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HURRICANE PREP

University gets ready for Irene as it heads to east coast

NICOLE CASTRO
Staff Writer

Although South Florida has not been hit by a severe hurricane since Wilma in 2005, officials at the University's International Hurricane Research Center warn that 2011 will be an above average season that residents should prepare for and closely monitor.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, last year was the third busiest Atlantic Ocean hurricane season on record, but none of them made their way to South Florida.

Currently, Hurricane Irene has churned into a stronger Category 2 storm and has cut a destructive path through the Caribbean as it heads toward the U.S. coast.

Forecasters at the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said Monday night that a hurricane hunter aircraft measured maximum sustained winds of 100 mph (155 kph).

The storm raked Puerto Rico with strong winds and rain. It is spinning just north of the Dominican Republic on a track that could carry it to the U.S. Southeast as a major storm by the end of the week.

The first hurricane of the Atlantic season was a large system. Irene is forecast to grow into a Category 3 hurricane with winds of 115 mph over the Bahamas on Thursday.

It could be that strong as it heads to the U.S. coast. It could perhaps land in Florida, Georgia or South Carolina.

Erik Salna, associate director of the IHRC, says that he expects a lot of storms as were seen last year, even though the behavior of the steering currents remains unpredictable.

"We are hoping it will be like last year that they all curved in the Atlantic Ocean, but we just don't know yet," said Salna. "Right now we are in a roughly 30 year cycle of hurricane seasons that started in 1995, so here we are in

FRESHMAN CONVOCATION



PHILIPPE BUTEAU/THE BEACON

Members of Alpha Phi Alpha Incorporated perform during the first annual Freshman Convocation Reception which the Office of Alumni Relations hosted on Aug. 21 at the Ronald W. Reagan Presidential House.

2011, half way into it, meaning there is a possibility that for the next 15 years we are still going to experience above average hurricane seasons."

The Management Advanced Research Center building at the Modesto Maidique Campus is home to the IHRC, Florida's official hurricane research center

for the State University System, as well as the formal liaison for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Tropical Prediction Center and National Hurricane Center.

Salna emphasized that "people's memories are short, historical records are long" and that preparation should be a top

priority for residents of South Florida.

Perla Salazar, a senior biology major, says that she has not prepared because "people are not talking about it."

While hurricane season has not been among many circles of

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ROSENBERG INTERVIEW

President discusses critical issues: services, research

PHILIPPE BUTEAU
News Director

Going on his third year of his term as president of the University, Mark Rosenberg vowed to improve student services university-wide to ensure the money students are putting into the University – now more than what the state puts in – is well spent.

Student Media sat down with the president to discuss what services he wants to improve, the University's ongoing Strategic Plan and other university issues.

FIU Student Media: What's the B. stand for?

Rosenberg: The B stands for B. It's a B. My parents never gave me a middle name. My three siblings didn't even get middle names.

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Q: How have your academic pursuits been going since becoming president?

A: I haven't published anything except for a few op-ed pieces. I've written a number of my own speeches presentations or rewritten them. the most recent book I'm reading is Henry Kissinger's book on china. ...

I'm keeping up as much as I can in my field but I haven't done any scholarly work. I'll set aside some time this coming summer to do that.

FIUSM: You said in your budget town hall in May because there's more money coming from students than the state legislature you want to improve student services

University-wide. What specific student services are you targeting to improve first? Is there a timetable for these services to improve? How do you measure improvement?

A: We want to provide more of the classes students need – that's critical. We're interested in having a much



Mark Rosenberg
University President

better advising system. There will be additional police on both campuses. We're in the process of hiring 10 new police. We're trying to provide a higher level of services. [As for a timetable] we want these done right now. I'm impatient. For this year we've hired 80 new faculty spread out throughout

the University. You won't find that in many universities in the country.

FIUSM: What aspects of FIU need to improve to increase alumni contribution?

A: The major service we've added for the alumni association is a capability to do career planning and placement for graduates. The alumni association is developing that now through a grant from the Knight Foundation.

FIUSM: Besides increasing numbers, what's your message to the different departments of the University in terms of improving student services? What did you tell them they need to do this coming year and

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Stocks inch higher, shaking off 4 weeks of losses

MATTHEW CRAFT
AP Staff

It was another day of big swings in the Dow Jones industrial average, but at least Monday ended with a modest gain.

The Dow soared 200 points in the morning, an encouraging start after four weeks of losses. By noon that gain shriveled to just 2 points, then came a rise of another 100 in the afternoon. At the end of the day, the Dow closed up 37 points.

Compared with the even wilder fluctuations over the past two weeks, Monday's trading looked relatively calm.

The Dow has gained or lost at least 200 points eight days in August, including a 419-point plunge last Thursday.

A flare-up of Europe's debt crisis and fears of a new U.S. recession have shaken investors, taking the Dow down 15 percent in one month.

Hewlett-Packard Co. rose 3.6 percent, the most of the 30 large companies in the Dow Jones industrial average. H-P sank 20 percent on Friday after

saying it planned to sell its PC business and stop selling other products.

Bank stocks, which have been clobbered over worries about Europe's debt crisis, took another fall. JPMorgan Chase & Co. dropped 2.7 percent.

Bank of America lost 7.9 percent, the biggest drop among the 30 Dow companies. Analysts at Wells Fargo cut their price target on the stock, citing fears that the U.S. could slip back into a recession.

Sam Stovall, chief investment strategist at Standard & Poor's equity research, cautioned against reading too much into the market's early jump Monday. "A two-hour rally isn't enough to change the trend," Stovall said. "It's natural in a declining market to have some days that run counter to the overall trend."

The S&P 500 index has fallen 16 percent since July 22 and 13 percent this month, putting the broad market measure on course for its worst August since 1998. After falling four weeks in a row, some stocks are appearing too cheap for investors to pass

up, Stovall said.

Investors are still worried that the U.S. may fall into another recession. Some hope the Federal Reserve announces some kind of action to help the economy when it holds its annual retreat in Jackson Hole, Wyo., on Friday.

It was at the same conference a year ago that Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke hinted that the central bank would buy Treasury bonds to push interest rates lower.

The Dow rose 37 points, or 0.3 percent, to close at 10,854.65.

The S&P 500 rose 0.29 points, or less than 0.1 percent, to 1,123.82. It had been up as many as 22 points. The Nasdaq rose 3.54 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,345.38.

Stocks have fallen for four weeks on signs that the U.S. economy is slowing. The sharpest drops came Thursday with news of weaker manufacturing in the mid-Atlantic states and an increase in the number of people who applied for unemployment benefits.

The Chicago Board of

Options Exchange's volatility index has soared 68 percent this month. That's a sign investors are anticipating more wide swings in the S&P 500, the index most professional investors use.

The index fell 1.4 percent Monday to 42. The VIX index was below 20 for much of this year but spiked as high as 48 on Aug. 8 as the stock market's swings accelerated.

Treasury bond prices and gold have been rising this month as investors seek refuge from the turmoil in stocks. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note dipped below 2 percent last week, a record low.

The yield ended the trading day at 2.10 percent Monday. Yields on bonds fall when demand for them increases.

Gold jumped \$39.70, or 2 percent, to \$1,892. Gold has gained 16 percent so far in August. It reached \$1,900 in after-hours trading.

Six of the 10 industry groups in the S&P 500 rose. Telecom stocks rose almost 1 percent, the most of any industry in the index.

Boeing Co. rose 1.5 percent after Britain's Royal Air Force said it would buy 14 Chinook helicopters for \$1.6 billion.

Lowe's Cos. rose 1.1 percent. The home improvement retailer said it will buy up to \$5 billion of its stock over the next two to three years.

Last week, Lowe's lowered its sales forecast for the second half of the year as shoppers grow more worried about the economy.

No major economic reports came out Monday. Later in the week, traders will be sorting through figures on new home sales, chain store sales, durable goods orders and weekly claims for unemployment benefits to see if another recession could be on the way.

The government will also release a second estimate of second-quarter economic growth Friday. Another significant revision downward could alarm investors.

Three stocks fell for every two that rose on the New York Stock Exchange. Trading volume was above average at 4.8 billion.

“Students need to be respected, that’s why we are here.”

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beyond? This includes vice presidents, deans and directors to front-line staff and faculty members who deal directly with students.

A: I continually say “every student counts,” I believe that and I try to

model that behavior. I think repetition is important. I do mean it, I believe that and I try to live that. That’s the most important thing for me. Students need to be respected because that’s why we’re here. Students are respected but periodically we need to be reminded we’re here for

students. I just try to live that way.

Q: Has students not being respected been an issue? Have you heard any stories of that happening?

A: I periodically get emails from students who are disappointed they haven’t gotten a email response from

faculty or they perceive the faculty member’s been arbitrary. But when I talk about respect I mean being able to provide the full range of services, courses, extra-curricular opportunities, service learning, study abroad that students are going to need to be successful in the

21st century. It’s not just a slight here and there; it’s the inability to meet the needs students have. That’s an attitude we have to be bullish about.

Q: Your Strategic Plan statement mentions “enhancing the quality and impact of research and creative initiatives,” do you mean you want to increase the number of those initiatives or suggest to the faculty and staff members who are researching to emphasize particular areas?

A: The quality means that students and faculty will have time to have an even fuller consideration of the data and its implications and then potentially have time to test the results against reality in a policy situation if it lends itself to that.

If the quality is improved it will increase the likelihood of people wanting us to do research for them, which will increase the quantity. And I’m interested in making sure FIU as a research university takes its research and creative energies and applies them to problems in the community.

We have the blessing of having hundreds and hundreds of faculty who are doing research of direct importance to the community. Oftentimes those faculty members don’t have the time to apply their research in practical problem-solving.

Q: By “time” do you mean the faculty member

doesn’t have enough time to finish their research?

A: There are so many different challenges and responsibilities a faculty member has to face [that all require preparation.] Every choice a faculty member makes – whether advising, reading the latest scholarly article, grading papers or going downtown to talk with a policy maker – it’s all about choices. So I’d like to find a way that we’re making better and better choices as students, faculty and an institution. If we can do that we’ll be more efficient and we’ll stretch the dollar further.

Q: How has this goal been affected by the steadily decreasing state appropriations?

A: We are monitoring very closely the amount of funding available particularly at the federal agencies – the National Institute of Health, National Science Foundation, Department of Defense, Department of Energy – because it’s clear there are going to be budget cuts that will reduce the amount of research money that’s available for us to get through competitive grants or member projects.

So yes, the support for research is likely to change.



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NEWS FLASH

LOCAL

Scott orders investigation into deletion of emails

Gov. Rick Scott on Friday ordered an investigation into the deletion of emails written by the governor and some members of his transition team.

The emails were written before Scott took office in January but after he was elected. They were lost when the private company handling email for Scott’s transition office shut down the accounts. The deletion of the emails could be a possible violation of law.

Christopher Kise, a Tallahassee attorney who worked on Scott’s transition team, said that many of the emails — including those written by Scott and senior staff— have been recovered by obtaining them from personal email accounts.

But he acknowledged that there is no way to know for sure if all emails have been found.

NATIONAL

Wis. Republican Ryan says he won’t seek presidency

U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan says he won’t run for president next year.

The Republican congressman from Wisconsin issued a statement Monday saying he appreciates supporters urging him to seek the 2012 nomination, but he hasn’t changed his mind about staying out of the race.

Ryan chairs the House Budget Committee and crafted a GOP budget plan this year aimed at slashing federal spending on programs such as Medicare.

The congressman from Janesville says he hopes the GOP will nominate a candidate committed to an agenda that “restores the promise and prosperity of our exceptional nation.”

He added that he’s grateful to his constituents for the chance to advance that effort in Congress.

– Compiled by Melissa Caceres

HURRICANE PREP

Storm plans include relocating BBC housing students to MMC



KRISTI CAMARA/THE BEACON

Erik Salna, associate director of the University’s International Hurricane Research Center, tracks Irene as it makes its way toward the US after hitting Puerto Rico, the Bahamas and Dominican Republic.

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discussion, Grace Jutan, clientservice representative at career services, believes that it is surviving in harsh economic times what has overshadowed concern for natural disasters.

“It’s such a struggle because of the economic situation that we are not thinking ahead or anticipating natural disasters. I wouldn’t say that I’m prepared because I too am thinking about how to

manage my life economically,” she said.

Nonetheless, the University’s Department of Emergency Management team has taken steps to ensure that everyone is ready to act accordingly during the season.

As an all hazard university, EM plans for any type of emergency with its Emergency Management Group, comprised of 40 individuals from different units around the University.

Such units include Facilities Management, University Technology Services and Health Services, which, in case of a hurricane, would be essential in attending to the needs of the University and its constituents.

While different units have different responsibilities, EM oversees these groups and holds meetings once a month where each unit is asked to revise their strategies, and as a form of training, present a scenario where different alternatives are discussed according to the emergency.

The FIU Police Department, which works with EM, is prepared to communicate information to its constituents through the following mediums: FIU alerts, telephones located in every classroom, outdoor speakers, email or through the EM website.

“We have our website which is currently under construction but it tells you how to prepare, it gives the maps of the gas stations

and Publix supermarkets that have generators,” said Amy Aiken, director of EM.

Lynn Hendricks, director of Residential Life at MMC, advises students from the area living on campus to seek refuge with friends or family living in the area where they will be more comfortable, but those who are out of state students are sheltered at Everglades Hall.

Because the Biscayne Bay Campus is located in an evacuation zone, students housing at those dorms will also be sheltered at Everglades Hall.

“I have a sister living in Miami and I have family all up the east coast so I have a place to stay if a hurricane hits,” said Michael Katzmayer, sophomore architecture major, who resides at Everglades Hall.

“But the dorms seem safe and I know they have a system to take care of us or evacuate us.”

The Graham Center’s “high priority” status during past catastrophic events stems from serving as a food and medical supply storage because of its generator-sustained walk in freezers during a power outage.

According to Ruth Hamilton, director of the Graham Center, her team is ready for any catastrophe, but one of the biggest problems they have had to deal with is the flooding in rooms 140 and 150, which

during Hurricane Andrew in 1992 experienced flooding of up to two feet.

In order to prevent flooding, construction has been laid out to increase the elevation of the floor by one foot.

“Those were the two rooms that would get flooded, but this year we are fixing that problem and they should be renovated by the end of September,” said Hamilton.

In case of a severe storm or hurricane, the Wolfe University Center at BBC, which operates in the same way as GC, will have a designated team responsible for securing the exterior part of the building and storing anything that may be damaged.

Although some parts of the University require shutters, its usage has been discontinued at most locations such as GC, the Rec Center at MMC and WUC because of the implementation of impact-resistant glass.

Both GC and WUC, prior to a hurricane, also ensure that at least two employees will remain in the facility during a hurricane in order to notify Hamilton or Gregory Olson, director of WUC, should there be a broken window or door.

“We like to say we live in paradise and we love South Florida,” said Salna, “but living in South Florida means that six months out of the year, we live in a place that could be affected.”

CORRECTIONS

In Vol. 23, Issue 7 of The Beacon, the article titled “SGC-BBC funds Wolfe University Center renovations,” in the At the Bay section, Greg Olson’s name was misspelled.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

COMING UP EMPTY

Stetson, Florida hand FIU losses on opening weekend

ANTHONY GUIVAS
Staff Writer

After suffering a devastating loss at the start of this season at the hands of the Stetson Hatters on Aug. 19, the Golden Panthers had their sights set on their next opponent: the Florida Gators.

The Panthers hoped to show their home crowd why they are a juggernaut in the Sun Belt Conference and pick up an upset win. But it would not be an easy task, as the Florida Gators came into the match ranked ninth in the nation.

At exactly 7:00 p.m., both the Panthers and Gators took to the field and the game immediately became a tug of war between the two teams.

FIU goalkeeper Kaitlyn Savage was tested early on by an aggressive Gator offense, but was able to keep them at bay for most of the first half with several key saves.

But Savage was not able to hold them off long enough as the Gators broke through the Panther defense and took a 1-0 lead in the 39th minute of regulation on an unassisted goal by Tessa Andujar. The goal gave Florida a one-goal lead heading into halftime.



SERGIO NASER/THE BEACON

Marie Egan [above, #13] tries to outrun a UF defender in the home opener against the Florida Gators on Aug. 21. The Golden Panthers were unable to score in a 2-0 loss.

In the second half, things got worse for the Golden Panthers as they struggled to neutralize the potent Gator offense and were unable to gain any kind of momentum offensively. In the 62nd minutes, the Gators broke through again when Annie Speese and Tahnai Annis caught the FIU back line flat-footed. Speese crossed the ball from the right side to Annis, who put a shot past goalkeeper Kaitlyn Savage.

The Gators would then go on to dominate the rest of the game and would end up winning by a 2-0 score.

"They are a good team, they are not in the top 10 for no reason," Coach Thomas Chestnutt said. "Best Florida team in a long time ... the quality is very high."

It was very clear throughout the game that the Gators speed was just too much for the Golden Panthers to endure, as

the second half was completely dominated by the Gators agility.

"The speed in the attack was very good, we were not able to match it," Chestnutt said.

So now, after back to back losses, the Panthers have fallen to 0-2-0. When asked if the loss against the Stetson had anything to do with the loss against the Gators, Chestnutt said both games were

completely different.

But the Panthers will not let these consecutive losses faze them as they look at the positives instead of the negatives.

"I am not disappointed with the team; we showed we are capable of doing some positive things on the field," Chestnutt said. "Tonight we learned what level it is to be a top ten team in the country."

STETSON 2, FIU 1

With so much anticipation leading up to the Golden Panthers' season opener against Stetson on Aug. 19, it would be an understatement to say that the women's soccer team had something to prove.

So once the whistle blew and the game commenced, the Golden Panthers did not take long to show everyone that the anticipation wasn't just talk and hype.

In just the fifth minute of the game, co-captain Kelly Hutchinson scored the Panthers' first goal of the season.

Unfortunately for the Panthers, that would be the end of the scoring for the team in a 2-1 loss to the Hatters. But it certainly was not for a lack of effort, as the Panthers

dominated the offensive side of the ball, keeping Stetson under heavy fire throughout the game.

"The team played hard and created some great opportunities throughout the night and we're unfortunate not to be up by more than one," Coach Thomas Chestnutt said.

The two goals that went against the Panthers were both netted by Stetson's Alexis Hermosa. One of which was a luck of the draw goal as the ball was deflected to Alexis in the last moments of regulation in the 89th minute.

"She was in an opportune spot on the second goal," Chestnutt said. "Stetson hung around and cashed in at the right moments and that was it ... Congrats to Stetson for finding a way to win."

As much as this loss stung the Panthers, it definitely did not shake their confidence as Chestnutt still believes wholeheartedly that this was just a simple bump on the road of what will be a long season.

"The girls did a good job in most areas tonight and we were happy with our performance," Chestnutt said.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Golden Panthers finish their preseason with win over Barry

ANDRES LEON
Staff Writer

Expectations have always been high for FIU men's soccer. Being the only men's team in the history of the university having reached a Division-I championship game echoes in the minds of today's team.

Last summer, the Golden Panthers began their pre-season against the Barry Buccaneers, only to fall 3-0 to the uptown rivals.

It was a wake up call then for all players to pitch in and help carry the load as some of their key players recovered from injury.

"This season is going to be different," said Coach Munga Eketebi.

The Golden Panthers would get their revenge with a fresh squad beating the Buccaneers 2-1 early on Aug. 20. Jahbari Willis would score first for FIU off an

early corner to put them up 1-0.

"We've been playing with more fluidity, and when you can find space in such a tight game, you make it easier to score goals," said Willis after scoring the opening goal.

Later on, international standout Sebastian Frings would find the back of net for FIU. After attaining a comfortable 2-0 lead, the Golden Panthers could rest some of their starters and spread out the playing time. All three goalkeepers were in net at some point during the match, while newcomer Erick Reyes seems to be the favorite to receive the starting job.

Reyes accounted for two excellent saves in the game. After stopping a late volley from a Buccaneer forward, it was time to give the keeper some rest.

As time went by and confidence grew, the Buccaneers would threaten in the closing minutes. Eventually, Barry would score

a consolation goal later in the match but it would not be enough for the Buccaneers, giving the Golden Panthers a one-goal win.

"It's good to win these exhibitions," Coach Eketebi said. "It's really important to build confidence going into the regular season and also have all your players fit."

FIU men's soccer will open up their season against Nova Southeastern on Friday Aug. 26. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

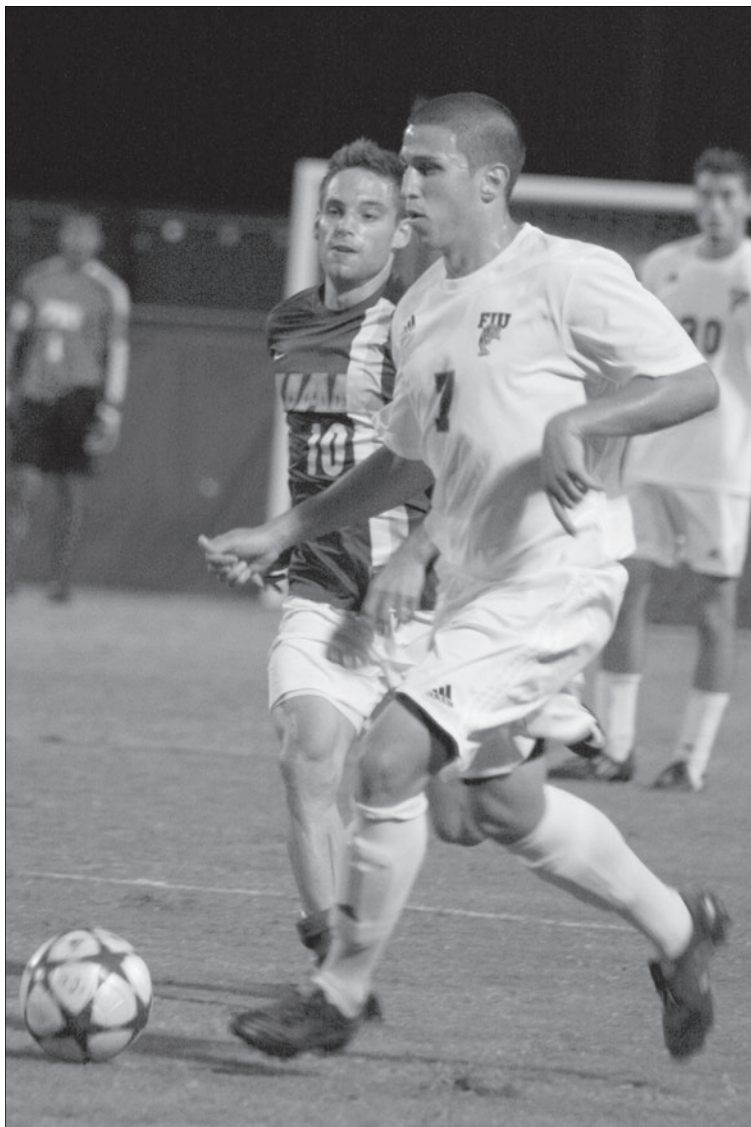
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Golden Panthers avenge preseason shutout loss to Barry last year.

FOOTBALL

PRESSURE TO REPEAT

Past Sun Belt champs struggle to repeat. Will FIU?

The FIU Golden Panthers have set the standard for years to come. Winning seven games a year ago has raised the bar for a team that still has to show it can continue that success this season. If the Golden Panthers cannot at least match its success from a season ago, this year will be a disappointment.



BRANDON WISE

This is a season where FIU has many of its star athletes stepping into a leadership role, where coaches will have to rely on these seniors, like T.Y. Hilton and Wesley Carroll, a duo which has been through highs and lows in their collegiate careers, to lead a team which returns 49 players on both sides of the ball. Those leaders will have to prove themselves early on in the season to make a statement that this team is no fluke.

In the past, former Sun Belt champions have struggled to keep their crown. Middle Tennessee and Florida Atlantic faltered under the weight of the pressure to repeat in a wide open conference. If your name is not Troy, you are going to struggle the following year.

A lot of expectations have been put on this team this season. They are not starting the season with the top tier college programs anymore. There are no more Florida's, Alabama's, or Texas A&M's to deal with this season.

The opening game this year should not be hard, at least in comparison to the previous openers. FIU has beaten North Texas in each of the past four seasons. The last time that the Golden Panthers lost to the Mean Green was in an epic seven overtime game, which tied an NCAA record for longest game. The second game of the season will be another story.

Louisville is not the same old Cardinals that they use to be. It is a program in a rebuilding stage that could be knocked off. If FIU really has the aspirations of leaving the



BEACON FILE PHOTOS

Wesley Carroll [above, right] will be called on to lead FIU to a repeat postseason berth while Mario Cristobal [right] looks to build a consistent contender.

Sun Belt, as many speculate, then this is the kind of competition that the Golden Panthers will need to be able to beat.

NATIONAL EXPOSURE

This year, the Golden Panthers have been presented an opportunity to open eyes across the country. In seven of their first eight games this year, FIU will be televised nationwide against a variety of competition, five of these games will be played at home. From Louisville to Louisiana, the Golden Panthers may find themselves being the favorites against teams that, just last year, would have been huge underdogs.

This is the chance for the spotlight that FIU has been waiting for. The level of play has been raised, the coaching staff is more experienced, and there are more fans following the program than ever before.

There may be only one issue with this team. That is, how will being in the spot-

light affect their mindset heading into these games.

CAN THEY HANDLE IT?

It is a great thing that FIU has been given this chance to show off to the nation what they can do. My concern is that the team may not be ready for the national spotlight. Some teams, when they get to the top of the mountain, they tumble right back to where they were.

For example, in 2009, the Central Michigan Chippewas went 12-2 and recorded one of their best seasons in school history. However, in 2010, the team fell off and went a shocking 3-9, finishing tied for last in the Mid American Conference.

Now, I'm not saying that the Golden Panthers are looking at a season like that. They just need to be wary of a similar scenario playing out. The offense has enough players returning to the



starting lineup to be just as productive, if not more, than they were last season.

While, defensively, the team lost leadership in linebacker Toronto Smith and cornerback Anthony Gaitor, the rest of the defense got a year older. Players like Jonathan Cyprien and Tourek Williams both matured into their roles last year and led by example. They were both top ten in tackles, with Cyprien leading the team in tackles (113).

If the Golden Panthers aren't wary of these holes, it could impede a chance at another record setting season, especially with how the schedule plays out.




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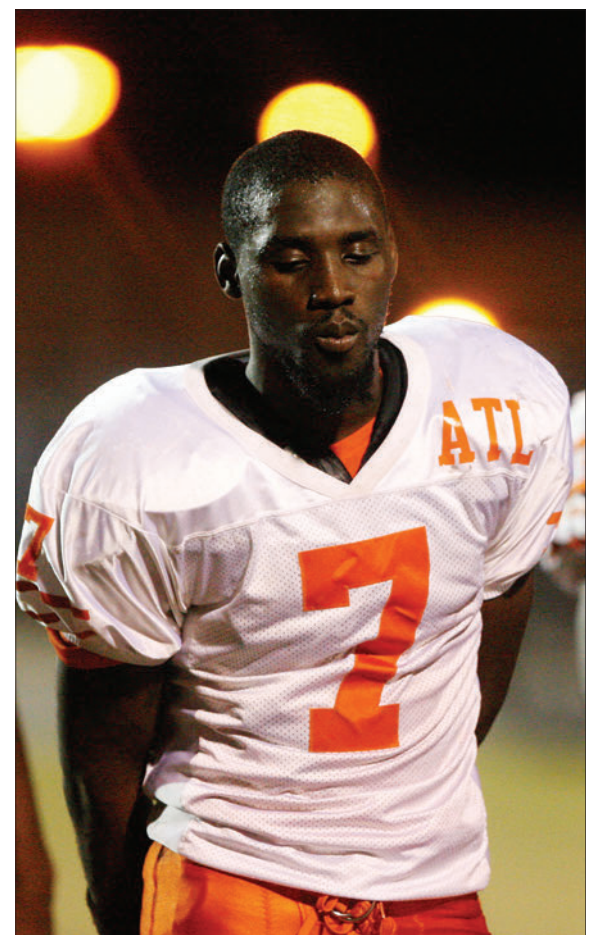
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HEADING TO FIU?



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As of Monday, all signs were pointing toward Ohio State receiver James Louis transferring to FIU.

FOOTBALL

With transfer looming, FIU focuses on special teams

JACKSON WOLEK
Staff Writer

The first week of the fall semester is underway for FIU students, but the football team has been going strong since Aug. 3 in fall camp in preparation for their first game against North Texas on Sept. 1. And beyond all the talent that FIU has at the moment are the transfers that could be coming in to the program from larger schools that can help.

Wide receiver James Louis from Ohio State, a former four-star recruit, according to Rivals.com, was expected to make an announcement of his transfer to FIU sometime Aug. 22. Head Coach Mario Cristobal could not comment on the situation regarding Louis and whether he will be coming to FIU or not, but Louis is looking at other schools such as USF and University of Miami.

Whether Louis comes to the Golden Panthers or not, starting quarterback Wesley Carroll will have targets to throw to.

“We feel real good about the emergence of Dominique Rhymes, a young guy who’s really been productive in camp so far,” said Cristobal. “I’d like to see Mike Jean-Louis in full health. He said he’s supposed to be fully healthy by tomorrow, he got a little dinged up in camp but he was

really coming on well and Wayne Times is playing some real good football for us.”

A transfer that FIU has just picked up is a running back from West Virginia, Daquan Hargrett. Hargrett played his high school ball at Northwestern Senior High, where he scored 17 touchdowns in his senior season.

At West Virginia, he had just three carries his freshman year. He will be entering as a redshirt sophomore, and the other schools that he was looking at were Clemson, Iowa State, Minnesota and South Florida.

As Hurricane Irene barrels down on the Caribbean islands, it is expected to make landfall in South Florida some time this Thursday or Friday as perhaps a category 3 storm. This, however, according to Cristobal, will not force them to miss any practices.

“We will plan around it, and it really shouldn’t affect us,” said Cristobal. “We have a grade 1 emergency plan, grade 2 emergency plan and grade 3, so we won’t miss a practice. I can promise you that.”

Cristobal does not want any excuses of the storm affecting the outcome of their first game. He feels that if he takes the approach of the storm coming as inconvenient, his team will, too.



SERGIO NASER/THE BEACON

FIU football is hoping that Hurricane Irene stays away from South Florida with just over a week before opener.

After a closed practice to the media on Sunday, the team went over every special situational play that you can imagine. From having the ball in their own endzone to having to punt after a safety, they went through it all and even taught the players a little bit about the new rules in place on penalties by the NCAA.

“We went over the new rules that were put in place regarding blocking below the waist and excessive celebration, which is now a spot foul from where that person celebrated,” Cristobal said.

As far as who is in the running for what positions now, Cristobal has now said that there are six positions that are in contention for the

2 spot, whereas two of them are already set. One guy who has been noticeably missing in all of camp is redshirt sophomore Larvez “Pooh Bear” Marz. Coach Cristobal still says that Marz will be here, but has not said when. It is surprising to see freshmen Richard Leonard wearing the No. 3 jersey at camp since that was Marz’s number.

CAMP OUT



VICTORIA LYNCH/THE BEACON

Greg Ellingson runs a route during a Jacksonville Jaguars training camp scrimmage in August. In two preseason games, Ellingson has made two catches for 23 yards, including a 20-yard catch as he tries to make the final team roster.

MIAMI DOLPHINS

Strong performances build confidence with Dolphins

AP WIRE

The Miami Dolphins are feeling good about themselves.

“We’re starting to form a little bit of credibility here amongst each other,” coach Tony Sparano said Saturday, a day after Miami improved to 2-0 in the preseason with a 20-10 victory over Carolina.

“There’s a good feeling. I think any time you put the work in that these guys have put in and you have a little bit of success, it makes you feel good about what you’re doing.”

Newcomer Reggie Bush (81 yards on 10 touches) dazzled both his teammates and his home fans in his debut, showing the speed and flair that have made him a valuable weapon with New Orleans.

Chad Henne (15 of 24 for 194 yards) was energetic

and poised, and he talked with wide receiver Brandon Marshall (five receptions, 46 yards) on the sideline during the game, something that didn’t happen often last season.

The defense kept Panthers rookie quarterback Cam Newton (7 of 14 for 66 yards; 18 yards rushing) under wraps. And the offense, which is more diverse under first-year coordinator Brian Daboll, is moving the ball effectively.

This is fairly close to what Sparano envisioned when putting this team together, especially the part about Bush igniting an offense that finished 21st in the 32-team NFL last season. Bush, who was surprisingly effective at running between the tackles, was electric Friday night, and Sparano finally had a chance to enjoy his work instead of being a victim of his work.

“I knew exactly what the guy was,” Sparano said. “I’ve been on the sidelines watching him run down the field.”

But even with everything Bush did, perhaps the most encouraging aspect of the offense might have been the usually mistake-prone Henne not making any mistakes. He was enthusiastic in the huddle, his passes were thrown with purpose, and he even scrambled for a few yards. All are changes from a year ago.

“I think this guy took a tremendous step forward (last) week on the practice field, and I think the team is starting to feel him a little bit,” Sparano said.

Miami still has plenty of problem areas. Left tackle Lydon Murtha (three penalties, 25 yards) is still filling in for Jake Long (knee), the three-time Pro Bowl selection.

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But as much as this game was lost by a simple deflection, the Panthers still found some things that stuck out.

According to Chestnutt, the team needs to execute on both sides of the ball and sharpen their game up a bit.

In another turn of events, the coach of

the Stetson Hatters was none other than FIU alumnus Julie Orlowski, who holds the second most saves in the history of FIU with 125 and is tied for first place for most shutouts with seven.

When asked if there was any pressure coaching against a former member of the program, Chestnutt said there was none.

“No, not at all. She is also a friend of mine,” Chestnutt said.

WHERE THE WILD ART IS

Student mural depicts the life of Yagua tribe



KRISTI CAMARA/THE BEACON

Students of the Honors College and the Art and Art History School [above and left] on campus spent Tuesday and Thursday afternoons this summer painting a mural showing the journey of the Yagua tribe from the time of the European conquest to the present.

EDWIVE SEME Contributing Writer

Snakes, plants, conquistadors and Indians lurked along the walls of the Graham Center Art Gallery at the Modesto Maidique Campus in an effort to spread awareness about the Yagua tribe of the Amazon.

The students of the Art and Art History School and the Honors College created a visual timeline

of the history of the Yagua tribe and included vivid details of their natural habitat in the mural.

“With this mural, we expect to spread awareness and bring in more people to join,” said Miguel Saludes, a junior and fine arts major. “We need to make the government recognize the Yagua Indians.”

“When people see this mural, they’ll stop and ask questions about it,” said Alvaro Labanino,

a senior and fine arts major.

The students of the Honors College Amazon program, led by faculty fellow, Jim Riach of the Department of Environmental Studies and the Honors College and Dr. Devon Graham, an adjunct professor in the Honors College, go to the Peruvian Amazon every year to help out the Yagua people in any way they can, trying to keep their culture alive.

“The kids don’t really know



their history because it’s not being taught as much as it should in the tribe,” said Riach, who fears that their history might be lost if something is not done to record it.

The annual project began in 2008, when Riach received approval to take a group of students to the Amazon to help the Yagua tribe.

“We do many different things for them every year,” said Riach.

“The first year we built a water prototype filtration system, and helped in the education of music to the children.”

The group also recorded the wife of the tribe leader, who is now deceased, singing. With their contribution, they expect to keep the Yagua’s tradition and culture present so it does not fade away.

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FIT FOR LIFE!

Without proper food picks, working out could lead to crash

As a Recreation Center regular, I often notice students struggling to push through their workouts due to their lack of fuel. From personal experience, I have

learned that what you eat and when you eat can make or break your workout performance.

I discovered this truth when I felt light-headed and had to leave the room during a high energy cardio sculpt class. Baffled because I had eaten and hydrated

prior to working out, I searched the internet for an answer because I needed to learn how to avoid another cardio crash. Below are some fitness foods I

have discovered that we can all use to fuel up for the next workout.

As a peanut butter lover, I recommend eating a classic peanut butter sandwich on wheat bread two hours prior to exercise. This simple snack is filled with complex carbohydrates, protein and healthy fats that will give you the energy boost you need to push through your workout. The complex carbohydrates in peanut butter breakdown into smaller sugars that are used to fuel muscle contractions and help prevent the body from using protein as a primary fuel source. This is important because the body needs protein to build and repair the muscles post workout.

Another pre-workout snack that caters

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RADIATE REVIEWS

“Watch The Throne” falls flat despite the big name talents

One of the most highly anticipated rap albums of the summer, “Watch the Throne,” is the latest return of two of the biggest rap names in modern music.

After great anticipation and what proved to be one of the most secure album releases ever, “Watch the Throne” has shared material with the public that feels more akin to a mix tape than a full-fledged album.

The production of the record was done over the course of eight months and included emerging stars such as Frank Ocean from Odd Future and

Justin Vernon from Bon Iver (whom, curiously enough, was not aware of his contribution until after the album dropped). This certain element of secrecy added to the ongoing hype.

However, it also drastically altered the process in which the record was created and ultimately the feel of the final material as more of an experiment than a massive production due to the very limited amount of people involved in the creative process.

In general, most albums tend to leak approximately two weeks before the street date; an ugly fact of the current nature of the music industry, but a seemingly inevitable factor of the

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Jay Z and Kanye West rest on their laurels in new record



JASON DECROW/AP IMAGES

Rapper Jay Z (right) shares the stage with guest performer Kanye West (left) during concert in New York’s Yankee Stadium on Sept. 13, 2010.

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album release process. Somewhere between the moment the record is first pressed in the factories and reaches the record stores and distributors, the album, in whatever questionable quality, reaches the Web. During the entire

creative development for “Watch the Throne,” both artists’ vocals as well as the entire production process were recorded in utmost secrecy, with only a handful of people having access to the material and no form of digital communication being used, such as emailing verses to later be mastered onto the final

record. This led to both the writing and recording process being done in person, and it shows. “Watch the Throne” features a certain break-away from the modern structure of collaborative rapping on a song (verse by A, break/chorus, verse by B).

Instead, we are treated to a much older structure more akin to artists such as Run-DMC, where the artists intertwine even words within the same verse. This allows for an interesting intercalated structure that is richly combined with some of the best beats released this year.

This structure mutes some of the best qualities the artists have to offer; it seems this same spirit of collaboration took away from of the individual brilliance each rapper presents in their own records. Needless to say, the tracks are good, but at first listen none of them stand out strongly as “singles”

material in comparison to “Power,” from the album “My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy,” or “99 problems” from the “Black Album.” For artists whose early work showcased certain eagerness and hunger for success, as well as a certain level of recognition, such as “Big Brother” on “Graduation” as a scathing criticism of Jay, “Watch the Throne” feels more like a victory lap and celebration. It is an experiment on song structure and collaborative processes where, despite moments of brilliance throughout the record, the album as a whole falls short of eureka. This reviewer feels interested to see what “Watch the Throne” could possibly offer next, but more as a matter of academic curiosity than a ravenous fan. Sadly, it seems that Jay’s need for erudite art references, such as talk about Maybachs and “planking on a million bucks,” could have very well pushed aside past memories of the Marcy projects. Kanye’s boisterous nature shines through as per usual, but the introspectiveness of “808’s And Heartbreaks” or “My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy” is AWOL from what could have been one of the best rap albums of the year.

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New exhibit demonstrate old life for cruise passengers

ANDRES RUIZ-CASTAÑEDA
Contributing Writer

Travelers on a budget have never had it so good, and the how and why are revealed in the exhibit, “Class Distinctions: Selections from the Laurence Miller Collection,” in the museum’s rare book and special collections library vestibule.

The collection, on display in the Wolfsonian-FIU, contrasts the differential treatment and service offered to the upper, middle and lower classes by displaying cruise-line memorabilia from the ‘50s.

The exhibit is a sample of the massive collection donated to The Wolfsonian by Laurence Miller in 2008, which contains between 20,000 to 30,000 pieces, including menus, brochures, advertisements, maps, schedules and deck plans. Virtually every major cruise line past and present is included in the collection, making it one of the most comprehensive collections of commercial ocean-liner memorabilia in the world.

The current exhibit uses menus and brochures to demonstrate how different a person’s experience would have been on a cruise ship in

the ’50s depending on what social class they belonged to.

While a brochure for the first class passengers of the R.M.S. Queen Elizabeth is constructed of high quality paper, printed in color with elegant gold writing, the brochures of the “tourist” and “cabin” classes (middle and lower classes) are printed on cheaper quality paper and only utilize black and white ink. The Cie Glie “Ile-de-France” Cruise-liner menu cover contains an Art Deco-esque portrait of a knight on a horse.

The dining menu for the Compagnie Générale Transatlantique cruise-line contains a whimsical rendering of a monkey riding a dolphin through the ocean and is entitled “Le Singe Et Le Dauphin: Fable De La Fontaine” (The Monkey and the Dolphin: A Fable by La Fontaine).

Part of the reason why this collection is so important is because modern cruise lines don’t create these kinds of menus anymore and websites have replaced brochures.

“This is a very unique period, and something we’re losing today,” said Frank Luca, the Wolfsonian’s chief librarian.

Photographs found in the

different brochures for the three separate passenger classes show the drastic differences in accommodations offered to different passengers.

While the first class lounge is opulently furnished and high ceilinged, the “Cabin Class” lounge is much less elegant with low ceilings and tight spaces. Comparing today’s cruising experience with that of the ‘50s, class distinction has lessened immensely. Passengers in the upper and lower classes are no longer separated as strictly as they were before an lesser paying passengers are no longer restricted from relaxing on certain decks as they were in the past.

This is the first of what Luca hopes will be many exhibits using pieces from Miller’s sizeable donation.

“Cruising nowadays is much more egalitarian than it was before,” Lucas said.

Many students have, in fact, been using the collection to help in their research and studies.

“This is a collection for FIU students,” said Luca. “Hospitality and Tourism Management students have come just to see cruise menus from the ships in the 1920’s and

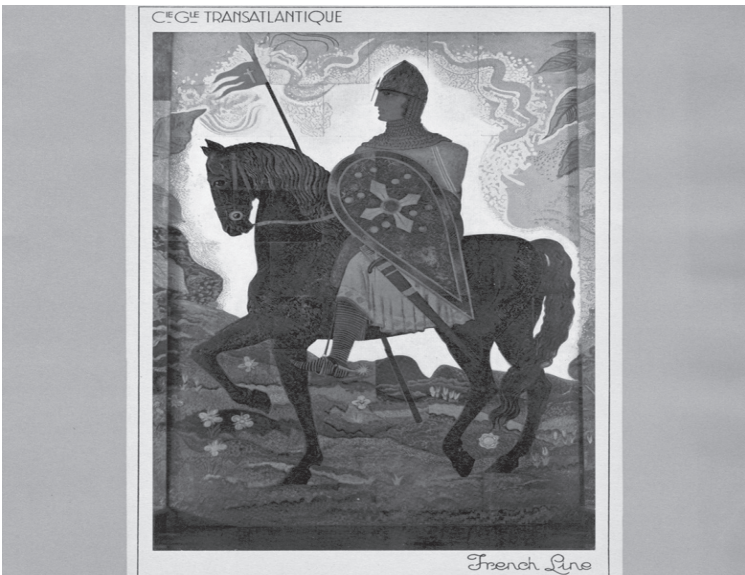


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The Cie Glie “Ile-de-France” cruise-liner menu cover.

1960’s to see what was being served. They even compare French and English menus.”

Although only some pieces are present in the exhibit, students can make an appointment with The Wolfsonian-FIU, and any piece not on display can be pulled from the overall enormous collection to be viewed and researched as needed; others can be viewed from anywhere in the world on The Wolfsonian’s online digital sampling.

Luca hopes to eventually be able to open an exhibit using pieces of the collection at FIU’s Green Library. “Our ultimate goal is to bring this directly to FIU students as an audience.”

“Class Distinctions: Selections from the Laurence Miller Collection” is open now through early Sep. at The Wolfsonian-FIU. An online digital sampling can be viewed at <http://librarydisplays.wolfsonian.org>.

Eating complex carbohydrates are a pre-workout must

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to those who only have an hour to spare combined is a bowl of granola cereal.

At around 50 grams of carbohydrates with a small amount of protein, granola quiets the stomach and possibly decreases muscle soreness. For those of you who are not huge granola fans, I can relate. Granola cereal did not appeal to my

taste until I came across Quaker Oats’ Honey and Raisins Natural Granola. With its sweet flavor and crunchy texture, this breakfast cereal is sure to satisfy the taste buds of any gym junkie on the run. Just make sure to measure your servings with care; half a cup of this gratifying granola cereal can come close to 200 calories.

If you are bolting out of

class with less than thirty minutes to spare, go for a small serving of pretzels or apple sauce with 25 grams of carbohydrates.

It is important to choose a light snack with 25 grams of carbohydrates or less when pressed for time for the body to start converting the food into energy. If consuming immediately before a workout, stick to a snack with about 15 carbo-

hydrates. Knock back an eight ounce bottle of Gatorade or chomp on a small apple so you will not be running on empty.

The simple carbohydrates in sports drinks and fruits allow for rapid absorption and are a fast way to obtain energy for exercise. It is not wise to eat a heavy complex carbohydrate meal before a workout because it will take much longer for the body to process it and it will actually decrease workout performance.

No matter what time you plan on eating for your workout, remember to always hydrate and rehydrate with plenty of water. Drinking 15 to 20 ounces of water two to three hours

prior to exercising and eight to 10 ounces 10 to 15 minutes before exercising is a sure way to thwart off dehydration and speed up your metabolism.

In addition, you should also consume eight to 10 ounces of water for every 10 to 15 minutes of exercise to compensate for any fluids you have lost from sweating.

Reward yourself post workout with a tall glass of chocolate milk. This three to one mix of carbohydrates and protein helps the body recover from its hard work by taking on the high metabolic rate and reducing muscle soreness.

Running on empty is never a good idea. With

proper fuel and good timing, students can boost through their workouts without falling victim to a crash.

Prior to becoming a student at FIU, I traveled around the South Atlantic region as a competitive figure skater.

Throughout my nine years of competitive skating, I reaped the benefits of vigorous workouts and learned how healthy eating is important in everyday life.

My passion for fitness and healthy eating has allowed me to become a cardio and abdominal conditioning instructor at the Rec Center and share my knowledge with other students here at FIU.

THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2011

CSO CLUB FAIR



WHEN: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: MMC GC Ballroom

CAMPUS LIFE BONANZA

WHEN: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: MMC GC Pit

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Stop by the GC Forum between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to see the numerous stations with a variety of gift items for friends, family and you!
WHEN: 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: MMC GC Forum/Pit

ALOHA: A LIFE OF HEALTHY ALTERNATIVES

Join Recreation Services, the University Health Center, and Graduate Students in Dietetics and Nutrition for a variety of games, demos, free fitness classes.
WHEN: 12-6 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: MMC Rec Center

COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES CENTER

Free food and drinks.
WHEN: 9-11 a.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: BBC WUC 320
Panther Square/ BVH

VOX: VOICES FOR PLANNED PARENTHOOD



WHEN: 12-2 p.m.
WHERE: MMC GC

WOMEN IN LAW SOCIETY WELCOME/WELCOME BACK MEETING

WHEN: 12:30-1:30 p.m.
WHERE: FIU College of Law

PANTHER PROWL FINAL COMIC

WHEN: 1:30-3 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: MMC GC Pit

SPC COMEDY SHOW



WHEN: 6-10 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: MMC GC Ballrooms

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2011

GRAHAM CENTER COMMUNITY DAY FAIR

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HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC Forum/Pit

FRESHMAN LUAU



WHEN: 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: BBC Panther Square

INTERMEDIATE MOONLIGHT YOGA



WHEN: 6:30-7:45 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: The Garden

TRAIL OF THE TORCH

WHEN: 7-10 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: Housing Quad

SPC HYPNOTIST: SAILESH



WHEN: 9-11 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC Ballrooms

GET HANDS ON WITH WELLS FARGO

WHEN: 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: MMC GC Lawns

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HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: Engineering Center Pit

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Trip exposes tribal culture

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“One of the problems that they currently face is the increasing loss of their identity,” said Labanino.

Every year, the students have kept photo-documentaries of the habitat and the Yagua people.

However, this year they decided to do things different and instead of photos, the honor students who went on the trip discussed the idea for the mural idea with the art students on campus.

“The honors students shared what they experienced with the art students and in the process we all learned something new, even I learned something new,” said Gretchen Scharnagl, an adjunct professor at the School of Art and Art History.

The time line depicts the origin of the Yagua tribe, who believe that men originated from the Lupuna tree and take

advantage of the medicinal properties of plants, from their mystical origins to the present, as well as their problems with the colonization of their homeland, lack of health care and lack of legal recognition.

Kaitlin Simmons, a senior and art major, also redrew the cartoon character Shamango which was created by Choclote Jaime.

Named after a medicinal plant, Shamango is a superhero that fights against the injustice of the Peruvian government. Since the subject of the comic is controversial, Jaime has had difficulties publishing it.

“Choclote Jaime gives the kids their own superhero that they can relate to,” said Simmons. “And he also brings hope that someday things will change for the best.”

The mural will remain on exhibit in the GC Art Gallery until Oct. 14.

THE POLITICK

Aid is the answer to ending war on terror

I have waited to write an article about America's wars because, quite frankly, I was waiting for the United States to start invading another sovereign airspace without a formal declaration of war to make the issue relevant.

COLUMNIST



IVAN FLORES

Without further adieu, the U.S. has started using unmanned drones to attack targets in Somalia, bringing the total of armed conflicts to at least six when added to Korea, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Yemen and Libya. The goal of most of these conflicts, with the exception of Korea, is to neutralize terrorist threats by eliminating the people planning an attack. However, American foreign policy should target these young men with economic rewards within their own community instead.

American wars are usually fought twice, with the exception of the Civil War and Vietnam. We had our revolution, and then fought the British again in 1812. The Americans fought in the first Barbary war at the start of the 19th century which ended with U.S. Marines in Tripoli, only to have to return in 1815 and in 2011, albeit with a more diverse force and with humanitarian goals. Afghanistan was America's shadow

“To win the war on terror, America needs to aggressively target the countries we are currently engaging with aid, not drones.”

war against the Russians in the late 1980s. American forces equipped what would later on become al-Qaeda only to have to return to the start of this century. Iraq was invaded in 1990 and then in 2003.

If the American goal in the war on terror is to prevent and deter terrorists from striking, there needs to be a paradigm shift in how we view these young men. The average age of an al-Qaeda terrorist is 26, according to Dr. Marc Sageman, a forensic psychiatrist and former CIA case officer in Pakistan. The average al-Qaeda agent is also from the middle class and educated abroad. The economic contributions that could be made by this individual would not only be a benefit to their community and country, it would be a benefit to America's goal of preventing terrorism by removing one person from the fight without killing them.

Environment fosters and creates terrorism. Rather than repeatedly fighting the same organizations and battles, it makes economic sense to prevent these individuals from being

radicalized. It is more cost-effective to prevent crime than react to it. By providing an economic avenue for these men in a way that has tangible benefits in the short term, American security will be better in the long run.

The donation of development aid, which aims to creating long-term solutions to poverty, will create sustainable employment and improve the overall quality of life in the regions that need it. The creation of jobs and a sustainable economic model will provide options for the locals and serve as a deterrent for terrorism.

To win the war on terror, America needs to aggressively target the countries we are currently engaging with aid, not drones. By building better communities and opportunities for those that would otherwise take arms against us, we can prevent them from doing so. After all, the best weapon is the one you never have to fire.

“The Politick” is a biweekly column examining politics.

Google+ creates a refuge for privacy

KELLY MALAMBRI
Staff Writer

Google+ has excited many social networking fans, like me, to explore the innovative company's way of social networking. Google+ is a more secure choice of social media, and I think that students at the University should use Google+ and take advantage of its incredible privacy features.

When friends are added on Google+, users are automatically asked to put them in a “circle,” ranging from titles such as friends, family, acquaintances and co-workers. Circles allow you to divide your “+1s,” the equivalent of friends on Facebook, into distinguished groups with one

click.

The simple way of separating +1s provided by Google+ is a convenient, quick and effective way for users to differentiate friends, co-workers and family, making social networking more like socializing in real life. In a world where one does not tell their mother everything they tell their best friend, this more realistic way of social networking is a welcome, much-needed change from other forms of socializing on the web.

It is possible to control such privacy on Facebook; however, the process is much more difficult. On Facebook, when users want to prevent certain people from viewing specific posts or pictures,

they must add friends individually to a list of those who cannot view it. This process is tedious and annoying. The ease with which

The site has benefited me by allowing me to socially network the way I live real life.

users can do this on Google+ is more user-friendly, and is a perk the social media website has over its competitors.

I have used Google+ to separate

information. I successfully separate posting of links to news articles to co-workers, while showing weekend pictures to friends and family photos to relatives.

The site has benefited me by allowing me to socially network the way I live real life- by keeping my family, friends and co-workers from knowing all of the same information.

Google+'s easily accessible privacy features will serve many great purposes, such as keeping personal matters in seclusion and allowing more life-like ways of socializing with ease. The privacy settings the website provides are better and less confusing policies than the ones other social media websites have to offer.

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FAFSA requirement unnecessary burden

For the first time, Bright Futures scholarship recipients are required to fill out Free Application for Federal Aid.

Students who do not properly fill out this application on time will forfeit the year's award. Because Gov. Rick Scott just recently signed the bill for this requirement on July 1, universities across the state are scrambling to notify their students about the change.

The Beacon believes that this has placed an unnecessary burden upon Florida students. The form, which requires parental tax and income information for dependents, can be difficult for college students to complete without sufficient time and preparation.

Students who do not complete their FAFSA by Aug. 30 risk receiving their scholarship after the tuition deadline — a delay that could result in students being dropped from classes for non-payment.

Failure to fill out the form will force a student to reapply for award for the following academic year. This is a potential problem for many students, especially if Bright Futures is the only way attending school is feasible.

The additional step to receiving the award is inconvenient. Students are awarded the same amount, regardless of their financial status.

According to State Sen. Evelyn Lynn, a Republican who chairs the Senate's subcommittee on higher education funding, the new FAFSA rule was designed only to collect statistical data on Florida students — not to exclude future recipients based on financial standing.

Essentially, students are required to complete a pointless step before they can collect the scholarship they previously earned.

Bright Futures is a merit-based scholarship, not need-based. Requiring students to fill out their financial information on a form that takes 45 minutes or so to complete seems intensive for a statistical analysis.

The consequences for not filling out the FAFSA results in the loss of the scholarship. We do not see the correlation between the two concepts. Students should not lose their merit based scholarship solely because they did not fill out a form that reports their family's yearly income.

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Voice for silent minority

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as a different type or size of desk. These requests can be made through the DRC. Students may also make use of Disability parking spaces, which are located in many places throughout campus parking. A valid permanent or temporary Disabled Parking permit must be displayed in the vehicle. If a permit has been applied for but hasn't been received from the State yet, a temporary permit (one week) can be obtained from the Disability Resource Center.

Trinofo knows from experience and many years of work in this area that the services the Center offers are valuable and can be the key to overcoming many disability-related academic problems.

"Most disability-related problems can be overcome! If you believe you have a disability, come in and talk to us and we can refer you to sources to determine if the disability does exist," she said.

Unfortunately, budget constraints do not allow payment for such testing at this time. The Center offers scholarships and is involved as community liaisons and advocates for disabled students.

Students must come in every semester to make use of services because of right-to-privacy issues.

The Disability Resource Center is located in the Biscayne Bay Campus Wolfe University Center, in Room 131. Phone (305) 919-5345. Evening appointments can be arranged.



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Top right, clockwise: Kathy Trinofo, Christian Welneir, Abby-Gail Thorney and Jennifer Hanlan bring in the start of the new semester at the Disability Resource Center.

IDEAS inspire projects for greener initiatives

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Staff Writer

In recent years, FIU has been working to reduce its carbon footprint and is now doing so with the help of a new student run organization, IDEAS.

IDEAS, Intellectual Decisions on Environmental Awareness Solutions, is a national student organization that was created with the goal of educating, empowering and engaging students in becoming active in environmental sustainability by offering innovative solutions through research, action and environmental awareness.

IDEAS has sparked the inception of several programs geared towards a greener FIU, including recycling programs, energy conservation competitions and farmers' markets.

"There are many initiatives such as invasive species removals, native species plantings, recycling drives, garbage clean-ups around FIU and the communities that surround them," said Brian Zirulnikoff, Miami director of IDEAS and international relations student.

One of the major projects taking place in and around campus is the greenhouse located at the Alonzo and Tracy Mourning Senior High School by Biscayne Bay Campus.

"This greenhouse houses about 1,000 mangrove propagules that we grow and plant every year. It also has over 15 types of organic veggie seedlings growing and

outside of the greenhouse there are three garden beds with several veggies growing successfully in them," said Zirulnikoff.

Other programs include: BBC in Bloom, which focuses on landscaping at BBC to help create a habitat for native flora and fauna to grow and Board our Bay, a guided kayak tour of nearby Biscayne Bay.

IDEAS isn't alone in the quest of creating a greener campus. According to GoGreen.fiu.edu, the FIU Facilities Management Department implemented a five year Energy Conservation Plan to help the University reach its goal of becoming greener.

The plan outlines a wide variety of projects and goals to help reduce energy consumption such as replacing old light bulbs with bulbs that use less wattage and an Energy Management System that centrally controls temperatures in 95 percent of buildings on campus.

And their efforts seem to be working; for three years running, FIU has ranked first in energy efficiency out of all the state universities in Florida.

IDEAS has also received recognition for their work; in 2010 they received the Clinton Initiative Award twice and have also received the Florida Wildlife Federation Conservation Organization of the Year award.

The work of students, faculty, staff and environmental activist groups, such as IDEAS, continue to be the catalyst that is helping FIU transform into the greener campus it hopes to become.

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WEEK OF WELCOME AT PANTHER SQUARE



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Anastasia Vaughn, junior sociology major, grabs a bite to eat at Campus Life's Welcome Back BBQ. Through out the week of Aug. 22 through Aug. 26 there will be daily events held in Panther Square to welcome back students.



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FRESHMAN LUAU

- Time: 11 a.m.
- When: Aug. 25
- Where: Panther Square

As part of Week of Welcome, Campus Life will be hosting their annual Freshman Luau in Panther Square to acclimate new students to the Biscayne Bay Campus.

DRC provides assistance for all disabilities

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Contributing Writer

Most people think of disabilities as something that can be seen. That's true for some conditions, but others, like learning disabilities, aren't as easy to spot but can still play havoc with a student's educational experience and career.

Poor performance in academic areas can seem at first to be a lack of effort, but may turn out to be a genuine disability that no amount of effort or work can overcome without help. FIU defines a disability as "a physical or mental condition, which substantially limits one or more major life activities."

The Center's Mission Statement says: "The Disability Resource Center's overarching mission is to provide our students the necessary support to successfully complete

their college education while at the same time, promote their independence and self-determination. We advance the expressed choice of our students and seek their full inclusion into the mainstream of university life and into that of the larger society."

Kathy Trionfo, associate director for the BBC Center, said that she wants students to know that the Disability Resource Center can help them to achieve their academic goals by determining how their disability impacts their ability to learn. The Center can then provide accommodating services to overcome the effects of their disability on academics.

Amal Ardito, a BBC senior with a major in Women's Studies, said, "The DRC cuts through the red tape and serves as a liaison between the University and students with disabilities. Kathy Trionfo is a fierce advocate for us. She overcomes obstacles daily due to

her own disability and is an inspiration to me. She makes the Center inviting and helps us get to know each other."

The services provided by the Center are varied, but include priority and early registration, communication with professors about student's disabilities and accommodation needs, note takers, sign language interpreters and laboratory and library assistance. Students can also take advantage of special recorded texts and other materials, such as Braille typewriters, print magnifiers, screen readers, electronic readers, smart pens, digital textbooks and reading material and on-campus video relay signing.

Some students require accommodations such as tests administered in a quiet, distraction-free setting. Others require extended test times, or the use of calculators or other aids. If a student receives testing accommodations,

they can receive the same for admission placements and other standardized tests. The Center suggests you contact them at least six weeks before you will need such accommodations.

Students with disabilities may require course substitutions in order to pass their course of study and the Center can help facilitate that process. Many students wouldn't graduate if they weren't able to get such a waiver. Waivers depend on the nature and extent of the disability and if a great deal of modification must be made to the course of study it may not be possible. Sometimes the process to get a waiver can take several months, so students shouldn't wait until their last semester to apply for one.

Some persons with disabilities find that they require physical accommodations, such

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alternativeBreaks fundraising a step in the right direction

CRISTINA MIRALLES
Staff Writer

Able to make over \$100 with a promotion with Chili's on July 26, alternativeBreaks has been able to provide in numerous ways... Students had to bring in a flyer and 10 percent of their bill went to aB.

"Not only [did students help] out a great group, but they [had the chance] to be there with friends and having a good time as well," said Ariana Marquez, marketing and recruitment chair.

After winning first place in 1997, alternativeBreaks (aB) has been recognized regularly as one of the top programs in the country. As of now, aB is ranked second in the nation after starting off with just one FIU student who wanted to do something more with their vacation. A proud member of

Break Away, their parent organization, which coordinates other aB programs and more than 35,000 students across the country.

"Break Away ranks aB programs yearly based on innovation, growth and overall quality," according to aB's website.

Just like Break Away, aB started off through one student who wanted to take a road trip. Instead of going to parties or visit his parents, he wanted to get away from the typical college experience and help others. A few years later aB was formed and became a network of 300 students who spend their breaks servicing all over the world.

From working at Sun Life Stadium to bake sales in WUC, aB fundraises to put money towards their trips. According to Marquez, they work the Sun Life Stadium concessions stands selling food

"The point of these trips is to help people who are in need during our [vacation time]."

and beer and get 10 percent of all sales from that day.

"The bake sale [on Wednesday July 26] was pretty good. We made about \$90, and during summer that is shocking," said Marquez.

Marquez said that some of the other activities they have to raise money are car washes, canning raffle tickets and cookouts during football games.

Their most recent trip was during the week of Aug. 12. They sent some students to Jamaica where they were running a pre-

summer school camp for the local children.

They don't just pick any place to visit, they search for things like whether the site provides housing, transportation, food, how much would it cost, whether other schools have been there before and most importantly, safety. "The point of these trips is to help people who are in need during our [vacation time]," said Marquez.

One of their events to start off the fall semester is the Lunch Pack. There will be sandwiches for sale with a fruit or cookies and

a drink. "Our plan is to sell them in offices around campus and if people want they could pre-order their meal ahead of time," said Marquez.

They also plan on hosting a car wash in September in front of the turnaround by AC1 and AC2. Marquez says that they wash sedans for \$10, inside and out, and charge a little extra for bigger cars. aB is known for their community service and that is why September doesn't finish with a car wash. On Sept. 11, their service will be put to good use when aB will be picking up mangroves around the bay and replant them afterwards. Lunch will be provided for those who come out and volunteer. Aside from the 75 to 100 students they recruit on a yearly basis, they hope to get more students interested during this event.