a benevolent ruler or a self-serving dictator. These actions affect the game world, making towns look prosperous or have run-down buildings.

The game is not for everyone, as fully enjoying it requires serious dedication and time investment. Despite that, series designer Peter Molyneux has said the development team has tried to make the game more accessible by removing traditional role playing game “clunkiness.”

For something a little more simplistic, Sega has console owners and those with the iPhone or the iPod Touch covered with Sonic the Hedgehog 4: Episode I.

Sonic 4: Episode I takes Sega’s Blue Blur back to familiar territory, ditching hashed up gimmicks like talking swords and a Jekyll-and-Hyde werewolf mechanic to focus on what fans of the series consider to be its core charm: a cartoon blue hedgehog smashing an obese tyrant’s machines to pieces.

Though the game has fewer than 20 levels, its pick up and play nature means it’s great for on-the-fly bursts of play, feeling similar to the Sonic titles on the Sega Genesis. Expect it out on Oct. 7 for iOS devices, though no price is confirmed yet. Oct. 11 will see the title boom onto Nintendo’s WiiWare service, Oct. 12 for the PlayStation Network, and on Oct. 13 for Xbox Live Arcade, each going for \$15, or 1200 points in Microsoft play money.

Lastly, LucasArts breaks out the Star Wars name one more time in Star Wars: The Force Unleashed II. Adding the ability to wield two lightsabers and slew of Jedi abilities, the game continues the story of Darth Vader’s secret apprentice, Starkiller.

Now driven to the brink of insanity after again being betrayed by Vader and believing himself to just be a clone of the real Starkiller, the apprentice sets out to lay waste to the Empire in order to understand who he really is.

Despite the clichéd clone plot, LucasArts worked to improve the combat from the first game to allow more variation than just “Force Pushing” through everything. Space battles in TIE fighter spacecraft were also worked into the game. Force Unleashed II will hit all major consoles including iOS devices on Oct. 26.

*Press Start is a weekly video column. The reviewer is not compensated for positive reviews.*



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# Facebook movie an advertisement for rival social site

CHRIS CABRAL  
Staff Writer

It’s arguably one of the best movies of 2010. It also might be the greatest advertisement for Myspace ever made.

The Social Network tells the story of how Mark Zuckerberg created Facebook with the help of a few friends who would soon become his enemies.

The film begins with a very funny scene in which the 19-year-old Zuckerberg (played by Jesse Eisenberg) expresses his yearning for acceptance into one of Harvard’s exclusive “Final” clubs to his girlfriend, Erica (played by Rooney Mara).

Although another character in another movie may come across as sympathetic in a scene such as this, Zuckerberg’s condescension and elitism during the conversation is so insulting his girlfriend abruptly breaks up with him.

Enraged, Zuckerberg hurries back to his Harvard dorm to lash out at his ex on his blog, and create a website called FaceMash that compares the attractiveness of female Harvard students.

The site becomes so popular it causes the Harvard server to crash within 24 hours of its launch and puts Zuckerberg on academic probation.

However, the attention he gains from the incident causes a trio of fellow Harvard students to ask him to help with their website, Harvard Connect, a social networking site for Harvard students. Zuckerberg agrees, but rather than begin work on Harvard Connect, he strings them along as he creates “The Facebook,” which bears some suspicious similarities.

With the financial assistance of a friend, Eduardo Saverin (played by Andrew Garfield), Facebook grows into a campus-wide phenomenon before spreading across the country and eventually the world. Zuckerberg is sued

by multiple people, but not before he squanders Saverin’s money, falls under the sway of Napster founder Sean Parker, and the lone friendship he’s cultivated falls apart.

The story is fascinating even if the script is heavily fictionalized. Watching Director David Fincher’s depiction of the sometimes gruesome birth of a modern social institution feels downright educational as a cautionary tale if not a work of history.

While it deals with recent events, many of the characters are familiar, from the smooth talking charlatan who talks his way into owning part of the company, to the CEO who gains the world and loses his soul.

However, thanks to the popularity of Facebook and the story’s basis in true events, what is essentially an age old morality tale is infused with new life.

The Social Network is highlighted by an excellent performance by Jesse Eisenberg who portrays Zuckerberg as insensitive and aloof,

almost machine-like at times, in his interactions with people. Thanks to screenwriter Aaron Sorkin’s brilliant dialogue, Zuckerberg is also quick with a sarcastic remark with Eisenberg delivering some of the film’s best lines.

There are also moments in the film when Zuckerberg evokes twinges of sympathy as a man made isolated by his own ambition and his sometimes inadvertent cruelty. Zuckerberg comes across as a villain, but a pitiable one.

By the film’s end it is hard to disagree with girlfriend Erica’s prophetic put down from the opening scene of the movie:

“You are probably going to be a very successful computer person. But you’re going to go through life thinking that girls don’t like you because you’re a tech geek.

“I want you to know, from the bottom of my heart, that won’t be true: It’ll be because you’re an a--hole.”

Somewhere, Tom from Myspace is smiling.

## THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

### MONDAY, OCT. 4

MOVIE DAY



Watch a movie with the Brazilian Culture Club. Refreshments provided!  
WHEN: 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: GC 140

GRANDMASTER

Show off your chess skills at the pit!  
WHEN: 3 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: GC Pit

MAT PILATES

WHEN: 5 - 6 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: WUC 160

CHRISTIANS ON CAMPUS

Bible study.  
WHEN: 7 - 9 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: GC 305

MASSAGE



Enjoy a free 10-min massage sponsored by the Wellness Center - BBC.  
WHEN: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: WUC 160

HIP-HOP CLASS

WHEN: 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: Rec Center MMC

### TUESDAY, OCT. 5

TUESDAY TIMES ROUNDTABLE



MMC - Topic: Mirror, Mirror on the Wall...Do I Look Hispanic At All?  
WHEN: 12:30 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: GC 150

BBC - Topic: TBA

WHEN: 12:30 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
Where: WUC 159

GOODBYE STRESS

Join the Preksha Meditation Club and get rid of stress!  
WHEN: 2 - 3 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: GC 343

STUDENT AFFAIRS GRADUATE ASSOC.

Meeting.  
WHEN: 4 - 5 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: GC 271 A

JAZZ, OPERA, PIANO CONCERT



By Hopes for Children of the World. Help out their cause of reaching out to a community in Nicaragua. Donations accepted..  
WHEN: 7:30 - 10 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Donation  
WHERE: GC Ballrooms  
CONTACT: Jennifer Lazo (786-395-5535)

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6

FIU GOLDEN IDOL FINALS



Find out who the Golden Idol is!  
WHEN: 8 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: GC Ballrooms

GO GREEN WORKSHOP

Hosted by CSO.  
WHEN: 3 - 5 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: GC 314

FRENCH MUSIC FESTIVAL - VIVE LA FRANCE!

WHEN: 5 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free and open to the public  
WHERE: Wertheim Performing Arts Center

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HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: Central Fountain, along the red wall

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Hosted by Conscious Eaters. Bring a dish (preferably vegetarian) and your own reusable dishware to reduce wastes. After the potluck, the movie “The Garden” will be shown..  
WHEN: 6:30 - 10 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: DM Acoustics Pit

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# Rent cast performs at Frost

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The Solar Decathlon team presented their plans for their PerFORM[D]ance model home.

The house will be completely solar-powered and must be cost efficient to any average family.

Students from the Theater Department and School of Music put their talents on display with performances throughout the evening with the FIU Jazz Combo performing out on the terrace as FLEA, the FIU Electronic Arts Ensemble, performed on the second floor overlooking the main entryway of the Frost.

The cast of the theater department's *Rent* performed selections from the upcoming production including "Seasons of Love" and "Rent."

Theater alum Fernando Lamberty was brought back to play Roger, the brooding male lead.

He said he was honored to be a part of such an infectious show and was excited to take on a tremendous role.

Aside from the song selections from *Rent*, theater students Ashley Lewis, Michael Mena and Jennifer Jean-Louis performed selections from *Forward* and *Chicago*.

Costume design students also displayed their work for upcoming shows, which include *Ruby Sunrise*. The costumes are 1940s inspired dresses and suits.

The Frost had new works on display as a preview for their upcoming teaching gallery with the Wolfsonian in Miami Beach.

*La Habana Moderna* is an exhibit funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and provides an opportunity for FIU faculty members to work with museum staff to develop exhibitions that serve as resources for teaching and learning.

President Mark B. Rosenberg, department heads, students and FIU art fans checked out newly acquired pieces by Peter Paul Rubens and showcased in the galleries.

"A robust arts scene is the pillar of the plan for Worlds Ahead for the next five years," said Sandra Gonzalez-Levy, FIU External Relations Division Vice-President about the event.



ESRA ERDOGAN/THE BEACON

The cast of *Rent* performs "Seasons of Love" at the Frost Art Museum on Sept. 30.

## FASHION FINDS

# Quest to find the perfect bag for school not an easy feat

For me, the quest to find the perfect bag for school is a never-ending journey.

### COLUMNIST



ADRIANA RODRIGUEZ

It was easy in the pre-college years because backpacks were the norm and not seen as goofy, clunky bags that scream dweeb. Now, I find myself dishing out the big bucks just to find the perfect bag for school.

It's not as easy for me as one would think. I have to take price, material, durability and comfort all into consideration.

For instance, my go-to bag is a Longchamp. I own four of the pricey, vinyl bags.

I love my Longchamps, but dishing out \$120-\$175 for a bag that I throw a ton of junk in and then toss onto the floor isn't the best idea for a girl on a budget. I still get suckered into buying one every time there's a sale or I go on a crazy "new semester, new you" shopping spree.

The "Le Pilage" line is what the brand is most famous for. It was introduced in 1993 and brought the Long-

champs plenty of attention because of the bag's mix of comfort, versatility and style.

The reason I love Longchamps is because, in my eyes, you just can't go wrong with the bag. They come in so many different colors and sizes; you can buy more than one and not feel too guilty.

The bags are sold in Nordstrom and Saks Fifth Avenue, but the best time to get them is around March at the flagship store located in the Villages of Merrick Park in Coral Gables. They have a yearly sale where you can get the bags in the previous season's colors at 30% off, a sweet deal.

A cheaper option is the oversized handbag. These are easier to find at a cheap price point, but their wear and tear value is limited.

Forever 21, of course, always has options from messenger bags to totes that are big enough to throw your life into, but they can't always handle the weight. The price is right as well, they usually range from \$23-\$40.

The cheaper price tag, however, means lower quality material that breaks easily.

A nice in-between are the options available at Urban

Outfitters. They have great options from brands like BDG, Ecote and Kimchi.

If you're going for a classic look, check out the satchel bags at Urban Outfitters. The more expensive version is made of genuine leather and it's by Cambridge Satchel Company.

The bag is reminiscent of a classic school bag you'd see in a movie about a British prep school. It's not too bad of a punch at \$158. The leather has a really nice structured and durable feel and the size is perfect for fitting your laptops and notebooks.

There's also the cheaper version at \$58 by BDG. It's a bit smaller and you probably won't be able to hold a standard sized laptop in it, but it keeps the charm and old-school fashion of the Cambridge version.

I may never find the perfect school bag, but my back pains from shoulder bags are causing me to go back to the classic Jansport from my junior high days.

It's a real outfit killer, but I figured my back would thank me in the end.

*Fashion Finds is a weekly style column. Reviewers do not receive any goods in return for favorable reviews.*

# Website provides culture at a great price

KATHY PAZ  
Staff Writer

Let's face it: we all love to save a buck here and there whenever possible.

When you're juggling paying for school, books and personal expenses, it seems a little harsh to fork over \$10 for a mediocre movie.

That, of course, isn't including what you'd spend on dinner and snacks at the concession stand.

In fact, one night's simple outing may just ring you up somewhere in the \$25 to \$30 range. Most pockets can't handle that once, let alone two or three times a week.

Entertainment isn't cheap, but luckily you can still catch a break if you know where to look.

That's where Culture Shock comes into the picture.

Five dollars is all it takes to enjoy some of the arts-related outlets present in Miami.

Culture Shock, a program made possible by Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners, the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and

the Cultural Affairs Council, The John S. & James L. Knight Foundation, and Ticketmaster, offers high school and college students (ages 13-22) the opportunity to purchase discounted tickets to certain theater, music, dance, festival and museum events throughout the year.

What's even better is that a second ticket can be purchased for a guest of any age for the same price.

The selections available vary in terms of dates, times and often, number of available seats. But new postings are constantly being added.

Listed as one of the day's picks, *The Color of Desire* is being hosted by the Actors' Playhouse main stage at the Miracle Theater. Written by Pulitzer Prize winning playwright Nilo Cruz, the play will be making its world premier on Wednesday, October 6, 2010.

The show takes place in 1960s Havana, Cuba, where the revolution has begun to peak.

It tells the story of an American businessman who hires a Cuban actress to play the role of the woman he loved and lost.

If you caught and enjoyed the theater

department's rendition of *A Bicycle Country* this summer, also written by Cruz, this is one chance you cannot miss.

Those utilizing Culture Shock can be part of this special night.

If the weekend blues are beating you down, don't stay shackled up at home this weekend.

Hosted by the Gusman Center for the Performing Arts and presented by Texas's DANMAR Academy of Performing Arts Foundation, "America Latina: a Mosaic of Cultural Expression" features vivid music and dance originating from Hispanic countries such as Columbia, Argentina, Cuba, Venezuela, Brazil and Mexico.

This commemoration of some of the dominant cultures in Miami can be enjoyed on Saturday, October 2nd at 8:00 pm.

Another option for the night takes place at the Ziff Ballet Opera House of the Arsht Center. The Tania Pérez-Salas Compañía de Danza presents a performance filled with technique and raw emotion. Part of an international tour and directed by a top Latin American contemporary dancer and choreographer, the company celebrates the 200th

anniversary of Mexican independence.

Some of Culture Shock's on-going promotions include access to many prominent museums in the Miami area.

Tickets are available to the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Miami Science Museum, the Bass Museum, the Miami Children's Museum (check for hours) and HistoryMiami.

Ending this weekend at the Bass is the "Human Rites" exhibition, which explores both art through ritual and ritual through art.

The predominant theme explores the need for routines in our everyday life and strives to understand their connection to history and religion.

The display ranges from pieces of the 15th and 16th century to contemporary ones.

Opportunities for value entertainment and culture are only a click away.

In fact, you can even find a brief preview of some of Culture Shock's coming events on their Ticketmaster page.

To purchase seats for any of the above mentioned events, or to find out more information, visit [www.cultureshockmiami.com/](http://www.cultureshockmiami.com/).



## Subjective media foils advancement

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In 2004, John Stewart was a guest on *Crossfire*, CNN's ill-fated debate show. The show was "...all about left versus right, black versus white..." and was hosted by a pair that espoused this idea.

Stewart's commentary, however, refused to play into their gimmick: "It's not so much that [the show is] bad, as it's hurting America," he said. "We need help from the media and they're hurting us."

Just as relevant today as it was in the 2004 election, the media's habit of reporting "news" that is actually an opinion couched in loose objectivity is doing more to hurt our country than any inflammatory remarks or overseas war.

If the people of this country are not sure where to turn to get their news, it leaves them at a distinct disadvantage. We cannot make informed decisions without raw facts.

The problem, then, lies in the representation of these facts across the news networks. It is sad that in lieu of competent, factual reporting, we instead hear every Tom, Dick and Jane's personal views on the current goings-on. There are examples of this on all sides, such as CNN's anchors' speculation on Palin's viability for the vice-presidency and Fox News' anchors casting aspersions on Democratic candidates.

I have no problem with folk expressing their opinion (I am, after all, writing mine) but

there's a limit to how much opining I should have to take from networks that purport to be "fair and balanced" or whose self-proclaimed goals are to "inform, involve, and empower."

There is a place for the news and a place for opinions, but they are not in the same location.

**The subjectivity of the media easily lends itself to a polarizing "us versus them" mentality which does nothing to encourage any progress on the problems plaguing our country.**

Recently Glenn Beck and John Stewart have seemed to hold more clout than the major news outlets. Their rallies, however, are symptoms of this greater issue.

Even though the rallies to restore honor and sanity purport to be open to anyone, it would be "hard to imagine the person who would attend both of them," as *cbsnews.com* pointed out. Both rallies, in addition to Stephen Colbert's parody rally to "Keep

the Fear Alive," are inherently aligned with their respective parties. This line of division is deeply entrenched in our political culture, and for all of Beck and Stewart's lip-service to crossing party lines, no one really believes it, least of all themselves.

The subjectivity of the media easily lends itself to a polarizing "us versus them" mentality which does nothing to encourage discussion or any progress on the very real problems plaguing our country at this time.

In this, Stewart and Beck seem to be thinking in the same vein. By attempting to unite the American people under the single banner of God or reason, depending on which rally you attend, Stewart and Beck seem to be espousing the middle of the road.

The media's insistence on taking sides is coming at a time where we as the American people cannot afford to have our news come at us so polarized. Big, decisive issues like global warming are affecting our planet and our votes, and the facts seem to vary depending on what channel you flip to first.

Regardless of your political leanings, the facts should remain unchanged.

I don't think I am too far off the mark to call it nonsense. There are no facts in these sensationalized reports. Every network should provide the same percentages, entire quotes and first-hand accounts.

I have had enough of speculation and name-calling. It is the job of the news to provide news. Leave the opinions to the pundits.

## Student visa impedes job opportunities

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The F1 visa is issued to international students so they can legally study in American universities. However, getting enough work experience is also very important for students' future careers.

As far as I am concerned, international students should be able to get an internship or part-time job without so much limitation.

Due to the visa's restrictions, an international student must be enrolled full-time for at least two consecutive academic terms before doing an off-campus internship.

But, for those in one-year programs, like master of international business and finance, international students lose the chance to participate in an off-campus internship.

With these restrictions, on-campus jobs are a popular option for international students. Even so, these jobs do not meet the needs of international students.

Data from International Students and Scholars Services shows that the enrollment of international students in Fall 2010 is 2,500, increasing by 8.7 percent compared with 2,300 in Fall 2009.

Data from the University's Human Resource Office shows that, amongst those enrolled in 2010, about 619 international students are employed on-campus. The majority are working as teaching assistants.

The other 1,881 international students are still searching for jobs. In fact, the Human Resources Office frequently posts positions through J.O.B.S. Link, [www.fiujobs.org](http://www.fiujobs.org), but the number of the openings cannot meet the demand.

While searching for the latest job postings in the University's Human Resources' website, I saw that only three openings were available in the "student temporary" category and 17 openings in the "temporary" category.

Since United States immigration law allows the students

holding the F1 visa to have only 20 hours of on-campus work per week, the positions having more than 20 working hours per week in "temporary" category are excluded from consideration. Therefore, only about 10 positions are left for the rest of 1,881 international students.

In the meantime, the native students have the same ability to apply for those positions. This means that the international students must compete with native students for the scarce openings.

Besides the few opportunities, the efficiency of the processing system is very slow. According to my survey of 50 international students, only 25 percent of the students received a response to their application. On average, it takes at least one month for the system to process the response.

In an interview with an employee from the Recruitment Office, she explained that the volume of application forms is increasing dramatically.

One position can receive

as many as 111 applicants within 24 hours of posting. It takes much more time for them to view the resume and select the appropriate person. The employee suggested that the students should frequently update the page to get the latest news and turn in the application form as soon as possible.

She also pointed out that the number of positions posted are based on the departments' budgets. The reduction of their budgets directly affects the number of the available positions. It is better to directly contact the faculty to learn more job opportunities in the department.

The employee also encourages international students to be persistent and to continue applying for on-campus jobs. Also, the international students should be aware of their working rights and legal working hours on campus.

I hope that the F1 visa can become a key to open the employers' doors for international students rather than a lock that restricts their growth.

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## Bloated executive cabinet an unnecessary expense

The Student Government Council at the Modesto Maidique Campus' Executive Cabinet has been comprised of over 20 people for the last three administrations.

*The Beacon* commends the Senate for the executive cabinet summons, which is a good example of a system of checks and balances. However, merely getting rid of the person does not rid the council of the problem of extra, unnecessary positions.

Although the cabinet of current SGC-MMC President Helena Ramirez is slightly smaller than those of her predecessors, *The Beacon* still questions how effective and efficient this bloated cabinet can be.

Ramirez recently created positions that have positions beneath them, creating clear redundancies.

The director of external relations manages the publications and marketing coordinators, all three being accountable for the same responsibilities, such as being "responsible for the effective promotion of SGA events" to some degree. All three positions could be consolidated into one.

The chief information officer is responsible for developing "surveys and questionnaires based on the needs of the Executive Cabinet" and to help senators with said surveys. The press secretary could be responsible for this task.

Ramirez is creating these cabinet positions and the Senate is confirming them without questioning their need and effectiveness. The Senate should oblige Ramirez to not only have to justify the appointment of a each person, but the position as well.

Instead of having several positions in charge of very specific tasks, some can be combined or even cut to streamline the executive branch.

The director of campus life is tasked with regular meetings with governing councils and bimonthly meetings with the SGC-MMC president, vice president, and the presidents of each governing council.

The SGA constitution already has a clause mandating governing councils to report to the executive branch. So, instead of creating a position, the vice president or chief of staff could be responsible for this as Nick Autiello did while he was chief of staff under former SGC-MMC President Anthony Rionda.

However, the blame does not fall squarely on Ramirez.

The Senate should also question the position's longevity and necessity. For example, the CIO has had the position since June and has only helped one senator with one survey that doesn't even start until this month. If this position doesn't have any continuous duties, then it should either be tailored to include such, or it should be eliminated.

The CIO also works with the senators, and all senators must submit surveys to him. Senators are also required to submit reports to the senate speaker, so creating a position which is essentially a middleman is questionable.

Also, each of these positions are paid. Directors are paid \$500 per semester and coordinators are paid \$400 per semester. The SGC-MMC executive branch budget is down from \$16,000 in 2009-2010 to \$8,000 in 2010-2011. Therefore, more focus should be paid to conserving money instead of adding positions without regard to the budget.

*The Beacon* believes these paid positions are a waste of student money.

Now that the Senate has the information needed to take action, they need to review what they've found and realize the uselessness for the said positions.

*The Beacon* believes the Senate should take a good hard look at the redundant positions, their budget and trim the fat accordingly by impeaching whoever is not performing to their best abilities or get rid of the position altogether.

### VERBATIM

"I'm telling you that everybody who runs CNN is a lot like [Jon] Stewart, and a lot of people who run all the other networks are a lot like Stewart, and to imply that somehow they-the people in this country who are Jewish-are an oppressed minority? Yeah."

Former CNN anchor Rick Sanchez  
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# Student organizations encourage expression with open mic night

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Several student organizations will be hosting an open mic event which will be a welcoming opportunity for students to express themselves through spoken word performance.

The Men Achieving Leadership Excellence, and Success organization, Student Poets Eloquently Articulating Knowledge and the Black Student Union have been planning and promoting an open mic night for Oct. 6 at 7 p.m., a first time collaboration between these organizations.

Light refreshments are going to be served during intermission and music provided by DJ Richard “Polar Bear” Pierre.

A wide variety of music is going to be played according to the crowd’s taste and performers may ask to have music played to go along with their piece and performance.

Afterwards, there will be an after party with music and dancing.

An artist may go up and read about anything. A poet may go up and perform more than once. There won’t be a limit on the number of poets that go up.

There will be no censoring of content, nor will there be a dress code of any kind.

The idea was brought to SPEAK president senior finance and international business major, Andrea Lee by MALES, an organization that mentors young men through college and transforms them into potential leaders.

It was brought up after an open mic event SPEAK hosted during the summer on July 15 called “There’s power in Your Words: SPEAK.”

MALES SPEAK will be have a sign up sheet available for those interested in performing during the beginning while everyone is sitting and relaxing.

Jeff McNamee, associate director Multicultural Program and Services and advisor for SPEAK and MALES, will be the MC

“It will be a beautiful event right on the water in the dark, an amazing ambiance

for the event. He will read the names in no particular order from the list.

“Planning is more complicated because you have to make sure that you get input from everyone,” Lee said, “It can also be good because you have access to more resources and more people to help you run the event itself.”

MALES president and senior business management major Joshua Numa also helped coordinate the event. MALES helped book the location for the event.

It will be held at the loggia located behind the Wolfe University Center towards the cafeteria and walkway to the Marine Science building. It is right by the water.

“It’s going to be a great event with free food, free

music and a good opportunity to learn about the different organizations,” Numa said. “It will be a beautiful event right on the water in the dark, an amazing ambiance.”

Bryan Bredy, junior psychology major, has been a member of MALES since his sophomore year.

He will help set up on the day of the event and has been trying to get people to perform and finding out which people will be involved.

He will also perform his signature piece, titled “Atlas.”

“I would definitely love the opportunity to do more collaborations like this in the future. SPEAK will be collaborating with Haitian Student Organization for another open mic event in October,” Lee said.

# SGA intern program provides mentors

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According to Student Government Association website, the SGA Intern Program is designed to teach students the skills they need for successful leadership and development. They learn about the responsibilities of SGA and are paired with a mentor who is a current member.

Battle emphasized that getting involved is a big part of academic life.

“A lot of people think collegiate life is just getting your degree, but it’s also about your experiences while in college,” she said.

SGA is the biggest student organization on campus.

“If you really want to understand the university and get

involved, this is the best way,” Battle said. “It gives you a truly holistic view of campus, from the administrative side to the academic side and the programming side.”

Being involved gives students leadership skills, helps build their resumes, and makes them an overall better individual when the time comes to compete for jobs after graduation, according to Battle.

General meetings are held every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in WUC 155.

Students are welcome to attend to meet the members and stay up-to-date on current issues.

Students interested in the open positions in SGA can call 305-919-5680, email sgcbbc@fiu.edu or stop by WUC 301.


# Outside the classroom learning emphasized

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themselves competitive they need to expand their horizons and she stresses to her students the importance of experiences

outside the classroom like reading the newspaper.


Tuesday Times Roundtable is held every week in Wolfe University Center 159 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.




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## ECUADOR

### Ecuador in state of siege

The streets of Ecuador were quiet with the military in charge of public order on Oct. 1, after soldiers rescued the president from a hospital where he'd been surrounded by police who roughed him up earlier.



## PERU

### Ex-Peru rebels run for elected office

Militants from the Shining Path have entered mayoral and gubernatorial races on Sept. 26 under the banner of a movement seeking amnesty for hundreds of "political prisoners," including founder Abimael Guzman.



## JAMAICA

### Death toll rises to 5 in floods, slides

Searchers scoured muddy river banks and debris-clogged gullies for more victims of Tropical Storm Nicole on Sept. 30 as the confirmed death toll in Jamaica from floods and mudslides rose to five.

# Hurdles remain to fill remaining council positions

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Staff Writer

The Student Government Council at the Biscayne Bay Campus is actively seeking positions to be filled for this school year. Due to issues with some of the rules and regulations governing the council, many interested students have been deemed ineligible.

According to Cici Battle, SGC-BBC president, many students have shown interest in getting involved and she has about 30 applications. But the biggest issue has been one of the rules in the constitution, which states that 50 percent of the student's classes need to be at the campus at which he or she wants to serve.

The majority of current applicants take their classes at the Modesto Maidique Campus because particular classes are not available at BBC, which makes them ineligible to fill the position.

According to Battle, although there is no deadline to fill these roles, the job will ultimately get done.

SGC-BBC has around 40 total seats. The Judicial branch has no filled positions, the Cabinet is missing an executive

assistant and the Senate and the Executive Office of the President also has multiple empty seats.

Robert Tassy, a senior journalism major who served on SGA for the past two terms, resigned from his positions last week. He began as an SJMC Senator last year and added on the responsibility of Speaker of the Senate this year.

"I could no longer give SGA 100 percent of my attention," he said, "especially since I'm graduating in the spring and my focus will be on my classes and studying for the GRE."

A new speaker was promptly appointed. Demetreus Vincent, a graduate student senator and formerly Speaker Pro-Temp, is the new speaker.

Currently, senate seats are being appointed rather than voted upon by students.

According to Tassy, all appointments must be approved by the Senate after candidates introduce themselves and present their platforms before the Senators. They must still undergo proper procedure.

He said because elections take a lot of time and effort, and because SGA is intended to represent the student body,

their appointing the seats is also beneficial to students and saves time. He added that aside from that, elections do not have a large student turnout anyway.

The Senate made two appointments this semester.

The first was on Sept. 1 appointment of Michelle Reyes to one of Lower Division seats and the second was the Sept. 8 appointment Jeveris Floyd to one of the Hospitality and Tourism Management seats.

In an effort to promote all open posi-

tions, Battle makes weekly announcements in her classes. Students also receive periodic email blasts and announcements are posted on bulletin boards throughout the campus.

SGC-BBC Comptroller, Shana Kaplan, attends most of the Bay Vista Housing meetings and will begin advertising the open positions.

Most of the advertising has been for the open intern positions.

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## OPEN POSITIONS ON SGC-BBC COUNCIL

- Cabinet: Executive Assistant.
- Senate: Hospitality Management, Arts & Sciences, Broward, Nursing, Lower Divisions, Educations, Senator At-Large, and Business.
- Judicial: Chief Justice, Justices.
- Executive Office of the President: Director of Community Relations, Lectures, Health Services, Sustainability, Student Services and International Student Affairs.

## FORBIDDEN READING



PHILIPPE BUTEAU/THE BEACON

University President Mark Rosenberg reads from *The Naked and The Dead* by Norman Mailer during the 10th annual Banned Book Readout on Sept. 29 in Panther Square.

# Overcoming excuses the topic for latest roundtable

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"Some Protect the Ego by Working on Their Excuses Early," a New York Times-article published last year inspired this week's Tuesday Times Roundtable, which the moderator hopes will provide a desire for students and faculty to self-analyze themselves.

"I think we are all one of those people. All of us have that innate medic response to

protect ourselves from the hard truth," said Maureen Walter, professor of biological sciences said.

Walter has had the January 2009 New York Times article by Benedict Carey on her website for her students since it was published. As a subscriber to the New York Times for many years, she was thrilled when the University began offering newspapers, paid for by student activity and services fees, to students and faculty members.

"I give my students a lot of tools to lead them to success. This article is another-tool that students can use to put themselves under a magnifying glass and have the opportunity to have a do-good talk. Students can pause and look at what they're considering and take a step back and say, 'this is realistic, and I can do this,'" Walter said. The article explains that people do not consciously make up excuses, but create scenarios to offer protection in case they don't succeed.

"You need to consider how much your putting on your plate, what your motivation

is, what your goals are and this is just one way to prevent yourself from not achieving

what you want to achieve with the degree of success you should have," Walter said.

Walter believes that those who succeed without a clear vision of why they're succeeding will expect to succeed without knowing how to do the work that earned them the success in the first place.

Walter supported this with a quote from psychologist Steven Berglas used in the Times article, "With success, expectations go up, and the behavior gets more extreme."

Walter hopes this article and the discussion will inspire students to analyze some of the things they do and to avoid creating those scenarios in which there is a higher potential for failure.

"I truly believe every student can succeed, it just depends on if they're willing to do the amount of work required and if they have the time," Walter said. "Being unrealistic with how much you can handle with school, work and relationships is already creating an excuse. Set yourself up for success rather than failure."

This is Walter's first time moderating the TTR and narrowing it down to one article wasn't easy, she said.

She feels in order for students to make

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