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CUBA

Cuba to free prisoners not in church deal

Cuba will release into exile in Spain a lawyer and two hijackers jailed for revealing state security secrets, none were on a list of 52 political prisoners from the Roman Catholic Church.



HUNGARY

Firm head detained over toxic sludge

Hungary's prime minister says police have detained the director of the company that owns the metals plant where a reservoir flooded several towns with toxic red sludge.



SOMALIA

Pirates seize ship with 20 Filipino crew

Somali pirates have seized a Japanese-owned cargo ship with 20 Filipino crew members onboard, the European Union Naval Force said Monday.

University testing out move to Moodle

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Contributing Writer

As the University's contract with its Learning Management System Blackboard CE6 ends this year, a plan to switch to Moodle by summer 2011 is underway.

This past summer, University Technology Services and Educational Technology Services launched Moodle for 34 web-assisted courses under eCampus.

The feedback from the pilot was very positive and helped ETS plan for all 354 web-assisted to use Moodle as their Learning Management System by summer 2011. Moodle, which is an acronym for Modular Object-Oriented Dynamic Learning Environment, is used in over 200 countries, making it the most widely used open-source LMS.

The advantage of using open-source software is that "there is a dynamic worldwide user and developer community that is actively developing new features, add-ons, and plug-ins that are made freely available to everyone using the open-source program" explained Dr. Mary Haley, assistant director of ETS. For the past four years the University has been using the commercial LMS Blackboard CE6 for web-

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GOLDEN IDOL



BURKE HILL/THE BEACON

Gabriella Yidi, a theater major in her freshman year, was the winner of this year's Golden Idol competition on Oct. 6 in GC Ballrooms

Law school ranked tenth in best value

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Staff Writer

A study based on bar passage rate, average debt after graduation and employment rates nine months after graduation has led *The National Jurist* to name the University's College of Law as the tenth best value Law school in the nation.

The National Jurist ranking, featured in the October 2010 issue and in *PreLaw Magazine's* fall edition classifies the University's College of Law as second in the state, after Florida State University.

The College of Law has been previously recognized in other studies, such as the Leiter Ranking and the national Sisk Report, which placed FIU as third in Florida for Faculty Scholarly Impact in the nation.

"These rankings reflect FIU College of Law's excellence in education and scholarship," said Dean Alex Acosta on the College of Law's website. "As we approach the tenth anniversary of our founding, we are proud of that our faculty has so quickly joined those of the University of Florida and FSU as one of the three most impactful law faculties in the state of Florida."

The National Jurist assigned each of the 60 selected institutions a letter grade to represent their value level, with FIU obtaining an A.

The list is lead by Georgia State Univer-

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Senate moves to impeach Comptroller Rosa-Blanco

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Staff Writer

The Student Governing Council at Modesto Maidique Campus senate met on Oct. 11 and moved to impeach SGC-MMC Comptroller Maria Rosa-Blanco after being found in violation of an attendance statute.

The first step in the impeachment process is to inform Rosa-Blanco of the impeachment and then to hold a hearing which allows her to defend herself.

During the next SGC-MMC senate meeting, the date for the impeachment hearing will be set. After this hearing, the senate will decide whether or not to remove actually remove Rosa-Blanco.

College of Arts and Sciences Senator Moses Aluicio clarified that: "impeachment does not necessarily mean removal; in theory the senate can censure a person."

When a member of the Sudent

Government Association is censured, they are officially reprimanded by the senate due to problems that occur during their time as a member of SGA. Censures can also be used as evidence in an impeachment trial.

During the hearing, SGC-MMC Graduate Senator Erika Edwards pointed out that the comptroller's signature is required to give any organization amounts of money greater than \$3,000.

This was a problem because the Graduate Student Funding Committee had just allocated \$4,400 to the Academy for Arts and Teachings without Rosa-Blanco's signature.

SGC-MMC President Helena Ramirez noted that because she was not aware of this allocation, nor signed it, that the money may become void and be refunded to SGA.

"In order to appropriate these funds [SGA] would either have to break the law or mail all forms to

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Moses Aluicio, Senator
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

[Rosa-Blanco] and have her sign them and then mail them back," said College of Arts and Sciences Senator Chris Cabral.

Cabral felt the impeachment process would allow for Rosa-Blanco to not only defend herself but also clear up many questions that Ramirez cannot answer for Rosa-Blanco.

While giving her report on the comptroller, Ramirez also noted that the SGC-MMC Director of External Relations Andrea Alhadari resigned from her position due to the fact that she had prior engagements that needed her attention.

Internal Affairs Coordinator

Daniel Gonzalez will now be heading an investigation which will submit an impeachment report at the next senate meeting on Rosa-Blanco and her work.

Gonzalez also presented his report on SGC-MMC Director of Campus Life Alex Lastra. Although the investigation has been underway for a week, Gonzalez said it was still ongoing due to governing councils not responding to his attempts to reach them.

Aside from the move to impeach Rosa-Blanco, the committee that was formed at a previous meeting to investigate regulations for political parties

brought its report to the senate. The committee's purpose was to investigate other college's political party systems and use them as a guideline for creating regulations.

The report was delivered by Lower Division Senator Patrick O'Keefe and a point brought up was that the bill, although mainly just regulations, seemed to promote the creation of political parties.

Also, it was noted by Aluicio that the parties should not be regulated by the Elections Commission which, at best, is a one man

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WEIRD NEWS

Charlie the Smoking Chimp Dies

Charlie the smoking chimp has taken his last puff. The cigarette-loving simian, who gained worldwide fame years ago after videos of him puffing away were widely circulated, has died at the relatively advanced age of 52 at a South African zoo.

Only about seven percent of captive chimps make it past age 40, according to a 2007 Harvard study cited by the New York Daily News. Charlie apparently learned to smoke while working as a circus performer in the U.S. Though Charlie is dead, zoo officials are thinking of having him stuffed.

Thousands of condoms clog Games village drains

Thousands of flushed condoms threaten to choke the Commonwealth Games village’s drainage system, Reuters said, in the latest problem to hit the venue from hidden snakes to outbreaks of dengue. Games organizers are now battling to clear clogged drains after thousands of non-biodegradable contraceptives were flushed down toilets in the first week of the event.

Games organizers had provided 8,000 free condoms in the village, and the provision appears to be in high demand. Over 4,000 had already been snapped up by eager athletes in a tradition that has occurred since the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona.

Women had 77 cats living in 2 cars

Two women, 54-year-old Regina Millard and 61-year-old Bertha Ryan, both of Troy, N.Y have been cited for animal cruelty in Vermont after police found 77 cats living in two cars.

The Bennington Banner reports that Police say one of the cats was found dead in the trunk of one of the cars. Plates of food were inside and some of the cats had fecal matter matted to their fur.

Bennington Police Chief Paul Doucette says the women owned two of the cats and were apparently looking for homes for the rest.

– Compiled by Alexandra Camejo

Law schools judged on bar passage rate and average debt of students

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sity, followed by Brigham Young University and the University of Louisville.

The schools selected were to have a bar pass rate higher than the state average.

The 2009 FIU rate for first-time takers was 81 percent.

Another factor taken into account for the list was the average debt of law graduates, in which FIU was close to the ranking’s limit of \$100,000.

The National Jurist obtained the average debt information from the *U.S. News & World Report*.

To be included in the selection, the employment rate nine months after graduation had to be of at least 85 percent of the class.

FIU’s statistics for the Class of 2009 reached 91 percent.

In-state tuition was also an important factor for the University’s high rank, which in 2009 was at \$14,203.20 annually for the day division and \$9,942.24 for night students.

“Money was a major reason for me to come to



ESRA ERDOGAN/THE BEACON

(From left to right) Patricia Ramsey and Samah Abukhodeir, both first year law students, delighted to hear that the University’s law school was ranked as a best value

attend a state school in Florida,” said Law school student Derrick Feinman.

The University’s College of Law has attracted many students because of the comparatively low cost of tuition, as well as improvements in the curriculum.

“The tuition, professors and location were all factors of why I chose to go to FIU for law school,” said Gretel Salazar, law student.

The study by *The National Jurist* also found that most of the students that go to law school find jobs in the same area.

Thus, they recommend future lawyers consider whether the school they attend is in an area where they would want to spend at least a few years.

“I take pride in the fact that I can go to a great law school, take advantage of all that FIU has to offer in terms of quality professors and curriculum and do so at a relatively good price,” said Feinman.

Investigative report on regulations for political parties draws questions

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committee, according to Aluicio.

“According to this [bill], there is no oversight on the money,” Aluicio said. “How can we base it on the elec-

tions board which in the past has been a minority? How can we put these organizations under the elections board when there is none?”

O’Keefe ensured the senators that the point of the bill was purely to be used as guidelines, and will be subject to change over time.

“It’s putting regulations in place just in case somebody decides to start a political party and ask for funding to campaign,” O’Keefe said.

Moodle gets mixed reviews from faculty and students

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assisted courses since Blackboard Inc. bought WebCT in 2006.

Although Moodle appears user-friendly, complaints have already been received by UTS from students who are having trouble finding assignments, schedules and other resources on Moodle.

“Moodle has a better interface but has problems sometimes with the password,” said business major Dan Montenegro. The login for Moodle uses the “myAccounts” login information, which has created problems for some students.

“I was trying to submit a paper and it wouldn’t even let me log in, so I think it momentarily went down,” said Sky Choi, a physics major.

The switch to Moodle is also an attempt to allay complaints from faculty that Blackboard was too complicated and made it difficult to integrate outside resources into the software through the tools provided by the system.

English Professor Jennie Dautermann, who currently uses Moodle for three of her classes, “would rather use Moodle because it is more teacher-friendly and has a lot of options.”

ETS evaluated several alternatives to replace Blackboard as the University’s LMS. A comparison using one course in each system to look at how it worked included: ANGEL Learning, which is now owned by Blackboard Inc., Course Cruiser and Sakai, the system currently used at the University of Florida.

While eCampus serves web-assisted courses, FIU Online solely handles the University’s fully online classes. FIU Online has used Moodle as a Beta/Pilot LMS with some of these fully online courses. Due to cost issues, there is no plan for these online courses to make the same, complete transition to Moodle that eCampus is making.

“It could be that the University uses two LMS—one for FIU Online and one for eCampus—which would not be unheard of,” explained Haley.

The transition will require help from faculty to make it work to its full potential but Haley says ETS is “very optimistic” that the University community will embrace Moodle and stay with it for a long time.



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WOMEN'S SOCCER: MTSU 3, FIU 1

BREAKING PERFECTION

Golden Panthers lose first conference game at home

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Staff Writer

The women's soccer team suffered their first loss in the Sun Belt Conference against Middle Tennessee on Oct. 10, losing 3-1.

The Golden Panthers (8-5, 1-5 SBC) committed a total of 12 fouls for the entire game, something the team is not accustomed to doing.

This was only the fourth time FIU hit double digits in fouls for a game, and also the third most this year.

"I'd put it that there [Middle Tennessee] a rough opponent, so if they hit us we would just be scrapping and then we would get the foul," said Nicole DiPerna about the physical play on both sides of the ball.

Middle Tennessee (7-8, 4-2 SBC) ended with just six fouls on the day.

In the first half, MTSU didn't waste any time getting the lead, as Vanessa Mueggler, the Blue Raiders leading scorer and with now ten goals, put the ball in the net on a corner coming from Whitney Jorgenson.

The goal came with just under 14 minutes into the game, setting the Golden Panthers back early.

Not only was Mueggler the leading goal getter for MTSU coming into the game, but she was also second in the SBC as well.

Up to this point in the season, the Panthers have done a very good job on

containing the top player of their opponents, especially in the SBC.

In this game however, Mueggler was able to get the most shots on goal for either team with three total.

"We didn't have the strongest attack as we usually do today, and I think that's why we feel short," Golden Panthers midfielder April Perry said. "Our attack wasn't strong because we weren't very composed up top, so it hurt us a lot."

The Panthers were able to strike back shortly after to make it a 1-1 match, when freshmen Crystal McNamara shot the ball inside the box at the 29 minute mark for her first goal on the year.

This gave the Golden Panthers plenty of more time and chances to be able to take control of the game, and the lead.

At the end of the first 45 minutes of action, the game remained tied at one a piece.

The second half started with a bang, as MTSU was able to strike early again, this time in only four minutes, as Mueggler got the ball in the outside box and struck it into the left corner, making the lead 2-1 in favor of the Blue Raiders.

It was time for FIU to comeback yet again, except this time it was not to be, as Mueggler's second goal proved to be the game winner.

MTSU also put in an insurance goal



KARINA TELLEZ/THE BEACON

Middle Tennessee midfielder Piaige Goeglin attacks the FIU defense in a win

six minutes later, with Jessika Osseguera scoring off a free kick from 30 yards out, to increase the lead to 3-1 with about 36 minutes left to play for FIU to mount a comeback, or at the very least send it into overtime and maybe pull out a tie.

In the end the outcome remained at 3-1 Middle Tennessee over FIU, and the first loss of SBC play drops FIU to now second in the conference standings, with Denver

remaining undefeated.

"It's not easy, especially coming off a five game winning streak," Perry said. "We're very disappointed that we had the let up today, but I think that it's just going to make us more aggressive the next game to make sure we get another streak going."

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MEN'S SOCCER: FIU 2, FAU 0

Rodriguez, Panthers shut out rival Owls on the road

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Staff Writer

Nicolas Rodriguez had one assist and the game-closing goal for the Panthers (5-5-0, 0-2-0 Conference-USA) as they played the Florida Atlantic Owls (2-6-2) on Oct. 9 and came away with a 2-0 win.

Rodriguez buried an easy give away from FAU goalkeeper James McCormick in the 88th minute.

Earlier in the second half, Rodriguez assisted with a perfect free kick crossed into the box for Jahbari Willis to score his first collegiate goal.

"We finished strong, although possession wasn't in our favor we capitalized on the chances we got, and on the ones they gave us," Head coach Munga Eketebi said.

Early in the first half, Owl's forward Rocco Pecora had three shots on goal. FAU dominated possession and out shot FIU three to four

in the first half. Everything went their way but they couldn't seem to find the back of the net. Leading the way for the Golden Panthers was veteran defender Kevin Hoffman, who had two shots in the first half along with Carlo Schmid, who had one shot on target just falling short of the bottom of the right post.

As the half came to a close FAU keeper James McCormick lead the way in saves for the Owl's and FAU lead FIU in corner kicks and shots on target.

Eketebi talked about how they need "fresh legs" at the half.

"We weren't getting many opportunities and some of our starters looked out of it at the half and I know it's to a coaches advantage to use the bench to bring life into a scoreless game especially the way we were playing," Eketebi said.

Eketebi wasted no time as he brought on six

different players on to the pitch through out the second half.

Leading the way in minutes played for the substitutes was veteran Lucas Di Croce, playing 47 minutes in the second half and stoppage time. Out of the six different substitutes, three were freshmen.

Coming up big for the Panthers was the freshman six-foot-five defender Jonathan DeValdivieso with six tackles in just nine minutes of play. But leading the way for FIU was star freshman Nicolas Rodriguez, who finished with one goal, one assist, three tackles as a forward and playing 64 minutes starting in the mid portion of the first half.

Panthers goalkeeper Shane Lopez had his second clean sheet of the season. He finished with only one save, however.

The Golden Panthers come back home to play conference rival Memphis on Oct. 3 at 7 p.m.

FUTURE PANTHER



KRISTI CAMARA/THE BEACON

Miami Northwestern wide receiver Clinton Taylor makes a catch behind the Miami Central defense on Oct. 8. Four senior players from Northwestern, including Taylor, are currently verbally committed to play for FIU.

MIAMI DOLPHINS

Henne improves despite setbacks

STEVEN WINE
AP Sports Writer

The Miami Dolphins’ complex is flanked by several small-college campuses, and quarterback Chad Henne could pass for a graduate student. He arrives early, studies late and often lugs a notebook under his arm.

Occasionally he flunks a test.

Henne’s many fans include former Dolphins coaches Don Shula and Jimmy Johnson, who say the franchise finally has a keeper at QB. But there are detractors, too, especially in the wake of an erratic prime-time showing on Oct. 4.

Henne matched a career high with three interceptions, all ugly and one returned for a touchdown in a 41-14 loss to the New England Patriots.

“He’s a guy who bounces back with a pretty good intensity,” coach Tony Sparano said. “He doesn’t really get rattled a whole lot.”

No one disputes the third-year pro is still a work in progress, but Henne said he’s capable of leading the Dolphins to the playoffs.

“Definitely. There’s no question,” he said. “I see myself each and every day getting better at things that I wasn’t so good at last year.”

In 17 career starts, Henne has thrown 17 touchdown passes and 18 interceptions while leading the Dolphins to a record of 9-8. They’re 2-2 this year, with consecutive home losses in divisional games after winning their first two games on the road.

A rugged part of the schedule awaits, with the next six opponents a combined

16-8, and the stretch could be especially telling for Henne.

He may be no Dan Marino, but boosters still think Henne can be the Dolphins’ best quarterback since Marino.

“I see progress in a lot of areas,” Sparano said. “Where you’re behind like we were behind, and you have to throw it as much as we had to throw it, to make the decisions that he made at times and to throw some of the balls that he threw I thought was really impressive.”

Interceptions aside — and that’s a huge aside — Henne went 29 for 36 for 302 yards. He has topped 300 yards five times, which is already more than any passer in the Dolphins’ 45-year history except Marino. Those performances all came in Henne’s past nine games, including a career-best 363-yard effort in a loss to the New York Jets two weeks ago.

“There are some really positive things to build on,” said Chad Pennington, the Dolphins’ backup quarterback and Henne’s mentor. “Chad has made some really good progress in his consistency with his reads, and aside from Monday, his consistency in taking care of the ball.”

The offseason addition of Brandon Marshall gave Henne a Pro Bowl target, and they’ve connected 27 times for 340 yards. But the tandem has produced only one score, and Henne has misfired trying to hit Marshall 18 times.

The duo has engaged in more than one heated conversation on the sidelines, with Marshall doing much of the talking, raising suspicions about curdled chemistry. Marshall wore out his welcome with the Denver Broncos, but he and Henne

said their relationship is fine.

“When he goes off in his rampages, just let him be,” Henne said. “That’s the way he plays the game, and you just let him be himself, and he’ll come back to you and make some great plays.”

Marshall conceded he complains too much about not getting the ball enough.

“Receivers think they know it all,” Marshall said. “There was one play where I came to the sideline and I went to Pennington and I said, ‘Man, I’ve got one-on-one with a linebacker. Wouldn’t you guys come to me first?’ He looks at me and said, ‘Yeah, absolutely. I would definitely come to you if you’re one-on-one with a linebacker.’

“Then he says, ‘Were you open?’ and I said, ‘No.’”

Marshall laughed and said Henne knows better than to take him too seriously.

“It’s one of those things where wide receivers always think they’re open, so don’t mind me,” Marshall said. “Nine times out of 10, I probably wasn’t, and he did exactly what he was supposed to do.”

It’s that 10th time that gets Henne in trouble. He sometimes forces throws against soft defenses, and that was the case against the Patriots, who often dropped seven or eight players into coverage.

“The next thing to fall into place for Chad is continually being patient,” Pennington said. “The Patriots’ philosophy was to see if this young quarterback can be patient. It was a good learning experience for him.”

Henne has two weeks to absorb the latest lesson in his very public NFL education.

INTRAMURAL FOOTBALL STANDINGS

FRATERNITY			
	W-L-T	PCT	STREAK
Pi Kappa Phi	3-0-0	1.000	W3
Pi Kappa Alpha	3-1-0	1.000	W1
Sigma Phi Epsilon	3-0-1	0.750	Draw
FJIJ	2-1-0	0.667	W2
Phi Sigma Kappa	2-1-1	0.500	L1
Sigma Alpha Mu	2-2-0	0.500	W1
Tau Kappa Epsilon	1-0-2	0.333	Draw
Lambda Chi Alpha	1-3-0	0.250	L1
NPHC All-Stars	1-3-0	0.250	W1
Beta Theta Pi	0-4-0	0.000	L4
Sigma Chi	0-3-0	0.000	L3
*All records up to date as of Oct. 10			

SORORITY			
	W-L-T	PCT	STREAK
Alpha Xi Delta	3-0-0	1.000	W3
Phi Sigma Sigma	2-0-0	1.000	W2
Alpha Omicron Pi	2-1-0	0.667	W2
Delta Phi Epsilon	2-2-0	0.500	L1
Sigma Kappa	1-1-1	0.333	L1
Phi Mu	0-3-1	0.000	L3
Sigma Sigma Sigma	0-3-0	0.000	L3
*All records up to date as of Oct. 10			

CO-REC			
	W-L-T	PCT	STREAK
Commodores	3-0-0	1.000	W3
The Supinators	3-1-0	0.750	W2
Alpha Kappa Psi	2-1-0	0.667	W2
Cereal Killers	0-3-0	0.000	L3
LVS Losers	0-3-0	0.000	L3
*All records up to date as of Oct. 10 For more standings, visit fiu.edu/~camprec			

Mueggler torches Panther defense

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This is the sixth year in a row that the Golden Panthers has lost to the Blue Raiders and was not able to avenge their only loss in the conference from last season.

“All the credit to Middle Tennessee doing what they needed to do to win the game. But we weren’t good today,” Head coach Thomas Chestnutt said.

“I felt like the two goals they scored in the second half came against the run of play, and that we were sitting better than they were. However, we just were off today, we were not good on the ball. At the end of the day, we couldn’t get ourselves out of it.”

FIU will play North Texas on Oct. 15 at 8 p.m. and end their two game road weekend at Denver on Oct. 17 at 1 p.m.

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ISN'T HE LOVELY?



Senior Robby Valls walked away with the first Mr. FIU title. Valls and fellow contestants were judged by a panel of judges including Rosalie Rosenberg. Mr. FIU was hosted by the Miss FIU Committee.



PHOTOS BY LINDA LEE/THE BEACON

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Japanese restaurant offers big flavors, reasonable cost

There's nothing like sushi and sake bombs to bring friends together.

A good friend of mind decided that it was high time that we -all 16 of us- went out on a date.



JASMYNE ELLIOTT

After a brief discussion, we all came to the conclusion that sushi was the name of the game.

Shibui, 7101 SW 102 Street, is a small dive with a highly extensive menu featuring a host of Japanese specialties.

For those who aren't ready to venture into the world of sushi or simply want a hot meal, entrées such as teriyaki and tempura are available for your enjoyment.

While a good part of the crew enjoyed sake, I decided that a green iced tea was more my speed.

When it arrived, I was somewhat concerned with its deep green hue.

But the light, refreshing taste dispelled my fears.

For an appetizer, my friend (and our lovely Life! Editor Adriana) and I shared the Combo, Combo, a sampler featuring a dish of kai-kakiage (fried conch fritters), tatsuta-age (marinated chicken wings), shigi-yake (fried eggplant with miso sauce) and beef gyoza (a savory dumpling).

Although we enjoyed the entire dish, a favorite of mine was the eggplant.

The smoky sweetness of the miso sauce and its melt-in-your-mouth texture was heavenly.

Shibui's menu contains 45 different sushi roll varieties.

If it were up to me, I would try each one.

Alas, I was confined to sampling only a

few.

I stepped outside of tradition for a bit and tried the Louisiana Roll, a combination of cooked crawfish, asparagus, masago and lettuce.

With this being my first time trying crawfish, and in such a unique preparation, I must say I was impressed overall.

The light sweetness of the crawfish and the refreshing astringent of asparagus complimented each other quite well, especially with a tiny dollop of wasabi.

I was also able to try a bit of the Combination Nori-Maki dinner, which includes a tuna roll, a cucumber roll, half a Shibui roll and two additional rolls with your choice of filling.

In this case, the two additional rolls were both of salmon.

I could tell that Shibui used fresh fish in this roll; no unpleasant aftertaste followed and I didn't even need wasabi or soy sauce to enhance the flavor.

For dessert, a few of us decided to split an order of tempura ice cream and tempura cheesecake.

The tempura ice cream was a hit: the outer crust was light enough not to interfere with the vanilla.

Also, the warmth of the cheesecake was a pleasant surprise and a fantastic compliment to the ice cream.

Although the food was on point, I must discourage you from going to Shibui with a large crowd.

Since the establishment is so small, we were quite cramped for space.

Also, there were several hiccups in the already slow service.

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Carlos Cruz-Diez, *Psychromie 1024*, 1975, Aluminum, PVC and acrylic, 39 3/8 x 78 3/4 x 1 1/2 inches, Art&Art, LLC Collection, Image © Gary Mercer 2010

Fall Exhibition Openings

TARGET WEDNESDAY AFTER HOURS
Where curiously creative minds meet.
October 13, 2010 / 6-9pm

Fall Exhibition Opening Reception

Come celebrate the opening reception for four major exhibitions during Target Wednesday After Hours. The Museum will feature the opening reception for *Embracing Modernity: Venezuelan Geometric Abstraction*; *Florida Artist Series: Selections from Anomie 1492-2006* by Arnold Mesches; Xavier Cortada's *Sequentia* and *La Habana Moderna* in the Wolfsonian Teaching Gallery at The Frost Art Museum.

This evening will also include a speed networking event, "How to Work a Room" open to all FIU Students with valid FIU ID. The presentation will begin at 5pm.

Target has teamed up with The Frost Art Museum to sponsor its popular programming series Target Wednesday After Hours. Designed to complement The Frost Art Museum's exhibitions, these events give visitors the chance to meet contemporary artists and engage with controversial art, live music, talks, films, dance, and performance art.

All events are free and open to the public.

For a full list of events please visit <http://thefrost.fiu.edu>



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HEALTHY BITES

Cancer fighting super foods add flavor and power to meals

In light of National Breast Cancer awareness month, here are six cancer fighting foods that are delicious and easy to incorporate into your diet.



DANIELLE HAMO

1. FLAXSEED

Flaxseed has been shown to fight cancers of the colon, breast, and intestines in animals.

Flaxseed does this by providing omega-3 fatty acids, which are anti-inflammatory, and by being a good source of lignans. Lignans have a weak estrogen effect and work against cancers that need estrogen to grow.

For best absorption, consume one to two tablespoons of ground flaxseed meal per day.

It can easily be incorporated into your meals by sprinkling it over salads, soups, smoothies and yogurts.

2. POMEGRANATE

Studies show that certain components of pomegranate such as urolithins and ellagitannins are able to stop the growth of breast and skin cancer cells and also disrupt the

initiation of colon, lung and prostate cancer.

Eat the actual fruit by cutting it down the middle and separating seeds in a bowl with water so the seeds sink and the rest of the skin floats.

Also try the juice by brands such as POM and mix with water, grapefruit juice or club soda if the flavor is too strong.

3. TURMERIC

Turmeric is a yellow spice with anti-oxidant and anti-cancer properties, turmeric can easily become a part of your diet.

Turmeric has been shown in numerous studies to have anti-cancer properties for colon, stomach, liver, skin, breast and kidney cancers.

Also, turmeric can be added to potato, vegetable and chicken dishes. Search the internet for delicious recipes and experiment.

4. TOMATOES

The pigment lycopene, present in tomatoes as well as watermelons, pink grapefruit, and pink guavas, is a potent antioxidant that may fight off prostate, breast, lung and liver cancers.

To get the most out of tomatoes, cook them with oil or consume highly processed

versions such as tomato sauce and paste. Doing this makes their lycopene more available to your body.

Try whole wheat pasta with tomato sauce or green beans cooked in a tomato sauce for dinner this week.

Other than their anti-cancer properties, tomatoes are delicious, low calorie and high in vitamins A and C.

5. GREEN TEA

All teas have phytochemicals called polyphenols. Green tea has the highest concentration of the polyphenol catechin which is an antioxidant twenty-five to one-hundred times than Vitamin C or E.

These compounds have been shown to protect against skin, lung, prostate, breast and liver cancer.

Always opt to make fresh green tea over the commercially bottled green tea which is high in sugar and other unnecessary ingredients.

Enjoy a warm cup of green tea after dinner, and add fresh mint leaves for enhanced flavor.

Also, you can make tea and sweeten it while warm, then cool it down overnight in the refrigerator and take as a refreshing drink

to school.

6. BROCCOLI

Broccoli contains indole-3-carbinol, a compound that may help fight many different kinds of cancers.

Adding to its list of credentials, broccoli is high in vitamin C, carotenoids, folic acid and low in calories.

Steam or boil frozen broccoli, which is easy and cheap to acquire and keep in stock.

As a snack, dip in a cheese sauce made by making a roux from one tablespoon flour and one tablespoon light butter/margarine.

Then add low-fat milk and stir until thickened. To finish off, add 2% milk shredded cheeses such as Monterey jack or Italian blend.

Also, try adding broccoli to dinner by lightly sauteeing it with olive oil, lemon juice, garlic, salt and pepper.

Voilà! A gourmet side dish is served.

Healthy bites is a bi-weekly health column. Look for it every other Wednesday. Hamo is currently doing her dietetics internship at the recreation center of the Biscayne Bay Campus. There, she offers free nutritional counseling sessions to students.

Eatery not good for groups

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In the midst of our meal, one of our friends had to convince a waitress that he didn't receive his food, which he ended up getting just in time for dessert.

Another tip: try to stick to the plated dinners that range in cost of \$10-\$20 on average, as

ordering individual rolls from \$1-\$3 can quickly become pricey.

Food for Thought is a food enthusiast, recipe and restaurant review column. Beacon writers do not receive free food or services in exchange for positive reviews. The views expressed in this column solely represent those of the author.

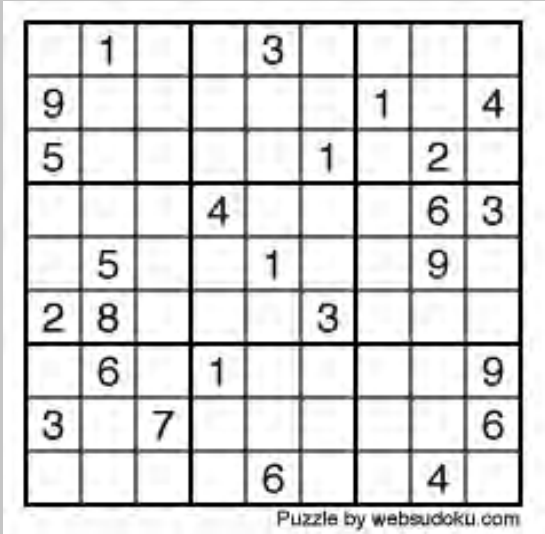
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Martha Maria Lopez, a senior studying journalism, was first runner up in this year's Golden Idol competition on Oct. 6. She sang a song by Selena.

Diversions



To solve the sudoku puzzle, every row, column and 3x3 box must contain the numbers 1-9 only once. Check your answers in on FIUSM.com.

Puzzle Difficulty: Hard

THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 13

ORGANIC FARMERS MARKET

Local produce, smoothies, yoga and more!
WHEN: 12 - 3 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: Central Fountain, along the red wall

WORKSHOP - SOUND SLEEP

Provided by Preksha Meditation Club.
WHEN: 6 - 8 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 243

A FRENCH CELEBRATION

FIU Chamber Music Series.
WHEN: 7:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: \$10 students; \$15 faculty/staff/seniors; \$25 general admission
WHERE: Wertheim Performing Arts Center

BBC CLUB FAIR

Learn about BBC's organizations!
WHEN: 1 - 3 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: Panther Square

TARGET WEDNESDAY AFTER HOURS



Celebrate the opening reception of four new exhibitions at The Frost!

WHEN: 6 - 9 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free and open to the public
WHERE: Frost Art Museum

VAGINA MONOLOGUES 2011 AUDITIONS

Monologues will be provided. Auditions will run until Friday.
WHEN: 5 - 9 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: DM 213
CONTACT: gabrielswinger@yahoo.com

THURSDAY, OCT. 14

HONORS COLLEGE EXCELLENCE LECTURE

Lecture by Anya Kamenetz, author and columnist.
WHEN: 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: CBC 155

LUNCHEON

Hosted by the School of Hospitality Management students. Menu includes appetizer, entrée, dessert, coffee and glass of wine. Dress code: business casual.
WHEN: 11:45 a.m.
HOW MUCH: \$18
WHERE: HM 129
Reserve in advance by calling Roger Ledesma, (305) 919-4526

PUSH WEEK

Hosted by Pi Kappa Phi.
WHEN: 12 - 2 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC Pit

WORKSHOP - STRESS RELIEF

Provided by Preksha Meditation Club.
WHEN: 6 - 8 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 243

STUDENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

General meeting.
WHEN: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC Ballroom Lawn

FINE ARTS STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Learn about the latest goings on in the FIU art community.
WHEN: 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 343

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Media cynicism demeans serious topic

JASMYN ELLIOTT
Asst. Opinion Editor

Bishop Eddie Long, a prominent preacher and figurehead in the African American community, had better start praying rather than preying. On Sept. 23, three young men came forward with accusations of sexual coercion against the pastor. The next day, a fourth man came forward. All four have since filed a civil suit against Long.

Disappointingly, many Black media outlets have been dismissive of these claims, assuming that these men are simply trying to extort Long for his money and defame his reputation. I, however, believe that their claims, along with other claims of sexual abuse, should be taken seriously. For now, though, let's take a look at their situation.

The popular claim regarding Long's case is that these men are trying to get a hold of his wealth. Some have even cited the fact that two of the victims were linked in a recent robbery of Long's personal items as proof of this motive. However, all four alleged victims were already recipients of Long's riches. All of them received a wide variety of generous gifts from Long, including cash, cars, property and international trips. If money were an issue, then it would have behooved them to stay silent.

It can be said that the robbery was an act of retaliation. Long has since built a reputation for being heavily attached to his possessions, even preaching that monetary wealth is proof of God's favor. I believe that since they felt robbed of their innocence, they reasoned

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that the best way to get back at Long was to make him feel a similar sense of loss and violation.

According to *RAINN.org*, 60% of cases of sexual assault go unreported. Furthermore, male victims are statistically the least likely to report sexual assault than female victims. Combine this with the homophobic stigma that permeates the Black and Christian communities in general, one can see why it may have taken so long for these men to come forward.

Furthermore, Long has openly, and perhaps ironically, been heavily vocal in denouncing homosexuality as a sin, going as far as organizing an anti-gay rally that included a march to the grave site of Martin Luther King, Jr. Although these four men were allegedly victimized, they were also parishioners of his church and may have hesitated coming forward due to their beliefs, not to mention the very real possibility of ostracism from their community, including the 25,000 members of Long's church.

I would also like to point out that the Black media will inherently be biased in favor of

Long. For many years, various Black media outlets have touted Long as one to look up to, a positive figure in Black America. With this scandal coming to light, Black media in general has been much kinder to Long, coming up with a variety of excuses or citing the “innocent until proven guilty” clause.

However, these were the same ones ready to convict and condemn the Catholic priests that were accused of molestation, the majority of which being White. While I can understand the sense of embarrassment on the Black media's part for potentially supporting a man guilty of sexual assault, or the need to defend him since they have championed him for so long, I see no reason why they should ease up now on their criticisms of these crimes, as these four men may have suffered serious trauma.

True, we don't know if Long is guilty or not yet. However, the alleged victims should not be dismissed and Long should also undergo the same amount of scrutiny. If nothing else happens, these four men have brought to light a serious issue that could help start the discussion on a crime that thrives on secrecy.

Mobile apps zombify

NEDA GHOMESHI
Staff Writer

Our dependence on cell phone applications is taking over our lives. Most college students, including myself, have become so dependent on our mobile technology that we would not be able to function without it. Most mobile users want very practical applications to solve their current problems.

Because of their dependence, users are incapacitated without their mobile device. For most, functioning without it is impossible.

Cell phone applications enable you to stay connected at all times, but they also separate you from the real world. “It is frustrating when my friends are using their cell phone during dinner,” said Aram Devletian, junior, economics. “I can't even remember the last time I had a simple dinner with no cell phone interruptions.”

In addition to making phone calls, we use our cell phones for emails, news updates, bank statements, music, Youtube, pictures and videos. The variety of tasks a mobile device can accomplish is incredible.

Cell phones are practically attached to our hands. Most people can't help but glance at their phone at least every hour. Usually, there's nothing important going on, but most still feel compelled to check. This constant desire to check your phone is a bad habit and takes away time from your day.

These days, thinking is secondary. For example, most cell phone users compute the amount they should tip at a restaurant using their calculator application.

This is general math. There is no need for a calculator, but because cell phones are accessible at all times, the thought of computing the math is one's head is outrageous. An individual's intelligence is diminishing because of the mobile applications available to them.

I do not understand the constant need to be on a cell phone. Honestly, a detachment from it is not going to harm anyone. The information that our cell phone provides will still be there beyond the hour. There is no need to constantly check for social updates.

A very popular mobile application is Facebook. According to Facebook's Press Room, “There are more than 150 million users currently accessing Facebook through their mobile device. People that use Facebook on their mobile devices are twice as active on Facebook as non-mobile users.”

These statements are pathetic and shameful. Facebook users should allocate their time spent on the site towards reading the news and keeping themselves informed of current affairs.

Facebook also released information in regard to the average time spent on its pages by a user. They said, “People spend over 700 billion minutes per month on Facebook.”

Facebook users do not need to spend anywhere near that number of minutes on the site. The activities that are being conducted on Facebook are a waste of time.

Nothing substantial is being learned. People are just learning tedious things about other people's lives.

Cell phones are essential in our lives. They are way too easy to use and their convenience is phenomenal. Our growing dependence is causing a drift between real communication and cellular communication.

Green living an easily attainable goal

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Contributing Writer

Over the past couple of weeks, I have spoken to many people, including students at the University, who claim “going green” is too difficult.

I believe, though, that these people are simply ignorant to the simple ways of helping the environment and end up disregarding any eco-friendly effort as inconvenient. What many people do not know is “going green” is easier than they may think.

While many are aware of the high unemployment rate, as high as 11.7 percent as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, not many people know of the money saving solutions “going green” provides.

The most commonly-known tip is changing to fluorescent light bulbs from traditional ones. Though compact fluorescent light bulbs initially cost more than traditional bulbs at the store, fluorescent bulbs use 1/4th less electricity, last 13 times longer, and

cost \$19.06 as compared to the \$39.54 a traditional bulb would cost over a three-year period.

Eco-friendly habits can go a lot further to decrease unnecessary expenses. According to *FPL.com*, the average home spends \$180 a year in heating costs alone.

Repairing leaky faucets or running the dishwasher only when it is full instead of hand-washing can decrease the water bill at the end of the month. In fact, it is estimated that the United States could save 3 trillion gallons of water, about \$18 million dollars a year if every household purchased water-saving appliances.

Helping the environment can also help keep you healthy. Walking short distances instead of driving can not only reduce your carbon footprint but provide active exercise.

Because not every distance is exactly walking-distance, bicycles are another healthy alternative. By riding a bicycle, you are receiving a great cardiovas-

cular exercise while improving your balance and even avoiding the stress of having to drive in Miami traffic.

In contemporary society, many people are accustomed to buying things already done for them, hence McDonald's multi-billion dollar corporation. I suggest an affordable and healthy food alternative is growing a garden.

Instead of paying a sometimes high price at grocery stores like Whole Foods, people can grow their own vegetables where they know exactly how and where their food is being grown. Growing a garden is also a great way to relieve stress, not to mention an excellent excuse to get the whole family together.

Many people I know have recycling bins provided by Miami-Dade County, but do not use them. As a result, most of their trash is being sent to landfills. These landfills are being created and maintained by our taxpayer dollars. The increasing use of landfills is not only coming

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“It is essential to the idea of a law, that it be attended with a sanction; or, in other words, a penalty or punishment for disobedience. [Without penalties] the resolutions or commands which pretend to be laws will, in fact, amount to nothing more than advice or recommendation.”

Alexander Hamilton to FIU on Smoking Ban

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St. Maarten celebrate increased autonomy

Several thousand revelers gathered in the capitals of tiny St. Maarten and Curacao on Oct. 10 to celebrate greater autonomy within the Dutch kingdom as a result of the breakup of the Netherlands Antilles.



ST. MARTEEN

Cuban state media criticizes Nobel winners

Cubadebated, a site where Castro posts opinion columns, said it is disappointed with the Nobel prize awarded to Peruvian novelist Mario Vargas Llosa, an outspoken critic of dictatorships across Latin America.



VENEZUELA

Chavez backs China over Nobel for dissident

President Hugo Chavez expressed solidarity with China's government on Oct. 10 over the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to a jailed Chinese dissident.

ON THE PROWL

Girl crushes do not make you a lesbian

COLUMNIST



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Every time I see a tall, long-haired, blonde, surfer girl I think of Monica, my girl crush. I met her in class my freshmen year and we hit it off immediately.

By the second week of class, I found myself being walked half-way to my dorm room by Monica and enjoying myself along the way. It became our routine on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

I had no idea she was a lesbian until one day she mentioned her ex-girlfriend in passing.

Soon after, I inevitably started to wonder whether she found me attractive. Then I started questioning myself. If I'm attracted to a lesbian, does that make me bisexual or even a lesbian?

Having a girl crush is more like having a deep admiration for another woman. You think a she's pretty, has a great personality and you want to be just like her.

It's normal. Don't worry, you're fine.

But like my lesbian friends tell me all the time: just because I may have a girl crush doesn't mean I'm a lesbian.

Heterosexual, homosexual and bisexual all have the word "sexual" in them, so as a girl, if you don't want to get sexual with any other girls, then you're straight.

This is how I feel about Monica.

Seemingly homosexual crushes are completely normal for straight people and probably happens more often than some straight people would like to admit.

It's just a non-sexual, emotional crush. It doesn't mean you're gay.

In retrospect, my attraction to Monica probably originated from her good looks

and matching personality. Every time we were together I couldn't help but laugh hysterically at her jokes and enjoy her company.

However, if you like a large amount of women and do want to kiss them and do sexual things with them, then you might be bisexual, lesbian or questioning.

If you're not involved in a relationship right now and have a strong sexual attraction towards another woman, just go for it and see where it leads.

It may open you up to a whole other realm of experiences you never knew were possible. You might discover a part of your identity that you never knew existed.

If you ask her to hang out, spend an evening bonding with a her and you're suddenly slapped with the realization that, more than anything, you just want to lean over and kiss her, this should be a red flag.

Hopefully she'll be able to understand and appreciate your "first-timer" sentiments. Some people have different views as to staying in the closet and for how long.

Some people would rather let people come out at their own pace, if they so choose to come out at all. Others would sooner have you scream it at the top of your lungs.

If you're not overcome with these sexual feelings for her, then that's okay, too. You've just gained a new friend of a different variety. Just be up-front about it because she may be more invested into the bonding night than you were.

I didn't ever have Monica in any other class, I was her friend on MySpace but lost her in the Facebook transition.

We had no other friends in common and I forgot her last name so I was never able to befriend her outside of class.

COMING OUT DAY



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Top: Stonewall 2 BBC's Coming Out Day Poster with signatures from various people who support the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community, and Delta Lambda Phi, the University's fraternity for all men created by gay men. Bottom: Andrea Perez (second from right), a sophomore political science major; and Daniel Anzueto, coordinator of Student Programs at the Honors College and former S2BBC president, helping with the Coming Out Day timeline on Oct. 11 in room 155 of the Wolfe University Center.

The last time I saw Monica was sometime last year.

I think I shared an elevator with her, but I didn't realize it was her until she was about to step out into her floor. I just didn't have the guts to go after her.

Monica, if you're reading this, my email is at the bottom of this column.

But in full disclosure, I'm not a lesbian and I have no interest in being with a girl. I just want to chat and reminisce.

On The Prowl is a bi-weekly column published on Wednesdays. For questions or comments email lianamar.davila@fiusm.com.

Creative Writing Program brings back reading series

ALEKSANDRA HOLUBOWICZ Contributing Writer

Every year the Creative Writing Program invites authors from all over the country to participate in the Writers On The Bay Reading Series, during which they will read excerpts from their published work.

The series was founded by Les Standiford, novelist and director of creative writing, in 1985 with the assistance of a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

This series is held annually in conjunction with: Barnes & Noble, the Florida State Arts Council, HCI Publishers and BV Vines and have all continued to present writers from all walks of life.

The main purpose of the series is to help writers meet other writers in the South

Florida community. Also, meeting other locals with a similar passion helps further expand their creative writing expertise.

The Writers on the Bay Reading Series sessions mostly take place at the Biscayne Bay Campus at 8 p.m.

During readings, authors aren't limited to only reading from their published works. They may explain their inspirations, writing process or whatever else they feel the need to share with the audience such as their approach to style or usage of voice. Each reading is concluded with a question and answer session followed by a book signing.

A. Manette Ansay, author of six novels, master of fine arts, and professor at the University of Miami, will make an

appearance on Oct. 28 at 8 p.m.

She will be reading from her published works, including "Limbo," which is a memoir of a woman living with a mysterious muscular disorder.

The story was an inspiration because by the age of 23 she was confined her to a motorized wheelchair.

She revisits the abrupt changes she had to face while retreating to writing as an escape from her reality.

Past invitees Robert Olmstead and Tom Healy have helped aspiring writers open their minds to more genres and new ideas.

Poet Tom Healy exposed amateurs to alternative writing approaches and sources of inspiration with his book, "What the



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Right Hand Knows." It looms in the realm of darkness.

Healy's poetry explores topics that everyone can relate to. From bodily suffering to the ambivalence of social relationships, Healy expresses himself with an emphatic voice and a wry style of writing, causing his readers to delve into the inner workings of the human psyche.

Generally, readings occur once every one to two months. The next two readings will be on Dec. 2 and Feb 24.

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