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## SLOVENIA

### Bossman becomes first black mayor

Slovenia elected its first black mayor, Ghana-born physician, Peter Bossmann, also known as the "Obama of Piran" in the town where he lives.



## RUSSIA

### 500 demand Putin's resignation

Some 500 people rallied in central Moscow at the statue of poet Alexander Pushkin, to demand the resignation of Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and political reform.



## AFGHANISTAN

### Karzai says he gets cash from Iran

Afghan President Hamid Karzai said that Iran gives his office \$700,000 to \$975,000 for official expenses — and that Washington also provides "bags of money" due to lacking funds.

# Library moving toward digital journals

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Staff Writer

With a growing use of electronic databases and online resources, the University library system is currently working on reducing the physical holdings of paper-based journals and increasing the use of digital journals.

Many of the academic journals housed at the libraries will be physically moved to a different storage location in order to create more room.

Digitalizing these documents, according to Dean of Libraries Laura Probst, will allow greater online accessibility to the information while also increasing the amount of study space for students at all of the campus libraries.

"It's a complex process that we'll be working through with the faculty but, in the long run, it will help the library better serve the needs of the students by managing our phys-

## ENERGY DRINK CHALLENGE



EZRA ERDOGAN/THE BEACON

Junior Gabriele Swingler, a women's studies and hospitality major, tries to guess which energy drink has the most sugar at the Fuel Up Your Zen! event sponsored by the Student Dietetic Association. The event aims to teach students about the dangers of sugar and offers healthy substitutions.

ical space better and improving our ability to provide our collections to the faculty and the students," said Probst.

With the libraries reaching 100 percent capacity in shelving, the administration is joining a statewide collaboration to move lesser-used collections into a shared storage facility now being planned at the University of Florida.

Once the facility is completed in 2013, university libraries throughout

the state will begin to build a physical archival collection of 5.2 million volumes of journals and monographs.

"That's given us an option for ensuring that while we won't keep these print journals in storage locally, they're accessible across the state and will be protected and preserved for the future," stated Probst. "We'll then shift our reliance to regular everyday access to the electronic copies."

The move to online journals comes to the University at a time when digitalization of physical documents is becoming a prominent movement around the nation.

In 2008, it was found that 96.1 percent of science, technology and medicine journals and 86.5 percent of arts, humanities and social sciences journals were accessible online, according to a survey done

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# Florida Senate race candidates exchange blows during CNN sponsored debate

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Associated Press

Florida Gov. Charlie Crist defends his changing positions on issues by saying as a former college quarterback he knows how to call an audible.

By the end of Sunday's debate with his opponents for U.S. Senate, it looked like he was throwing a Hail Mary.

The debate spun out of control near the end as independent Crist and Republican Marco Rubio rapidly talked over each other.

Crist, who is down by double digits in multiple polls with just more than a week left before the election, repeatedly interrupted Rubio with accusations that as House speaker he steered money to a university and a hospital and later took jobs from them.

He also said Rubio doesn't advocate transparency because he won't release credit card records from his state GOP-issued American

Express card.

"I've never had a heckler at the debate, I've always had them in the audience," Rubio said with a laugh.

"Welcome to the NFL," responded Crist.

It was clear that Crist and Democrat Kendrick Meek stepped up their efforts to make up ground against Rubio.

Earlier in the debate, Meek, a congressman from Miami-Dade County, argued with Rubio about whether tax cuts passed under President George W. Bush should be extended.

The debate was sponsored by CNN, the University of South Florida and the St. Petersburg Times.

At one point, Crist jumped in after an exchange between Rubio and Meek on taxes, saying that the partisan bickering they displayed was why he's running as an independent.

Meek scoffed at the idea.

"We know why the governor is running as an independent — because he couldn't beat Marco Rubio," said Meek.

Crist was a lifelong Republican until deciding at the last minute to run as an independent. He was badly trailing Rubio at the time.

"The reason I'm running as an independent is because it's what the people want and it's what's right with my own heart," Crist said, adding that Republicans went too far to the right for him.

"If your polling was higher than Marco Rubio's you would have left the party?" asked Adam Smith, the Times' political editor.

"Absolutely, because you have to be right with yourself, Adam. When the party has those kind of views and represents that kind of intolerance, that's not the way my parents, who are here today, raised me and my sisters. I couldn't live with that," said Crist, who criticized Rubio's opposition to abortion rights and stem cell research.

Meek and Rubio pointed out the gover-

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# Business school ranks eighth for Hispanics

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Contributing Writer

The University's College of Business Administration ranked eighth among best business schools for Hispanics by *Hispanic Business* magazine, making it the seventh consecutive year it places within the top ten.

*Hispanic Business* takes into account the percentage of Hispanic enrollment, the percentage of Hispanic faculty and initiatives taken to increase the number of admitted Hispanic students in its rankings.

The University's Alvah H. Chapman, Jr. Graduate School of Business had a 55.6 percent Hispanic graduate enrollment and 4.5 percent Hispanic faculty. In addition, Hispanic students earned 46.6 percent of the awarded MBA degrees, in comparison to the University of Miami's 19.7 percent and Stanford University's 5.6 percent.

"We are always pleased when the excellence in our students, faculty, and programs are recognized" said Joyce J. Elam, executive dean of the College of Business Administration. "We are committed to providing our students an outstanding educational experience and getting the recognition for our accomplishment is very rewarding."

The College of Business Administration opened its doors in 1972 along with the rest of the University and throughout the years it has expanded to include over 100 faculty members, 25,000 alumni, accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International and five research centers ranging from leadership to global entrepreneurship.

Both graduate and undergraduate students of the college are often offered internships from companies like Bank of America, the Microsoft Corporation, Merrill Lynch and Goldman Sachs. One fifth of College of Business alumni

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# WEIRD NEWS

## 70 MPH Wheelchair Worthy of the Racetrack

Colin Furze, a 32-year-old British plumber took a 125-cc engine from a motorbike and added to an ordinary powerchair -- giving it five gears, two exhausts and one world record.

Furze reached a record-setting speed of 70 miles per hour during a run this week at the Santa Pod raceway near Northampton, according to News.com.au, which notes the super-fast scooter took three months to build and budget of just \$650.

## Call off the bomb squad! It’s just kittens!

A suspicious package prompted police to close a highway in Brevard County. What was found inside the package was a real surprise to authorities.

Canaveral Groves Boulevard was closed while a bomb squad was called to investigate the incident at the Social Security building in Sharpes. When a technician opened the box, two kittens emerged. Officials caught one kitten, but another was able to get away. Deputies said they would take the kitten to the Humane Society.

## Bride-to-be set to say ‘I do’ — to herself

Chen Wei-yih has posed for a set of photos in a flowing white dress, enlisted a wedding planner and rented a banquet hall for a marriage celebration with 30 friends. But there is no groom. Chen will marry herself.

Uninspired by the men she’s met but facing social pressure to get married, the 30-year-old Taipei office worker will hold the reception next month in honor of herself.

Her \$5,675 wedding has netted 1,800 largely sympathetic comments. Chen cannot officially register a marriage to herself, if she finds a man later she will wed again.

– Compiled by Alexandra Camejo

# Florida Senate race candidates argue over extension of Bush tax cuts

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nor’s changing positions on issues. Crist said Florida wants a senator that can change positions as circumstances change.

“I remember calling a play in the huddle and literally as you’re walking up to the line of scrimmage, you survey the defense, the facts and circumstances before you, see where the linebackers are, and realize that if there’s going to be a blitz you’ve got to call an audible. You have to change to adapt the circum-

stances,” Crist said.

Rubio said that’s not why Crist has often switched positions.

“He changes position on the issues because he wants to win the election,” Rubio said.

Crist shot back, “This is so untrue and so unfair for you to interpret what’s in my heart.”

For nearly half the debate, the candidates talked about whether the Bush tax cuts should be extended.

Rubio and Crist think all the tax cuts should continue

while Meek said that they should not continue for people making more than \$250,000 a year.

Crist said he was willing to compromise his position, and Meek said he could agree to a higher income level, while Rubio said he wouldn’t support any proposal that would let the tax cuts expire.

“Raising taxes on 30 percent of our consumer spenders or on the job creators that comprise 50 percent of small business taxes in America would be a disaster in the middle of

this deep economic downturn,” Rubio said.

But Meek said not taxing the super wealthy will cost the country \$700 billion and without it, the national debt will continue to grow.

“Mr. Rubio and Mr. Crist start to stutter when we start talking about tax cuts for the super wealthy — it’s OK to borrow that money for it to happen,” Meek said. “It’s important that we save money, we bring the deficit down, but we don’t borrow \$700 billion.”

# College of Business ‘constantly seeking ways to improve quality’

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own businesses and 70 percent work in the state of Florida.

“When you are younger and smaller you have to fight harder,” said Marcos A. Kerbel, participating adjunct professor in the department of finance, on the College of Business’ accomplishments. “One of the successes of trying harder, without people realizing it, is that you go right to the top.”

Kerbel, who has been teaching at the University since 1980, has witnessed the history of the College of Business. He believes the University has become competition for other business schools despite being

a public institution with low tuition costs.

That considerable change, however, has come with “tremendous growth pains” due in part to state budget cuts. Despite such limitations, Kerbel believes the University will continue to receive recognition.

“Sometimes it’s not the size, but the quality [of the institution],” said Kerbel.

Among other institutions in the top ten of Hispanic Business’ list are New York University’s Leonard N. Stern School of Business and the University of Miami’s School of Business Administration.

NYU’s school of business ranked second with a total Hispanic graduate enroll-

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Marcos A. Kerbel  
Department of Finance, Adjunct Professor

ment of 5.6 percent and 3.8 percent Hispanic faculty while UM’s school of business was ranked fourth with a Hispanic graduate enrollment of 19.4 percent and 19.6 percent Hispanic faculty.

Despite the positive attention FIU’s College of Business Administration has garnered recently, Dr.

Deanne Butchey, assistant dean of accreditation for the College of Business Administration, believes they must continue to improve.

“We are immensely proud of our many achievements but refuse to rest on our past laurels and are constantly seeking ways to improve our quality and by extension our rankings,” said Butchey.

# University faculty aiding in digital library transition

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by the Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers.

Aside from the online convenience, the conversion is also a measure to save costs for libraries, allowing them to maintain access to the journals in the midst of budget cuts and rising journal costs.

“There is a national discussion going on amongst libraries to what we can do with print journals and what are the criteria we need to have to ensure that we have access in the future and in the present,” said Probst.

While there are many volumes that will soon be moved, not every journal will be taken down from the shelves.

Printed journals that have

a heavy visual component to them, like those under art history, which rely on pictures that would not be reproduced well electronically, are those that will not be considered for removal.

Aiding the University library in the transition process are representatives from the University’s faculty who are identifying which types of academic journals may be eligible for withdrawal once the print archive is established in the storage facility.

“As the faculty, we will be facilitating this change because some journals lend themselves well because of their content to being digitalized and being used that way. But there are other areas where the digitalization does not capture the quality of the pictures so the journal becomes an artifact in

certain disciplines,” said Dr. Joyce Fine, chair of the Faculty Senate Library Committee, which has senators from every college in the University. “We, the faculty, need to help the librarians in identifying which journals can be moved.”

Currently, the library administration has just begun the process of evaluating the journals and has yet to work out the specific details as to the location of the new open study space and how much will be available.

“This is really an evolution,” Fine said. “Technology has advanced society and we are at a point where we have 4,000 print journals but we license over 44,000 online journals. That gives us much more access to knowledge. So this evolution is just another step for the world.”



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## MEN'S SOCCER

# ON THE EDGE

## C-USA tournament hopes wane after Kentucky loss

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After defeating Hartwick College, the Golden Panthers fell to Kentucky 1-0, dropping drop to 1-4 in Conference USA play. The team will now close out the season at South Carolina before finishing the campaign on a two game home stand.

### FIU 3, HARTWICK COLLEGE 1

FIU (7-6-0, 1-3-0 C-USA) easily defeated Hartwick College (2-11-1) with a final score of 3-1 on Oct. 22, keeping alive their hopes of reaching the C-USA tournament.

"We are coming together more and more as team," said Nico Rodriguez after scoring the closing goal after Friday night's win.

The goal came unassisted as some fancy footwork helped him get past a defender and embarrass Hartwick goalkeeper Nolan Brown by chipping it over him to find the back of the net.

Brown allowed three goals on the night and tied a season high five saves on the night.

For the Golden Panthers, Shane Lopez came up with four saves only allowing one easy goal get passed him early in the second half. The goal came from a quick pass up the middle and Evan Doan finished the goal left footed to give the Hawks some hope of beating the Panthers.

The Golden Panthers scored two more times on the night. Early



MALHA AHMAD/THE BEACON

Forward Michael Meuhsele, who leads the team with six goals, is congratulated after a score vs. HC.

in the first half Joseph Dawkins fired a long shot from 22 yards out side the box to fall past Nolan Brown.

This put the Panthers ahead past the first half. After conceding the early second half goal, Michael Muehseler, the scoring leader for the Panthers, fired a shot past the keeper to put FIU ahead again in the 80th minute. The pass came Joseph Dawkins, who had received a soaring cross from Chris Garces. Muehseler finished the play scoring his sixth goal of the season for FIU.

"It feels great to score my

sixth. Certainly off to a better start than last season, just wish we could have had the shut out," Muehseler said.

"We should have had a shut out game. Our defense and midfield fell asleep on that one, given the way we played there should have been more goals and none conceded," Head Coach Munga Eketebi said.

### KENTUCKY 1, FIU 0

A windy afternoon in Lexington, Kentucky brought a very defensive game for the Panthers, as Kevin Hoffman was

the only starter to have a shot on goal. The Golden Panthers (7-7, 1-4 SBC) were out shot eight to nine, out cornered five to two, but some how dominated possession and came away with more tackles against Kentucky (5-6-4, 2-1-2 C-USA) in a 1-0 loss on Oct. 24.

"All season we've had problems closing out games, this time our usual scorers weren't in the match and we needed to hold our opponents back and give them as little opportunities as possible," Eketebi said the disappointing loss.

The loan goal came in the 87th

minute with a cross from Charles Pettys that beat FIU keeper Shane Lopez. Tyler Riggs finished the play by firing the ball in the back of the net. Shane Lopez had two saves on the night and Tyler Beadle had four for the Wildcats. The Panthers had problems keeping their composure as they came off the loss with 11 fouls. The Wildcats had three shots on target compared to FIU's four shots on target.

"We needed to put the ball with our forwards, although we dominated possession, we had costly turnovers that never gave us the chance to develop any kind of attack" said Eketebi after losing to Kentucky.

Muehseler only played four minutes as he came out of the game early with a knee injury and Sebastian Frings played only 17 minutes with zero shots on the match.

### TOURNAMENT HOPES

With Muehseler and Rodriguez out on injury status and Frings cold play in the match against Kentucky, The Golden Panthers' conference tournament hopes have become out of reach.

"We need to find rhythm to win, and we need to win to qualify for the tournament," Eketebi said. "Without rhythm we won't find the back of the net."

The Golden Panthers faced off against another conference opponent as they took on South Caro-

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## VOLLEYBALL

## Team splits weekend road trip, lose in three sets to ASU

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When a team dominates, it should provide enough momentum to carry them into their next match. This is not always the case.

After dominating the University of Arkansas Little Rock on Oct. 22, the Panthers saw themselves dominated by Arkansas State on Oct. 24.

FIU (11-9, SBC 5-3) put on a dominating performance in Little Rock to defeat UALR (2-16, SBC 0-8) in three sets, 25-18, 25-19, and 25-10.

Red shirt freshman Marija Prsa put up a game high 15 kills, while adding 11 digs on the defensive side. Senior Natalia Valentin had a game high 36 assists, while leading the team with 13 digs. Sophomore Chanel Araujo had a strong defensive performance, having 12 digs during the match. Junior Andrea Lakovic also added 10 kills of her own.

While Sabrina Gonzalez is nursing an

abdominal strain, freshman Briana Spruill was able to see playing time, providing the Panthers with five kills and two blocks.

The Trojans had a quick lead in the first, but the Panthers quickly took over and jumped out to a 19-13 lead. Both teams began to trade points, which did not favor UALR. Kills by Ines Medved and Andrea Lakovic secured the first set victory for the Panthers, 25-18.

Both started the second set ready to play, as it was close in the beginning. Yet again, FIU was able to push their lead up, as they held a 19-12 advantage. The Panthers began to pull away, as the score showed 23-15. After Prsa put the set at game point, 24-15, UALR showed signs of life by going on a 4-0 run. Ultimately, the deficit was too great to overcome as Lakovic killed any hope of a comeback, 25-19.

The third set saw the Panthers take the lead and never look back, as they jumped out to a 18-5 lead. The Trojans could not do much, as they saw kills by Prsa and Renele Ford finish their chances at a come-

back ending at 25-10.

### ARKANSAS STATE 3, FIU 0

On a rare Sunday game, FIU looked to improve their record and build a foundation for the rest of their road trip. It turned out to be the exact opposite.

FIU (11-10, SBC 5-4) dropped a match in straight sets to Arkansas State (12-9, SBC 6-3), with all sets coming pretty close, 25-23, 25-21, and 26-24.

Trkulja led FIU with 11 kills while Valentin had a team high 28 assists, along with 10 digs. Araujo led FIU on the defensive side with 17 digs and Spruill saw more playing and recorded a team high three blocks in the match.

In the first set, both the Panthers and the Red Wolves came out to play. With the score tied at 19, FIU took the lead and then a kill by Prsa gave the Panthers a 21-19 lead. The Red Wolves went on a 4-0 run to take the lead that they would not relinquish, eventually winning the set 25-23.

The Red Wolves jumped out in the

second set to a big lead. The Golden Panthers were able to cut the deficit down to 3, 15-18. FIU then went on a 7-4 run to put the score at 21-22, including a kill by Medved and a block by Lakovic. Unfortunately, that was the last point the Panthers would score in the set, as Arkansas State scored 3 straight points to finish the set 25-21.

The third set was a back and forth battle, as neither team could pull away. With the score tied at 20, the Red Wolves scored a couple points to take the lead. ASU then made an error but scored right after to make it a 23-21 set. Both teams traded points, which put the Red Wolves in a match point, 24-22. Trkulja and Medved scored back to back to tie the match at 24. ASU put themselves back into a match point situation, before eventually forcing a Panther error to finish the set and match 26-24.

FIU will look to regroup this weekend as they travel to South Alabama on Oct. 29 and Troy on Oct. 30. First serve for both matches is set for 8 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER: LSU 2, FIU 1

# Panthers drop fourth game in five contests to ULL



KARINA TELLEZ/BEACON FILE PHOTO

Kelsey Rene and the Golden Panthers couldn't stop ULL.

**JACKSON WOLEK**  
Staff Writer

The women's soccer team fell to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette 2-1 on Oct. 24, losing for the fourth time in five games after a five game win streak.

Going into the game, it looked as FIU (9-8-1, 6-4 SBC) had the advantage statistically, as ULL (9-10, 4-6 SBC) did not have any player cracking the top ten lists in the Sun Belt Conference, and FIU did.

The Golden Panthers may have been emotionally spent after a big win on senior night three nights before in a senior night win over the University of Louisiana Monroe.

Whatever the reason

was, Louisiana fought its way into the SBC tournament as FIU, who has already clinched a berth in the event, failed to gain ground in the seeding, remaining in fourth place in the SBC.

The game started out fast for FIU, as junior Kelly Ann Hutchinson recorded her first goal of the year from April Perry on a corner kick.

That lead did not last long though, as Louisiana struck back just two minutes later as Chelsea Balestra, the leading goal getter for ULL, headed a ball into the back of the net from off a cross from Shelby Isley, and the game suddenly became even again.

The game was actu-

ally even the whole match, as both teams each had the same 13 shots in the game. Toward the end of the first half, FIU put on an onslaught of shots, four in all, but could not take the lead going into halftime.

Going into the second half of action, a grand total of 40 hard fought minutes went on as both teams would not concede.

That's when Louisiana was able to get a free kick, and took full advantage of it, as Cayla Chatman fired one in off the combined assist of Courtney Hofland, who led her team in assist going into the days match, and Melissa Minton. That was Chatman's third winning goal of the season.

It was now FIU's turn

with just five minutes to play to tie the game up and put it into overtime, but that was not to be. The last ditch effort from Perry and Katrina Rose went a-rye, as Perry's got blocked, and with 49 seconds left, Rose put the ball too high over the net.

"Like I told the team, we have to be focused the whole game and we let Louisiana back in it," Head Coach Thomas Chestnutt told fiusports.com. "They had their backs against the wall because it was a must-win situation to get into the tournament."

The Golden Panthers now go to their last game of the season at rival FAU on Oct. 29, who also clinched a playoff spot of their own.

## WORLD SERIES

# Unlikely match up is captivating

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AP Sports Writer

When the Texas Rangers and San Francisco Giants met the first time, it was a novelty. Now they're set to tangle for much, much more.

Tim Lincecum and the Giants take on Cliff Lee and the Rangers in the World Series starting Wednesday night, a matchup of the teams that curiously played baseball's first interleague game back in 1997.

It's an improbable pairing and promises the trophy will be hoisted at Fisherman's Wharf or in the Lone Star State for the first time. The Giants have not won the Series since moving to San Francisco in 1958. The Rangers finally made it this far in the franchise's 50th season.

Texas pitcher C.J. Wilson quickly tweeted a challenge to Giants closer Brian Wilson: "See your beard soon mr wilson."

"Sounds delicious," Brian Wilson said. "We'll be coming."

Unlikely MVP Cody Ross and the Giants clinched their spot Saturday night when Wilson struck out Ryan

Howard to escape a ninth-inning jam and beat Philadelphia 3-2 in Game 6 of the NL championship series, denying the Phillies a third straight trip to the World Series.

Josh Hamilton won the MVP award as Texas eliminated the defending champion New York Yankees in Game 6 of the ALCS on Friday night.

Well before this World Series, these club helped change the baseball world. That June night in Texas more than a dozen years ago, Nolan Ryan and Willie Mays threw out the ceremonial first balls, players wore special patches on their sleeves and the bases were painted with a logo reading "First Interleague Game."

"I remember that," Rangers reliever Darren Oliver said this week, having thrown the first pitch in interleague history.

The atmosphere is sure to be even more charged for the opener at AT&T Park. The NL finally won an All-Star game to earn home-field advantage in the World Series, and that's an especially good omen for the Giants — they are 9-0 against Texas in their water-front ballpark.

Overall, Texas has lost 11 straight at San Francisco dating to 1998. The previous time the Rangers won there? Oliver outpitched Orel Hershiser at Candlestick Park.

The Giants swept visiting Texas in 2009 the last time the teams met in the regular season. They both train in Arizona and in a spring training game this year, Nelson Cruz hit a long home run and Hamilton left the game after accidentally being hit in the left hand by a pitch from Giants rookie Madison Bumgarner.

There is a more direct link between the clubs. Eager to get rookie Buster Posey behind the plate on a regular basis, the Giants traded veteran catcher Bengie Molina to Texas on July 1.

Posey blossomed into a Rookie of the Year candidate, excelling as a catcher and hitter. He homered on the final day of the regular season as the Giants clinched the NL West, then contributed throughout the post-season as they reached the World Series for the first time since Barry Bonds led them there in 2002.

Posey also was praised for his handling of a staff that

includes starters Matt Cain and Jonathan Sanchez and major league saves leader Brian Wilson. The franchise will try for its first World Series crown since Mays helped the New York Giants win in 1954.

The Rangers took over first place in the AL West on June 8 and stayed there the rest of the season. They beat Tampa Bay in the decisive Game 5 of the first round behind Lee, a late-season pickup, and beat the Yankees in the ALCS.

Even though World Series rookie-to-be Vladimir Guerrero and the big boppers got a lot of attention for the way they battered the Yankees, the Rangers made it to late October because of their arms.

Ryan, the team president who added the title of part-owner to his resume this season, preached a culture of pitching and exhorted his starters to go deep into games. The all-time leader in strikeouts and no-hitters led by example — asked to throw out another ceremonial first ball in the playoffs, the 63-year-old Hall of Famer cranked up for a heater that got the home crowd buzzing.

## SWING IT



MALIHA AHMAD/THE BEACON

FIU softball played Daytona College on Oct. 22.

# Closing at home

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lina (7-5-2, 2-2-1 C-USA) in Columbia on Oct. 25.

The Golden Panthers will then finish the season on a two game homestand against Tulsa and Southern Methodist. FIU will need to win all of its remaining games to finish

at .500 in the conference and slip into the conference tournament.

The Gamecocks are coming off a 4-1 loss at Marshall, but are still ahead of FIU in the standings. They are led by Bradlee Baladez and will Traynor, who each have five goals.

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# Homecoming week to be 'baddest' yet

**LIANAMAR DAVILA SANABRIA**  
Asst. News Director

The countdown to Homecoming Week, taking place Nov. 1-6, is well under way. This year's theme for both campuses is "See the World in Blue and Gold" and will include a Pep Rally, Panther Prowl, Lip Sync/ Talent Show, the Student Programming Council's Variety Show, a Homecoming Dance, the FIU Music Festival (formerly FIU Ultra) and the Game Day Panthermonium.

"Inspiration came from many different avenues such as President Rosenberg and the Worlds Ahead campaign, our surrounding community, our very diverse student population and the great pride of being a Golden Panther," said Alex Parayuelos, overall director of Homecoming Council 2010.

This year's logo is a TV set in the place of Roary's head with a globe insert in blue and gold colors.

All homecoming events are free to students, but some events require tickets that have to be picked up using your Panther ID.

Homecoming Week is officially kicked off by the Homecoming Pep Rally taking place on Nov. 1 at 12 p.m. in the GC Pit at the Modesto Maidique Campus and at 12 p.m. in the Wolfe University Center's Panther Square at the Biscayne Bay Campus.

The Panther Prowl Comedy Show, one of the biggest events and traditions at the University is Monday night at 8 p.m. in U.S. Century Bank Arena at MMC.

It will feature well-known comedians DL Hughley, Kyle Duncan from Reno 911! and Iliza Shlesinger, winner of NBC's Last Comic Standing Season 6.

The Lip Sync/Talent Show competition is on Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. Lip Sync is a competition where students put teams together and prepare their own song/dance/cheer and perform it in front of judges and their peers.

The routine must relate to the homecoming theme in some way and exhibit as much school spirit as possible. This year they are continuing a talent show portion where students are free to showcase talents ranging from singing to dancing to acting.

The SPC Variety Show featuring Psychic of the Year/Mentalist Jonny Zavant, Team Rootberry's extreme entertainment and magician Ran'd Shine is on Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. This year there will also be the inaugural Variety Show at the Bay presented by SPC BBC.

On Nov. 4, voting for the Homecoming Court will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Graham Center computer lab at the MMC. King and queen candidates are chosen from their respective organizations to represent University tradition and homecoming spirit and are announced during the football game. Prior to homecoming week, the king and queen candidates will participate in the TSC walk on Oct. 23.

The Homecoming Dance hosted by SPC



ISAAC SORIA/BEACON FILE PHOTO

President Mark B. Rosenberg and his wife Rosalie at the 2009 Homecoming Parade.

will be held on Nov. 4 at 8 p.m. in the WUC Ballrooms at BBC.

"In my research of other universities and their respective homecomings I have found that every university has a signature homecoming event. Our signature event is FIU Music Festival," said Parayuelos.

The FIU Music Festival will be held on Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. between the blue and gold garages at MMC. Ever since 2005, this Homecoming event has grown into one of the University's most attended events with over 5,000 students attending each year, according to the Homecoming Council. This year, DJs Scribble, Irie, Kaeno and Zog are scheduled to perform.

Homecoming Week culminates on Nov. 6 at MMC with Panthermonium, an all-day celebration including events such as the Homecoming Parade, a new added Game Day concert with the popular alternative rock

band Lifehouse, a student tailgate, coronation of the king and queen and the homecoming football game against the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

Homecoming day will start at 11 a.m. with local acts performing on a stage near the football stadium. At 2 p.m., the Homecoming Parade will start on the north side of MMC and will end up next to the stadium. At 3 p.m. the newest addition, the Pre-Game Concert, will take place while students tailgate. Finally, to wrap up the day, the football game against ULM will start at 6 p.m.

"We have been working closely with the Office of the President, Human Resources, Athletics, Alumni Association, External Relations, The Biscayne Bay Campus and numerous other departments within the university to bring the FIU Community the biggest, 'baddest,' and the best homecoming that FIU has ever seen!" said Parayuelos.

## HEALTHY BITES

# Redo tips for healthy diet

**W**e all want to eat healthier, but temptations around us can prevent us from doing so. Changing the foods that are available to us and creating a better "food environment" can encourage and promote healthier choices and food consumption. You are more likely to eat healthier if those types of food are readily available to you. Use these easy tips to makeover your kitchen and stock up on the right things to help you eat healthier everyday.

### 1. TRADE OUT WHITE FLOUR

You can't always choose whole grains while eating out, so capitalize on whole grains when eating at home by having them readily available. Swap regular pasta with Smart Pasta or Barilla Plus pasta, try whole-wheat crackers such as Triscuits and opt for whole wheat

bread and brown rice.

### 2. STOCK UP ON HEALTHY SNACKS

Replace chips and cookies with healthier options such as 2% milk string cheese, whole-wheat crackers with low-fat cheese, baby carrot bags, Orville Redenbacher's 100-calorie smart pop popcorn, 100% real fruit leather, almonds and dried fruits. If you do this, the next time you are craving for a snack, you are more likely to reach for these healthy options.

### 3. PORTIONS, PORTIONS, PORTIONS

Try buying snacks such as chips or cookies in single-serve bags or portion them out yourself by making little baggies that contain one serving of the snack. This will keep you from mindlessly eating which can happen when you eat out of family-size bags or a box.

### 4. SKIP HIGH-CALORIE DRINKS

Drinks such as soda and juices are high in calories and sugars yet do not satisfy hunger like solid foods do. By reducing the availability

of these drinks at the house and always having water handy, you can avoid the equivalent of a 15-pound weight gain per year. If you must have soda, enjoy it while eating out or trade 2 liter bottles for 100-calorie cans and have only one per meal.

### 5. FILL THE FREEZER

Load up your freezer with frozen vegetables. Staying good for a long time and pretty cheap, these veggies can be used in a variety of ways to spice up any meal.

Get your favorite vegetables such as broccoli, green beans, peas or carrots and aim to make them a part of your dinner this week.

### 6. CANNED GOODS

Stock up on all types of beans such as garbanzo, kidney, black or pinto from the canned food aisle. Beans are a part of a healthy diet, low in calories, high in fiber, high in protein and low in cost.

Remember to rinse the beans well before using them in order to reduce the

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## LATINOS UNIDOS



PHOTO CREDIT/THE BEACON

On Oct 14, RHA and SPC sponsored Latinos Unidos, a celebration that was a part of scheduled events for Hispanic Heritage Month. The entertainment was provided by the Colombian band Guiamaro (pictured here).



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

# University alum’s cupcake franchise a sweet discovery

On the dessert scene, cupcakes have gone beyond children’s birthday party staple status into a treat that all people indulge in at any time, with advanced flavors to match.

COLUMNIST



JASMYN ELLIOTT

One place that is helping to keep this trend alive is Misha’s Cupcakes, 1548 South Dixie Highway, a location that I pass frequently, but never tried until a fateful training session held on-campus where Misha’s supplied dessert.

The cupcakes themselves are tiny, bite-sized confections piled high with delicious buttercream tufts that complement the cake flavor. I had the pleasure of trying the vanilla, coconut and peanut butter chocolate varieties.

All three of them were absolutely perfect. The vanilla cupcake was classically delicious while the coconut flavor has just the right amount of coconut shavings to get its point across. Also, imagine my delight when I discovered a creamy peanut butter upon biting into the last type.

This encounter finally prompted me to visit the shop itself. The shop is of a very modest size, with cheery décor and various mini and regular-sized cupcakes on display. But, there is a small lounge for customers who can’t wait to get home to enjoy their treat.

This isn’t the place for a big crowd, but the service was quick and friendly, and once again the flavors impressed me. This time around I tried out the red velvet, chocolate and Oreo varieties.

Having some Southern roots, I am partic-

ularly sensitive-okay, downright anal- about my red velvet cake. I am thrilled to say that Misha’s did not disappoint me. Despite the absence of the normal cream cheese frosting (vanilla took its place) it was still quite yummy.

As for the Oreo cupcake, the frosting was made of the trademark vanilla cream with cookie pieces throughout, a fitting homage to the classic cookie.

The chocolate cupcake was fantastic too, but I warn people who are easily overpowered by chocolate, as the cake with the frosting of the same flavor is intense.

Aside from the fact that Misha’s makes delicious cupcakes, there are several other reasons why you should give them a shot. For one, the owner is indeed a Golden Panther! As such, she offers a 10 percent discount for

University students. This discount will come in handy, as the mini cupcakes cost \$1.25 and a regular sized cupcake cost \$2.50 each. Yes, it is pricey, but well worth it.

Misha’s also donates cupcakes to charity events on a regular basis, as it supports various causes including victim advocacy, child advocacy, breast cancer and homelessness.

Also, for those who, for some inexplicable reason, don’t like cupcakes, the shop also provides scones and brownies. Misha’s also creates full-size sheet cakes for all occasions.

Here we have delicious cupcakes served up by a University alumna who supports various causes-what’s not to love?

*Food for Thought is a bi-weekly food column.*

## Festival kicks off Halloween Week

HECTOR MOJENA  
Staff Writer

WRGP Radiate FM will host the first annual Chupacabra Fest 2K10 in the DM Amphitheatre on Thursday, October 28th, .

A pre-Halloween celebration, the event is open to all FIU students and will essentially be a grindhouse-cinema lovers’ dream.

Speaking of the film selection, Ryan Morejon, promotions director for the station, promises an array of splat classics such as Lucio Fulci’s *Zombi* showing alongside Alejandro Jodorowsky’s classic surrealist film *Holy Mountain*.

More films and other video projections will be shown throughout the night.

The event is from 9 p.m. to midnight.

In addition to the films being shown, various DJ’s from Radiate FM will be playing field recordings and other musical pieces to contribute to the overall, “Exploding Plastic Inevitable”-ness of the event.

“Weird instruments” will also play prominently in the night’s event, so all are welcome to bring their digeridoos, lutes, and hurdy gurdies.

“It’s just gonna be very weird but very fun. There’s gonna be food and drinks and everyone can come in costume,” said Morejon.

The organizers wish to bring in new listeners with the multi-media gathering while still establishing an event that can be appreciated by dedicated listeners as well.

This being the first Chupacabra Fest 2K10,

the station’s members are banking on the surrealist undertones of the event to welcome a whole new segment of listeners.

The station wants to create an eerie atmosphere significant to the event’s distinct purpose.

“Two things pop into mind for my vision of this,” said Morejon.

“The scene in *Twister* when the tornado wreaks havoc on a drive-in movie theater that Bill Paxton and Helen Hunt happen to be at. I believe they’re playing *The Shining* and it’s just like really eerie and cool- just the whole feel of the drive-in movie mixed with weird sounds,” he said.

The second part of his analogy involved an altogether more unnerving point of comparison: *Apocalypse Now*.

“[There are] scenes in *Apocalypse Now* when they’re riding the boat through weird scenarios like the Playboy rally or the destruction of a bridge...I want people to get that same reaction when walking through campus and hearing all this racket.”

The whole event promises to deliver an evening the entire student body can enjoy, whether it’s for the movie marathon or for the use of a multi-media celebration that would make Luis Buneul blush.

As a pre-Halloween rave-up, Chupacabra Fest 2K10 should be the perfect way to get some Fulci in before the season ends.

“It’s like a messed up version of *Mystery Science Theater [3000]*,” Morejon said.

## Pantry makeover

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sodium content.

### 7. FRESH FRUIT

Buy fresh, in-season or on sale, fruit at your local supermarket. Wash the fruit upon arrival from the supermarket and keep the washed fruit in a bowl on your kitchen counter. Now on your way out, or when you’re hungry, just grab a fruit and enjoy it.

Apples are a good choice because they last for a long time without going bad.

### 8. BETTER DESSERTS

Cake fans stay away from the supermarket bakery. These cakes and cookies are very high in calories and saturated fat. Try baking your own cakes and cookies with a box mix, substituting apple-

sauce or yogurt for oil (recipes available online or on the box of cake mix.)

You can also purchase 100-calorie pack cookies and sweets and eat only one following a meal or as a snack.

### 9. SUGAR

Switch out white sugar for Turbinado sugar. Now commercially available in your sugar aisle, this sugar is less processed than both white sugar and brown sugar.

It was spared some of the refining that white sugar gets and therefore is a better option. Use it in your drinks or while baking, but still watch your portions because it is just as high in calories as regular sugar.

*Healthy Bites is a bi-weekly health column.*

## THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27

#### ORGANIC FARMERS MARKET



Local, organic produce, smoothies, yoga and more!

WHEN: 12 - 3 p.m.

HOW MUCH: Free

WHERE: Along the red wall behind the Green Library

#### FRENCH MUSIC FESTIVAL: Liszt and His Parisian Circle



Presented by FIU Music.

WHEN: 7:30 p.m.

HOW MUCH: \$10 students; \$15 faculty/staff/seniors; \$25 general admission

WHERE: Wertheim Performing Arts Center, Concert Hall

#### NOCHE LATINA: LATIN DANCE PARTY

Hosted by SPC-MMC. Food, drinks and live music!

WHEN: 7 - 9 p.m.

HOW MUCH: Free - bring your Panther ID and 1 guest

WHERE: GC Ballrooms

#### MEET & MINGLE WITH MARILYS NEPOMECHIE

Co-curator Marilys Nepomechie of *La Habana Moderna*, a small exhibition in the Frost Teaching Gallery.

WHEN: 6 - 8 p.m.

HOW MUCH: Free and open to the public

WHERE: Frost Art Museum

#### MARCH FOR OUR FUTURE

Join Students for Environmental Action and SGA to march to the polls early!

WHEN: 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

HOW MUCH: Free

WHERE: Meet outside GC Lawn by the atrium. March will be to the nearest voting poll on Coral Way.

### THURSDAY, OCT. 28

#### HALLOWEEN BASH



Costume contest, food, drinks and a DJ.

WHEN: 8 p.m. - 1 a.m.

HOW MUCH: Free

WHERE: GC Porter Davis Game Room

#### FRENCH MUSIC FESTIVAL: Liszt in Paris

Presented by FIU Music. FIU Symphony Orchestra performs.

WHEN: 7:30 p.m.

HOW MUCH: \$10 students; \$15 faculty/staff/seniors; \$25 general admission

WHERE: Wertheim Performing Arts Center, Concert Hall

#### A LECTURE BY THOMAS PHIFER

Presented by FIU Architecture.

WHEN: 5 - 7 p.m.

HOW MUCH: Free

WHERE: PCA 135

#### WRITERS ON THE BAY READING SERIES

Author A. Manette Ansay of “Midnight Champagne” will read from her published works.

WHEN: 8 - 9:30 p.m.

HOW MUCH: Free

WHERE: FIU BBC Bookstore

#### CHUPACABRA FEST 2K10



Join Radiate FM and fellow students for a night of horror film projections, music, food and drinks!

WHEN: 9 p.m. - 12 a.m.

HOW MUCH: Free for all students

WHERE: DM Amphitheater in front of DM

Write to [calendar@fiusm.com](mailto:calendar@fiusm.com) to have your event featured!

## Diversions

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Puzzle by websudoku.com

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

**Puzzle Difficulty: Easy**

Voicing prejudicial fears legitimizes them

CHRIS TOWERS  
Columnist

We are designed to make split-second decisions based on our first reactions. Our unconscious brain often overpowers our conscious brain, and this is where our uncontrollable fears come from, and those fears often lead to prejudices.

When Juan Williams admitted to being nervous when he sees a man in traditional Muslim dress on a plane, he was not admitting to a deeply held bigotry or a hatred of Muslims.

When you know that the men of Al Qaeda adhere to a strict, extreme version of Islam, it is natural for the brain to make that kind of association, especially if you know nothing or next to nothing about Islam. Ignorance fuels fear.

I don't have a problem with someone believing what he said, inasmuch as it's not a reaction he can control. It is as visceral as your most basic "fight or flight" response.

What is an issue for me is expressing these fears in a context that perpetuates an idea that conflates Islam with terror without any qualifications.

When another Fox News contributor, Brian Kilmeade, said on Oct. 18 "All terrorists are

Muslims," that was clearly a bigoted and untrue statement, and he has yet to be publicly punished or reprimanded beyond a weak apology.

One has to believe, then, that this is a statement that the higher-ups at Fox News support, just like it is fair to assume that NPR's higher-ups do not support what Williams said when they fired him.

We are reaching a point where it has seemingly become appropriate to associate all Islam with terror, rather than the minor radical teachings of Islam that Al Qaeda subscribe to.

Juan Williams should be smarter than to express a belief like that on Fox News, but I think it's clear that he doesn't care.

What an intelligent, thoughtful and reasonable person should do in this situation is to realize that the first reaction is not always the best, and perhaps think before giving voice to it.

To give voice to that prejudicial thought is to legitimize it, and that is where the issue arises.

Everyone has prejudices and preconceived notions we are not proud of, but we should try to look beyond those and work towards a deeper and more thoughtful understanding of people.

Had he expressed the idea as something he felt some sort of embarrassment about, it could

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be entirely defensible. However, in this context, he actually doubles down and defends his prejudice.

Juan Williams may not be a bigot, but he is doing less than nothing to work against the legitimation of bigotry in our society.

Seeing a person in Islamic garb and associating that with terrorism is, perhaps, an understandable prejudice, but every single instance of attempted terror in our nation by Islamic terrorists, who represent and infinitesimally small portion of the Muslim population both nationally and worldwide, has been carried out by Islamic radicals who made every effort to appear normal.

If Bill O'Reilly goes on television and says "Every time I walk down the street at night and

see a young black man wearing baggy pants and a hoodie, I get nervous", I don't think any serious person would defend him.

But it has become defensible to express bigoted thoughts about Muslims because there is a large portion of our population and a vocal portion of our political figures that don't think twice about associating Islam with terrorism.

That is an issue, and I do think that is bigotry, because it's considered and thought out.

What your brain decides in a split second is out of your control and largely based on your subconscious.

What you write into a speech or say on TV is something you have thought about and decided consciously is right.

This is the difference.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Library laptop thefts accounted for

LAURA PROBST  
CHIEF BILL KING  
Letter to the Editor

The University Libraries are working closely with Public Safety to provide a secure environment for students studying in the Green and BBC Libraries. We have an evening security guard in Green Library, and library staff regularly patrol the study areas of both libraries.

We also post signs warning students to not leave lap tops unattended. Over the last two years, all but one of the laptop thefts in our libraries occurred while a student left a laptop unattended. We are looking into additional ways to safeguard laptops and other personal property in the library.

We need your help to make certain that the library is a safe and comfortable space. Please do not leave your lap tops unattended.

If you see suspicious behavior while you are studying in any of the FIU libraries, please call Public Safety (305-348-2626) or notify a library staff member.

Laura Probst is the dean of libraries.

Chief Bill King is chief of public safety.

Criminalizing marijuana is failing, impractical

KAYLA MCGREGOR  
Staff Writer

Marijuana is the most popular illicit drug in the United States, and its not going away anytime soon. According to the 2008 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 15.2 million people in the U.S. reported smoking marijuana and 76 percent of Americans recognize the drug war has failed.

However, the government insists on banning a drug that is far less toxic and addictive than alcohol and tobacco. Marijuana usage should be regulated instead of prohibited because it has been proven that its regular use is not nearly as detrimental as that of many other legal drugs.

According to *Saferchoice.org*, alcohol is one of the most toxic drugs and only requires about five times the legal limit in order to become lethal. On the other hand, there have been no reports of overdoses on marijuana. Marijuana is very hard to overdose on and is not physically addictive.

Alcohol can be addictive, and is very easy to overindulge in, yet it remains legal. Those who become too intoxicated with alcohol and pose a threat to themselves or others are the ones who face criminal charges and the same approach should be taken with marijuana smokers. People should be able to

smoke marijuana and not be penalized, unless they are engaging in activity that could be considered dangerous. The long term dangers of marijuana usage also pail in comparison to that of drinkers and cigarette smokers.

Those who drink often may become alcoholics and develop liver disease and those who smoke may experience heart attacks, strokes, blood clots, emphysema and lung cancer. The health risks of smoking marijuana consist of an increased heart rate, lowered blood pressure and impaired memory.

If marijuana were made legal and regulated by the government it could become a valuable source of income to the U.S. According to a new official analysis of Proposition 19 by California's Legislative Analyst's Office, the regulation and taxation of marijuana would result in increased state revenues amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars.

Instead of wasting taxpayer money throwing American citizens in jail for smoking, or for having marijuana in their possession, the government could turn it into a valuable cash crop and use its revenue to fund other programs. According to an article on *CNN.com*, America's illegal drug problem has cost taxpayers more than \$2.5 trillion since President Nixon first declared the war on drugs. In Cali-

fornia alone, the illegal market for marijuana has been estimated to be worth about \$14 billion per year, whereas the State Board of Equalization has estimated that taxation could generate \$1.4 billion a year in new tax revenue.

Also, incarcerating those caught with marijuana fills court-

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rooms and takes up jail space that should be used for those with more serious offenses. According to *Projectcensored.com*, marijuana arrests comprise about 44 percent of all drug arrests in the U.S. Regulating marijuana will also decrease organized crime.

Marijuana is a major source of income for those that smuggle it into the country and those that sell it on the street corner. Because it is illegal, obtaining it is made much more dangerous, yet it has a higher

demand. The legalization initiative aims to redirect the flow of massive profits from violent drug cartels toward government funds.

People seem to think that if marijuana were to become legal it would spark some type of "reefer madness," implying that there would be an overwhelming increase in those that smoke it, including the nation's youth. However, that is the opposite effect.

According to an article on *Politico.com*, 10 years ago Portugal passed a full-scale decriminalization for all narcotics. Drug trafficking is still illegal, but individuals caught with drugs in Portugal are no longer arrested or treated like criminals. They are offered treatment, but not forced to comply and drug usage has decreased among the public.

Drug usage in many categories has decreased in absolute terms, including for key demographic groups, like 15-to-19-year-olds. Portugal's drug problem was at one point one of the worst in Europe. Now they possess 10 years of data proving what really happens when marijuana and other drugs are controlled.

Legalizing and controlling marijuana will have a more positive effect on the public than prohibiting it has. People need to realize that marijuana is not the big bad monster that it's made out to be.

VERBATIM

"I think that if the Republican Party says abstinence only is the only way to be then we're going to lose a lot of young voters and I think I wouldn't want to practice anything I didn't preach."

Meghan McCain, daughter of Senator John McCain

PUBLIC REASON

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## GUANTANAMO BAY

### Canadian pleads guilty to all charges

Omar Khadr, a Canadian prisoner at Guantanamo accused of killing an American soldier, pleaded to guilty to five charges including murder in a plea agreement with military authorities.



## GUATEMALA

### Trial starts in CentAm parliament killings

Manuel Castillo, a former congressman, proclaimed his innocence on Oct. 21 at the start of his trial on charges tying him to the killing of three members of Central America's regional parliament in 2007.



## HAITI

### Cholera outbreak spreads toward capital

An outbreak of cholera has spread outside a rural valley in central Haiti, intensifying worries the disease could reach squalid tarp camps that house hundreds of thousands of earthquake survivors in the capital.

# HOMECOMING STEPSHOW

## SORAYA JOSEPH Contributing Writer

This year's Student Programming Council Stepshow Homecoming Stepshow will be big, too big for the Biscayne Bay Campus to contain it.

"It's our first time ever having [the show] off campus," said Josh Numa, a junior business management major and a member of the Biscayne Bay Campus Homecoming Committee. "It's just too big this year."

The stepshow, a university tradition separate from homecoming but considered a kick-off to its events, has been held each fall for eight years, with each year attempting to supersede its last in grandeur and this year's event will be no exception.

The stepshow will be

held at the North Miami Beach Julius Littman Performing Arts Theater on Oct. 28 from 7:30 p.m. until the wee hours of the morning. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

Tickets for the show are free for University students on a first come, first serve basis. They are \$15 for the rest of the public and can be purchased at in room 141 of the Wolfe University Center and room 2240 of the Graham Center.

Ticket distributions started Oct. 11 and over 700 student tickets were given out.

Round-trip transportation to the theater, which holds up to 1,000 people, will be provided. The shuttle will leave the BBC Library at 5:45 p.m. and return to campus at 1 a.m.

As far as those in attendance, members of the

alumni National Panhellenic Council chapters, President of the Student Government Council at Modesto Maidique Campus President Helena Ramirez, SGC-BBC President Christian 'Cici' Battle, Interim Vice Provost Steven Moll, and University President Mark Rosenberg are all expected to be there.

"This is our first year having a president of FIU 'RSVP' to a step show," said Marie Wray, director of the SPC Homecoming Stepshow committee.

It is also the first year that inter-fraternal members and members of the Multicultural Greek Council are showing large amounts of interest in their attendance as well, many of which have already purchased tickets and reserved their seats.

"The Mighty Divine Nine," hosted by comedian Dexter Angry, will feature all of the nine members that comprise the National Panhellenic Council: Alpha Phi Alpha, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi, Phi Beta Sigma,

Delta Sigma Theta, Zeta Phi Beta, Sigma Gamma Rho, and Iota Phi Theta.

## "THE MIGHTY DIVINE NINE" STEPSHOW

- Time: 07:30 p.m.; Doors open at 6 p.m.
- Tickets \$15 for non-FIU
- When: 10/28/10
- Where: Julius Littman Theatre
- 17011 NE 19 Ave. North Miami Beach, FL 33162

## Global warming's effects part of prof. research

## ADAM FIDLER Contributing Writer

Steven Oberbauer's research takes him to the most freezing and most humid parts of the world: the the Arctic, the Costa Rican rain forest and the everglades.

Oberbauer, professor of environmental instrumentation and gas exchange, has been doing research to determine how human beings have caused global warming and its effects on climate and vegetation.

"We are trying to figure out what the future vegetation will look like and what its properties will be as the climate warms," Oberbauer said.

The Organization for Tropical Studies, a non-profit, has the mission to make use of all resources in the tropics, funded the project.

He studies how the effects of climate change impact the stored carbon in the ground because an increase in temperature, might mean an increase in carbon emissions from the ground which, in turn, causes the temperature to go up.

In the tropics there is the greatest potential among ecosystems, to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere because there are a lot of active plants all the time creating oxygen from Co2 through photosynthesis.

The Arctic has large amounts of carbon stored as dead leaves and roots. If it warms it's likely to release enormous amounts of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere causing it to increase further.

The project will add additional water to the rain forest in Costa Rica, by means of oscillating sprinklers.

"We found that growth is very sensitive to even small changes in rainfall," Oberbauer said.

Oberbauer and his colleagues are also working on an automated system that will make detailed measurements of arctic vegetation with robotic sensors, similar to those on NASA air crafts.

"Ultimately, we want to monitor vegetation without having field workers doing tedious and expensive measurements," Oberbauer said.

Oberbauer is a firm believer in what's happening.

"At some point the evidence will be overwhelming that we are changing the earth's temperature through this mechanism. By the time we are certain, it will be very hard to do anything about it," Oberbauer said.



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## ON THE PROWL

# Interracial dating still struggling in U.S.

Even though the leader of the free world, one of the world's best golfers, and the all-time most influential reggae artist are products of interracial relationships, this so-called American melting pot won't cut anyone any slack.

Interracial relationships and marriages are on the rise, partly due to the ousting of the U.S. Supreme Court laws banning racial intermarriage in 1967 and the integration of educational institutions. While some view it as a positive step towards smoother race relations, others see it as "sellout" behavior when someone dates outside their own race.

America is so proud of being a "melting pot," but how can I believe that when even some of my closest friends still frown upon interracial love of all sorts, not just

black and white.

Coming from a country whose background is of mixed race, I never learned to see color differences because everyone was equally Puerto Rican. This had not prepared me for a move to southern Virginia, where I spent my teenage years. My dating range widened when there weren't any Hispanic boys my age in sight.

My boyfriend was African-American. Unknowingly, I had blindly broken the societal norms because my skin color didn't match his. Walking hand-in-hand, we would attract blatant staring from adults and peers while they muttered under their breath.

My parents had a tough time accepting I wasn't dating a Puerto Rican boy, or any other type of Hispanic, but they eventually realized the way he treated me was more important than the color of his skin.

Every serious relationship, and even the not-so-serious ones, I've had has been interracial or inter-

cultural. I've learned different ways to view the world from each relationship and I even learned a new language from an Italian boy I dated.

The history of racism and prejudice in the South deters interracial dating for two reasons: people are afraid of what others will think and/or are overwhelmed by the difficulty of embracing a different culture.

Yes, interracial couples do deal with far greater challenges than "regular couples." But inaccurate and harmful stereotypes about interracial couples abound.

Last year a Louisiana justice of the peace refused to issue a marriage license to an interracial couple out of concern for any children the couple might have. He said he wasn't a racist, but that he just didn't believe in mixing races.

Soul and R&B singer Jill Scott penned a March 2010 article for Essence, a lifestyle magazine for African-American women, about how she "winces" when she sees

a black man with a white woman. Since black men and women in America struggled together, Scott argues, they should stay together; marrying a white woman constitutes a betrayal.

I'm sorry, but believing that races shouldn't mix and that black men should only date black women is as equally racist as a white supremacist's opinion. The excuse of having black friends or being happy for other interracial couples just doesn't cut it.

We've come a long way, but society is obviously still not mature enough to accept interracial dating.

If you have someone that cares about you and you care about them, that's all that matters. People who embrace other races and cultures are true Americans. This would make America a true melting pot.

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