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SOLAR DECATHLON

University's PerFORMDance House takes shape



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Above: Chrissy Perez, an architecture graduate and project construction manager, demonstrating the solar house's hurricane shutters. Right: Tari Perez, an interior architecture graduate (left), and Christina Rodriguez, an architecture graduate (right) demonstrate the house's sliding glass doors.



MIRIAM ARIAS Staff Writer

Six years after the original proposal, the University's Solar Decathlon entry is now in Washington, D.C. to face off against 19 other universities' projects in the Department of Energy's Biannual Event.

The University's entry was among the few schools chosen by the end of April 2010 to compete in the DOE's Solar Decathlon event, which will take place from

Sept. 23 to Oct. 2.

Dating back to 2005, the University sent a proposal to the Department of Energy to compete in the Solar Decathlon.

The request was reviewed, accepted and published in fall of 2005.

The program's principle idea was to involve the students in the project and have them work together to achieve success, according to Marilyns Nepomechie, associate professor of architecture.

"It was awesome, nothing like it; more so because every year the stakes and expectations are higher," Nepomechie said.

Almost four years later in 2009, the students sent their work to Washington and a few months later in January 2010, were informed of their success.

FIU made the cut; they were among the 45 out of 80 schools that continued on to the next level.

This first cut was dependent only among the documents and

ideas sent.

The next step involved choosing a model to represent the University in Washington, D.C.

Soon after receiving the news of their advancement in the competition, the University had to choose the best work to send to D.C.

In March 2010, a jury was put together to choose the best three projects; it eventually came down to the one preferred among most.

The project was perfected and sent to Washington during spring break of the same year.

After waiting for a response, the Department of Energy brought their own panel of judges to evaluate all the projects sent.

By the end of April 2010, the model sent in by the University had made the cut; it was among the 20 chosen.

Along with the acknowledgement and honor of being chosen among so many, the project received a \$100,000 grant towards bettering and perfecting the

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SEPTEMBER 11

Survivor recalls experience in World Trade Center

JILL BOUCHER Contributing Writer

Most people saw the sights and heard the sounds of 9/11 from a screen miles away. Michael Fineo did so from inside Tower One.

Fineo, who was at the University on Sept. 6 to recount his ordeal as a part of "Unity Diversity: Reflecting on the Meaning of 9/11," the month-long series of events honoring 9/11, arrived to work on Sept. 11, 2001 with the expectations of a day filled with business calls and clientele issues.

What he was not prepared for was that several hours after arriving to work,

in Tower One of the World Trade Center, he would be fighting for his life trying to escape the crumbling building.

Sitting in his office on the 25th floor, Fineo heard the sound of an explosion shortly before 9 a.m. Immediately, people started panicking and evacuating the building but not Fineo. Instead, he remained on the phone with a client. Within 30 seconds, there was another explosion.

As he ran to the stairwell, Fineo noticed no one was moving and subsequently, he didn't have time to escape before the inevitable collapse of the building. A colleague and he ran to a smaller, less traveled stairwell.

"I escaped down a small staircase. The

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Michael Fineo
9/11 survivor

larger stairwell I tried to enter was packed with people, and there was no way I could [fit]. At that moment, I began to worry that I would not get out," said Fineo when

asked about how he was able to escape death from 25 stories high.

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COMING UP | Opinion

Check out the Life! section for the movie review column, "Reel to Reel" by Steve Mesa as he reviews Ryan Gosling's new movie, "Drive."

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COLLEGE OF LAW

Florida Supreme Court justice to address law students

ANTHONY FIGUEROA
Contributing Writer

The University’s Black Law Student Association is hosting Peggy Quince, justice of the Florida Supreme Court, on Sept. 15.

Quince will speak on the importance of early involvement in the judicial system as well as the importance of earning and clerkship at the College of Law in room 1000 of the Rafael Diaz-Balart Hall from 12 to 2 p.m. Five other judges will be present as well.

The event is open to all faculty members, students and anyone interested in pursuing a legal

career.

Quince was born in Norfolk, Va. in 1948. She attended and graduated Howard University in 1970 and later received her juris doctor from Catholic University of America in 1975.

During her years as a law student, Quince was a member of both Phi Alpha Delta Law fraternity and the Black American Law Students Association.

In 1978, she moved down to Florida and began practicing general civil law until 1980, where she began working with the Attorney’s General Office, Criminal Division.

Throughout her more than 13

years of working at the attorney general’s office, she dealt with various appeals in the Second District Court of Appeals, the Florida Supreme Court, the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1993, Quince was the first African-American female appointed on one of the district courts of appeal. The former and late Florida Governor Lawton Chiles appointed her to the Second Court of Appeals. Quince was elected to the Florida Supreme Court on Dec. 8, 1988.

The purpose of Quince’s visit is to inform prospective students how to get involved in the judicial

system and how to develop legal skills early on for the future.

Quince will also cover the significance, benefits and skills acquired from clerking with a judge.

Coming from personal experience in the legal world, Quince will explain the role of judges and clerks during the trial and hearing process of a case and the learning experience gained from being a judge. She will also mention the steps needed in order for a student to better one’s chances of being elected as a judge.

Quince will personally discuss the choices and decisions she felt was essential in becoming a

Supreme Court judge.

This event serves to empower the University’s student body to pursue early legal opportunities such as clerk ships in order to better understand a judge’s position in the legal world and how to attain such a prestigious title.

EVENT DETAILS

- Time: 12 - 2 p.m.
- When: Sept. 9
- Where: College of Law, RDB Hall, rm. 1000

Cell phone behavior unchanged despite probable risks

ALEXANDRA MARTIN
Contributing Writer

Despite the potential health risks, cell phones have become nearly impossible to live without. But as the number of users increases rapidly, so does the wide concern the use of wireless or mobile phones may cause cancer.

According to the Cellular Telecommunications and the Internet Association there were more than 303 million cell phone subscribers as of 2010 in the United States and an estimated 5 billion subscribers globally.

There are a few reasons that contribute to this wide worry. The main one is cell phones emit radio-frequency energy otherwise known as radio waves.

The National Cancer Institute said the area where

the cell phone is held can absorb that energy.

There are two types of electromagnetic radiation - ionizing, which is used in x-rays and can cause cancer, and non-ionizing, which is very low power frequency.

Cell phones emit non-ionizing frequency and, while it’s not as strong as the ionizing, there is still speculation and research being conducted on whether long durations of cell phone use can lead to cancer or brain tumors such as gliomas.

The potential health risks are not affecting students’ relationship with their cell phones.

“This hasn’t really affected my behavior with my cell phone,” said Jessica Diaz, a junior English literature major.

“A lot of things are

potential effects to causing cancer so this wasn’t really anything new to me.”

Diaz and other students have heard of the news but wouldn’t stop using their cell phones which they say is with them practically at all times.

“I have my phone attached to me all the time; I sleep with it next to me and at work it’s right next to me,” Diaz said.

“I can tell you that I’m addicted to my cell phone,” said Gloria Ordaz, a junior journalism major and Univision reporter. “I’m a person that’s always with it. A cell phone is a very helpful instrument for my job especially.”

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“I’m aware that there is a possibility of cell phones causing cancer but I don’t think it will affect my cell phone use because now electronics have become a third hand.”

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Senior
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a third hand,” said Jesse Sanchez, a senior journalism major. “We need them, we feel naked without them.”

Yolanda Santisteban, an advanced registered nurse practitioner for University Health Services at the Biscayne Bay Campus, said tests on the risk of getting cancer from a cell phone don’t get the same results.

“The result of numerous studies all over the world

about the association between cell phone use and cancer are conflicting and have inconsistencies,” said Santisteban. “There is currently no data on cell phone use and the risk of cancer in children. Therefore we should wait for more conclusive scientific evidence.”

There are many irregularities among the studies particularly because cellular technology continues to change.

Some studies say that there could be a connection between certain brain cancers and long term cell phone use but that theory is still in the air.

Researchers would need to conduct longer and thorough studies.

There is no scientific evidence that cell phones can lead to cancer or other health problems, according to the Federal Communications Commission.

The International Agency for Research on Cancer however, claims that radio frequency can “possibly be carcinogenic to humans” based on limited evidence and studies.

Jacob Gewirtz, professor and director of the Behavior Analysis Program, said the relationship between cell phones and cancer is all still a theory with no set facts.

However, he added cell phones cause other risks which are mainly getting into car accidents because

of the distraction they cause.

In case cell phone users want to reduce the risk, Santisteban provided some tips on how to minimize radiation exposure.

“While experts will continue the research on cell-phone safety, users should hold the phone away from their head and body, use a speakerphone or hands-free headset, or reduce the length of each phone call,” Sanchez said the advantages are too important.

“The risk is minute compared to the advantages, yes, cancer is a big deal but the advantages of having a cell phone puts you in a place to better advance your life,” said Sanchez.

Diaz compared cell phones with the similar effects of medical tests.

“Medical tests that doctors do on patients at the hospitals have the same effect as a cell phone and they don’t stop using it either,” Diaz said.

Although Sanchez said the news wouldn’t affect his cell phone use, he said more concrete evidence could change that.

“I don’t think I personally would make a change unless things started to happen with more of the population being affected by cancer. If scientists can prove that then I think I will have a change in my behavior with cell phones,” Sanchez said.

STILL STANDING



KRISTIN HERNANDEZ/THE BEACON

In commemoration of the Sept. 11 tragedy, flags were placed on the lawn in between the Blue and Gold garages. Flags were also placed in front of the Graham Center entrance.

NEWS FLASH

LOCAL

Fla. courthouse evacuated over suspicious vehicle

Buildings and streets around a Florida federal courthouse have reopened after police investigated a suspicious vehicle parked nearby that checked out fine.

West Palm Beach police spokesman Chase Scott says a police dog alerted to the possibility of explosives inside a rental van after 8 a.m. Monday. It was checked because of unspecified derogatory comments written on the outside of the van.

A police bomb squad determined the van contained no explosives.

Authorities have been on heightened alert nationwide for potential terrorist activity coinciding with the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

NATIONAL

Bank of America will cut 30,000 jobs

Bank of America will cut about 30,000 jobs over the next few years in a bid to save \$5 billion per year. The cost-cutting drive is part of a broader effort to reshape and shrink the nation’s largest bank as it copes with fallout from the housing bust.

The bank announced the job cuts in a statement shortly after Brian Moynihan, the bank’s CEO, disclosed the cost-saving goals in an address to investors in New York. “We’re a much simpler company than we were 24 months ago,” Moynihan said.

Bank of America stock was up 2 cents at \$7 at midday.

WORLD

Only player to survive Russian plane crash dies

The only member of a top Russian hockey team to survive a plane crash that killed 44 people died Monday of his injuries in a Moscow hospital, a final bitter blow to all those who mourned the team’s loss.

The Vishnevsky hospital said 26-year-old Alexander Galimov died of the severe burns that covered about 90 percent of his body, despite the best efforts of doctors in its burn unit, considered one of the best in Russia.

The crash Wednesday of a chartered Yak-42 jet outside the western city of Yaroslavl took the lives of 28 players, two coaches and seven other staff of the local Lokomotiv Yaroslavl ice hockey club.

– Compiled by Melissa Caceres

House on its way to D.C.; includes sensors, timers, and weather station

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model.

The University’s project, the PerFORMDance House, sheds light on its environment and its inhabitants.

The house incorporates light and space among other features and is conditioned to adapt to certain environmental aspects.

Tropical design techniques such as a flat roof and the incorporation of louvers, which are horizontal shutters that will not

only provide privacy, but will also protect the house in case of hurricanes, help make the house in the image of the initial model.

The house will also have a garden, a bio filtration pond and a glazing system that will protect the windows from letting in the heat and humidity common in South Florida.

The house is not only being built as part of this competition.

It has certain goals such as more efficiency due to technological advancements such as sensors and timers, the minimization of mechanical demand by using daylight, and a weather station to watch over the production, consumption and general use and performance of the solar panel.

Ultimately, the house will promote sustainability.

The house was built on the Modesto Maidique Campus across from Parking Garage 5 and during the weekend of Sept. 2 was deconstructed to be

shipped to D.C.

Both the student and faculty involved found it to be an enjoyable project.

“It was awesome, nothing like it; more so because every year the stakes and expectations are higher,” Nepomechie said.

Visit fiusm.com for a video feature of the solar house including a tour.

www.FIUSM.com

Fineo: ‘I think about it every day’

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“When we reached the 16th floor, Tower Two got hit. It was at this moment we knew that was not an accident, this was deliberate and probably terrorism. We heard the explosion and felt the explosion, and we could smell jet fuel.”

Police officers warned Fineo and others not to look around upon escaping but it was impossible to not look.

He was able to board a ferry out of the city that was heading to New Jersey.

While on the ferry, he saw desperate people waving towels as a cry for help and others jumping out of the two towers as a last option – minutes later he witnessed the collapse of Tower Two.

Fineo was extremely fortunate that day and still carries the burden of surviving because there

were so many who did not.

“This is the constant and ongoing pain I deal with. Survivor guilt is with me always. At times, it is more difficult than others, especially around each anniversary. Why did I survive while so many others died?”

While trapped in Tower One, he kept thinking of his family.

His wife and children were waiting for him to walk through the door at home.

“I lost many friends that day. We were all very close in age. Many of us had small children around the

same age. They were great people and lived their lives no different than I lived mine.”

Though ten years have passed, Fineo still thinks about 9/11 all the time.

“I honestly think about it each and every day. I think about my friends that died and how my life would be so very different if 9/11 never happened. I have come to terms with it, but I lean on my faith to get me through.”

Fineo made frequent visits to Ground Zero in the months and years following the attacks.

Two years ago, he moved

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VOLLEYBALL

Win streak extended to three with sweep over FAMU

EDUARDO ALMAGUER
Staff Writer

On Friday night, the Panthers were disappointed with how close they were to losing a game that should have been theirs in three sets.

This time, they made sure to hold onto the third set.

FIU (6-3, 0-0 SBC) defeated Florida A&M (0-8, 0-0 MEAC) for its third-straight win in three-straight sets (25-10, 25-23, 26-24) on the heels of junior Jovana Bjelica's fourth double-double of the season and redshirt freshman Renele Forde's newfound defense. Forde recorded the first double-double of her career, notching 20 assists and 10 digs.

"I had a really tough game defensively last game and I came out here with my main focus being dig more balls," said Forde.

"Defense is a matter of discipline," added Head Coach Danijela Tomic. "Today she stayed in her zones and read everything better."

The Panthers outplayed FAMU in almost every category, including blocks, digs, kills and assists.

FIU wasted no time steamrolling through the Rattlers, jumping out to an 11-4 lead in the first set. FIU did not let the lead grow smaller than five points as Bjelica unleashed a

barrage of kills on the Rattlers that was too much for them to handle. The Panthers widened the lead to 11 as not a word came from the Rattlers side of the net; their lack of communication, something that plagued the Panthers on Friday, severely handicapped the team. Meanwhile, the Panthers roared to a 25-10 win with a service ace from Forde.

"Our serving game was very strong [in the first set]," said Tomic. "It allowed us to put pressure on the other team."

The teams began the second set battling back and forth as they exchanged blows until the score was knotted, 9-9. A FAMU error gave the Panthers a 10-9 lead. This dictated the tone for the rest of the set, as FIU could not create a lead bigger than four. The Rattlers, however, slowly gnawed away at the lead.

Things got tight when FAMU tied it, 23-23, and exploited hole on the Panther's side of the net. For the Rattlers, however, the buck stopped there. Seniors Sabrina Gonzalez and Andrea Lakovic rocketed two straight kills to cap the set win and give FIU a 2-0 match lead.

The Panthers found themselves in a hole to begin the third set. An inability to answer FAMU's hits resulted in a five-point deficit. FIU

tried mounting several comebacks but the Rattlers were quick in shutting down any momentum.

As thoughts of Friday night's near-meltdown raced across the Panther's head, they decided that the bleeding would stop here. The team scored four-straight points capped by freshman Silvia Carli's first-career service ace. Bjelica then decided to steal the spotlight.

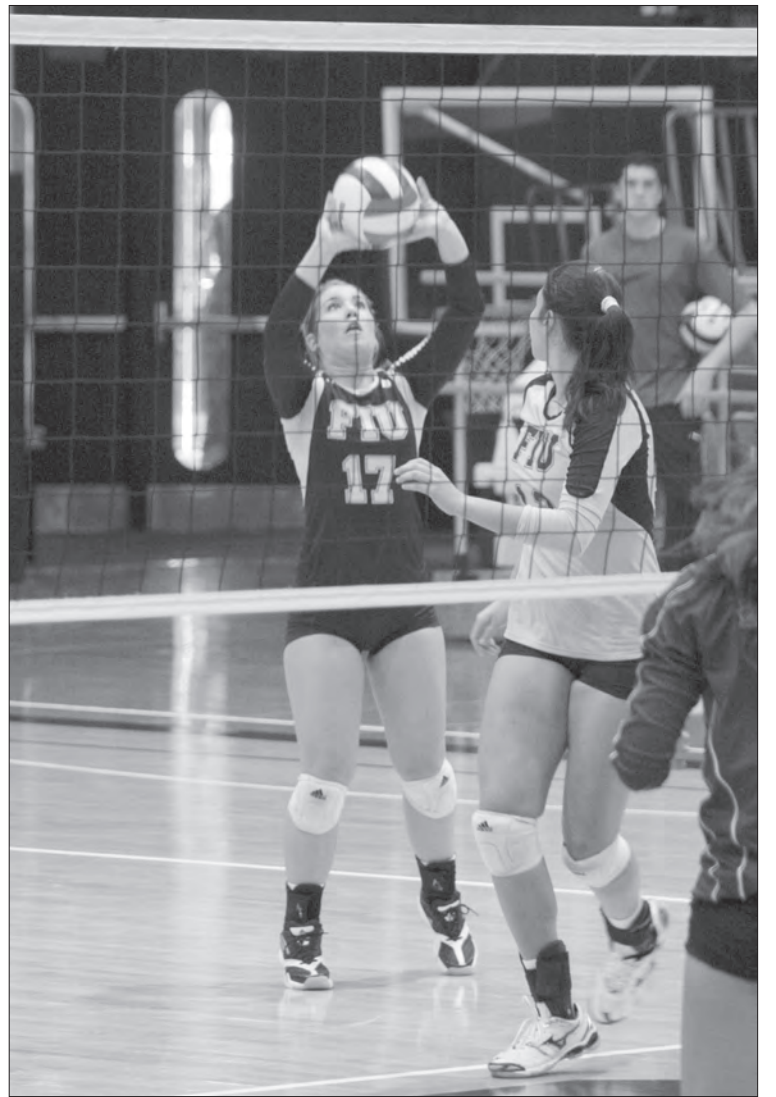
"I don't have that fear at the end," said Bjelica. "I have a bigger urge to score the points in the end than at the beginning. I'm not afraid."

Fearless she was as she masterfully dominated the court with FIU's next five points and ultimately gave them a huge comeback win for the game victory.

"We always seem to play better when we're in a tight spot," said Forde. "We definitely need to change that because it's harder to come back from behind."

"It matters how you lose and it matters how you win," added Tomic. "When our opponent raises the level of their game, we need to step up and do the same."

The Panthers will attempt to raise their game to another level when they face off against Jacksonville and either UCF or UTEP on Sept. 16 and 17 in the UCF Challenge.



REBECCA VILLAFANE/THE BEACON

Carolyn Fouts [Above, #17] practices before a match against FAMU.

FOOTBALL

After big win, Golden Panthers shift focus to Knights

JACKSON WOLEK
Staff Writer

The first practice after the biggest win in FIU regular season history got cut short due to lightning. No, it was not the streaks of T.Y. Hilton, who won the Sun Belt offensive player of the week for the second straight time this year and the Walter Camp offensive player of the week award. It was the inclement weather often seen in Miami around noon.

"It's just like camp; lightning comes so we come in, go over some more plays under the shelter and then just look at coach Mario Cristobal and if he says that's it, then that's it," said Hilton.

Hilton struck the Heisman pose after his second touchdown of the night against Louisville, but his plans on repeating the gesture are not probable.

"I just got caught up in the moment. I probably won't do it again," Hilton said.

Along with Hilton's accolades, linebacker Winston Fraser was awarded defensive player of the week by



KRISTI CAMARA/THE BEACON

Darriet Perry [above, #28] and the running game struggled to get going at Louisville.

the Sun Belt for his 71-yard interception return for a touchdown and eight tackles against Louisville.

The defense held Louisville to 17 points in the win and made key stops on third downs and near the endzone towards the end of the game, but quarterback Will Stein

did throw for a career high 349 yards.

"A lot of those yards came later in the ball game, and we had six sacks but we should have had more," said Cristobal. "We have to have more plays on offense, they had 80 plus plays and we had about 50."

Practice began at 10:30 a.m. with some light drills and situational plays that the first and second teams ran. Seen on the field in an orange injury jersey was starting defensive end Tourek Williams, but Cristobal did not say much about it, only that he is "good to

go."

They will take on the number one ranked defense in college football in points on Saturday when they face the University of Central Florida, who just recently held Boston College to a field goal in their 30-3 victory over the weekend.

With that win, the Knights moved up to No. 30 in the latest Associated Press poll, which means they will be the highest ranked team the Panthers have played so far this season.

The bulk of their defensive domination is the result of teams not being able to run the ball on them. They have allowed 1.9 yards per carry through two games, and Boston College totaled 57 yards the entire game.

This does not bode well for FIU who, after their four touchdowns, 208 yard rushing performance against North Texas in week one of the season, got only 45 yards on the ground when they faced a BCS school in Louisville.

The offense that the Knights have generated has been mostly on the ground, compiling 551 yards

rushing and 431 passing. Like former UCF star quarterback Daunte Culpepper, sophomore quarterback Jeff Godfrey likes to run the ball and has a Conference USA high five rushing touchdowns this season. He also had 13 rushes for 69 yards against BC.

When he is not using his legs he is using his arm, one that has produced 26 completions in 35 attempts with 287 yards passing, but zero touchdowns. This could be a key game for the FIU defense in noticing that they like to score their touchdowns on the ground rather than through the air.

They also make great use of a deep running back roster that contains Ronnie Weaver, Brynn Harvey and Latavius Murray. All three have rushed for 100-plus yards on the season.

It is unknown whether this could be the next serious rival for FIU, but either way Hilton is not too worried about it.

"It could be a big rivalry game. We're two teams from Florida and we're just ready to battle it out," said Hilton.

CROSS COUNTRY

Men's and women's team finish 7th at USF Invitational

MALCOLM SHIELDS
Staff Writer

The level of competition went up on Sept. 9 as the Golden Panthers' men's and women's cross country teams participated in the University of South Florida Invitational in Tampa.

With a score of 177 points, the men's team finished in seventh place in the eight kilometer run. The Golden Panthers' women's team also finished in seventh place in the five kilometer run with 182 points.

The University of Florida (39 points), University of Miami (62 points) and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (85 points)

rounded out the top three finishers in the men's eight kilometer race.

"The guys ran good. The front ran particularly well," Coach Drew Charles said. "The backend was okay. We were missing guys so we kind of struggled as a team a little bit."

Freshman Dylan Cook paced the Golden Panthers in the men's eight kilometer race with a time of 26:11.60, which is good for a ninth place individual finish. The result was his first top ten finish of his collegiate career.

"He transitions really well in his first 8K. It seemed not to bother him too much. He looked really good throughout the race. He got out good, moved well in the

middle and finished pretty strong," Charles said. "I was happy with his performance. It was higher than I expected."

Joshua Estrada also finished in the top 15 as he ran a time of 26:17.31, which secured a 12th place finish for the Golden Panthers. "He moved well throughout the race. He closed a lot better at the end," Coach Charles said of Estrada's race. "He looked a lot stronger [at the end]."

The University of South Florida (42 points), Florida Atlantic University (99 points) and the University of Tampa (102 points) were the top three finishing teams in the women's five kilometer run. Due to the weather, the women's run was

delayed by 45 minutes.

"I was pretty happy with the women's team. They did a lot better than the week before. The back end girls ran a lot faster and they ran together a lot more," Charles said. "They were a lot closer as a group than a week before, so I was pretty happy about that."

Daniela Espino ran another race under 19 minutes, a personal season best with a time of 18:16.09. Her efforts captured a ninth place individual finish in the women's five kilometer run. "She ran a good race," said Coach Charles. "She got out well and finished well."

Although the women were delayed due to the weather, Coach Charles praised Espino for her

focus in running a strong race. "With all of the back and forth, whether or not they were going to do the race because of the rain and lightning, she was still able to put all that aside and regain her focus and get back into the race."

Samia Adan also put in another solid performance as she ran a time of 19:77.44, which secured a top 30 finish. Her result was a 30 second improvement over her previous season best time.

The Golden Panthers will not compete again until Sept. 24 when they will travel to Gainesville to participate in the Mountain Dew Invitational. The meet will feature cross country teams from all around Florida.

MEN'S SOCCER

Eketebi frustrated after draw against Jacksonville



SERGIO NASER/THE BEACON

FIU picked up a win on Saturday vs. Stetson but could not beat Jacksonville on Sunday.

ANDRES LEON
Staff Writer

Golden Panthers come up short in extra time with a 1-1 tie against Jacksonville

FIU (2-2-2) went to their second extra time game only to tie the Jacksonville Dolphins (1-2-1) in a 1-1 contest. "This is a game we should have won. We have the better team and we are continuing to have problems finishing our opportunities," said Coach Munga Eketebi after the frustrating tie on Sunday afternoon.

HAVING TROUBLE FINISHING

The Golden Panthers played well majority of the match, but struggled to find the net of numerous opportunities. In the 43' minute, JU keeper Johnny Foley made illegal contact with the ball, giving FIU an indirect free-kick just outside the six yard box. Nicolas Rodriguez-Fraile took strike just past goal and off a rebound. Colby Burdette tried to take a shot but was kicked out by a Dolphin defender.

At the end of the first period the score was nil-nil, but the stats would show signs of a much different score line. At the end of the half, FIU outshot the Dolphins 12-3, looking to make a break through in the second half.

Off a long sequence of dribbling, Jahbari Willis would push up the Dolphins' defensive third and thread a ball through to Lucas Di Croce, who lobbed the ball to Nicolas Rodriguez-Fraile.

Rodriguez-Fraile finished the play by chipping the ball over the JU goalkeeper for

FIU's only goal of the game. The goal was his first of the season.

SEALING THE DEAL

The Golden Panthers continued to push the ball up into Dolphin territory despite feeling fatigued and worn out after playing an overtime game the day before. Jahbari Willis took a long shot on goal and the Dolphins gained possession. Off a swift counter attack, FIU conceded just 10 minutes after they broke the deadlock.

Dolphins' forward Nick Rodriguez took a shot in the box and off a deflection from keeper Eric Reyes. Predrag Ivanovic slipped the ball through to equalize. "It's unfortunate that after a hard fought goal we conceded the way we did, we have to be awake on those quick counters," said Eketebi.

The Golden Panthers picked up the pace and continued to out play the Dolphins. FIU out shot their opponents 22-10, while holding them to only two corner kicks in the match. In the end, the heat and fatigue would prove too much for FIU as they settled for the tie after two periods of extra time.

Keeper Eric Reyes recorded seven saves as his career high for FIU while continuing to play a huge role in FIU's defensive scheme. "We just need to communicate better, and honestly, we had better players and better plays throughout the game, the fatigue just got to us and we have to find ways to finish plays," said Reyes after the game.

The Golden Panthers return to play on Friday Sept. 16 against the North Florida Ospreys. Kick off is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

After game was pushed back, FIU picks up win

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The Golden Panthers looked to bounce back after losing two important matches to Ohio State and Penn State this past weekend. FIU (1-2-1) went on to play Stetson on Sept. 10 after the game was pushed back Friday night due to rain.

The Hatters (2-1-0) had better luck than FIU in Ohio, splitting their two games. The Hatters upset the 15th ranked Nittany Lions.

But the Golden Panthers were able to pick up a victory over the Hatters with a 3-2 win.

KEEPER EXPECTS TO WIN WITH WORLD CUP EXPERIENCE

FIU keeper Eric Reyes had a wild week in preparation for the game after being called to represent Puerto Rico in World Cup qualifying. On the way to Ohio, Reyes received a call from the manager of the team stating that their lead keeper was injured and they needed him to come through.

"At this point, I couldn't be anymore excited," Reyes also said, "It wasn't the first time I've been contacted, they wanted me to play in training camp but I told them my focus is on FIU and the upcoming games for my team."

Head coach Munga Eketebi thinks this experience is not only enlightening, but also powerful to a young player like Reyes.

"For a player to represent their country is the ultimate position in any sport," said Eketebi.

Reyes has played well for FIU. Between the posts he has recorded one shutout in his first game in blue and gold, and the 19-year-old has no sense of slowing down after the rewarding experience. Earlier in the season Reyes stated, "Communication is the key to putting this team together and getting wins."

On his trip to Bayamón, Puerto Rico, Reyes took his time in getting to know his first team. Through training and drills, Reyes developed team chemistry.

Even after the 3-0 loss to Canada, Reyes' hopes were still high.

"My coaches preached to me that the most important thing is to have fun out there. No matter if you win or lose, make sure you go out there and have fun and smile because it's going to go by in 90

minutes and you'll never have your debut back. It was unbelievable. I couldn't have asked for anything more ... well, maybe I could have asked for a win."

A HARD WIN TO GET

Reyes' search for a victory came up close after FIU slipped past Stetson in a 3-2 extra time victory. Striker Jonathan Mendoza net twice for the Hatters, beating keeper Reyes. Early on, Mendoza broke loose and rifled a shot off the post and into the net in the 17'

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Munga Eketebi,
Head Coach
FIU Men's Soccer

minute. A little less then 10 minutes later, freshman sensation Quentin Albrecht found the back of the net after beating the Stetson keeper in 1-on-1 play.

Mendoza scored his fifth goal of the season after hustling past Reyes to brake the tie just before the half.

PANTHERS GET BACK INTO THE GAME

FIU clawed back into contention in the second half. Lucas De Croce fired a cannon on goal and freshman Colby Burdette burried the rebound off the Stetson keeper to equalize.

Reyes recorded three saves with two goals allowed. While veteran keeper Andreas Schnabl recorded a season high eight saves allowing three goals. Stetson took the game into extra time and challenged FIU on every ball.

Mendoza led the Hatters with three

RUGBY

FIU rugby club prepares for jump to new conference

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Full-body tackling with no shoulder pads, funny socks and an odd-shaped ball being slung around the field...it must be rugby season.

Although rugby is widely regarded as a European sport, it is quickly making its way into the American realm of sport and recreation and has found its way into the FIU-MMC campus.

Former naval officer and rugby player Gabriel Puello founded the Florida International University rugby team in 1989. Like all teams, they struggled at the start to gain traction on campus and become an athletic force.

Now in 2011, however, the FIU rugby team is stronger than ever with Puello at the helms and over 20 members on their team competing against other rugby clubs throughout the nation and

from overseas.

Rugby is a sport that takes many of the aspects of American football and soccer and combines them to make one tough, hard-hitting and endurance-testing game, a game that Puello believes can catch on at FIU and other campuses around the country.

“Collegiate rugby is trying to become more mainstream,” noted Puello. “It is exciting to be a part of a brand new conference that we should be very competitive in, given the fact that we restarted the team from dormancy two years ago and last year we ended the season ranked second in the state.”

NEW CHANGES

The club has recently made the jump from being ranked second in Division II to becoming a part of the South Independent Rugby Conference for the spring 2012 competitive season, which is the equivalent of an NCAA team

moving from Division I-AA to the Division I.

Along with this exciting new move come new expectations, new challenges and endless possibilities for Golden Panther rugby squad.

“It gives us a blank slate and that gives us the ability to create something very dynamic,” Puello added.

This team has faced hardships on and off the field by having to fund all of their own traveling, housing, and equipment expenses. This rising group of young athletes is coming into this season with high aspirations and new goals in mind as they enter a new conference with a higher level of competition.

The Golden Panthers’ rugby club, which is independently ran and not associated with FIU athletics, is coming off an impressive 5-2 season last year with victories over University of Central Florida, University of Miami and

Florida Atlantic University.

The team will kickoff their exhibition season at Florida Gulf Coast University on Oct. 1 in Fort Myers, Fla. Their first official home match of the season will be against rival, Florida Atlantic University on Oct. 8 at 12:00 p.m.

The club plays its home games at the FIU-MMC Intramural Fields on the northwest corner of campus.

LIFE IN RUGBY

The life of an FIU “rugger” is no walk in the park. The team practices two times a week for nearly three hours at a time. Their practices include anything from full contact tackling drills to non-stop cardio and endurance training.

Practices usually conclude with an all out scrimmage in which the players will practice against each other.

Before joining the club two years ago, Michael Swaebe had

never played rugby before in his life. Now, he is a fully dedicated member and is looking to introduce others to the game he fell in love with.

“No experience is needed to come play rugby,” Swaebe said. “We are just looking for players who want to learn the game and get better each and every practice.”

While at times it is necessary for individual players to step up and make a big play, Swaebe insists that the team is bigger than any one player and requires the contributions of many to get the job done on the field.

“While there are players who have warranted individual attention, the great thing about rugby is the opportunity for everyone to be a star player and score,” Swaebe said. “From the largest forward to the sleekest back, there is a position made for everyone. If you want the ball bad enough you’ll get it.”

Albrecht scores game-winner against visiting Hatters

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shots, all of them on target and with two of them goals for Stetson. However, extra time played a different affect in the over-time period. With quick passing, Quentin

Albrecht was able to shock the Hatters again and break the tie with the game-winning goal.

“The young players for this team are really a treat and it was a hard fought win and we are starting to play with more chem-

istry,” said Eketebi.

Albrecht controlled a long ball from defender Nicolas Chase and dropped it onto his left foot, placing the ball in the left corner to give FIU the victory.

The Golden Panthers dominated on the

board, outshooting the Hatters 17-11 and out cornered them 11-4. “When you limit corners and you limit shot opportunities you frustrate the opponent and can score on the counter attack like we did,” said Eketebi after the extra time win.

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DRINK UP

BBC certificate program teaches students wine culture

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Abundant opportunities continue to grow in the hospitality management industry with the Wine Masters Certificate Program that will be offered on campus for the first time under the Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management.

The program will be headed by several professors, including Patrick J. Cassidy, Eric Hemer and William Hebrank.

“The class meets 13 consecutive Mondays from Sept. 12 onward at 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Southern Wine & Spirits Beverage Management Center located at the Biscayne Bay Campus,” explained Dawn Fagnan, assistant director of Enrollment and Recruitment Services. “Students must pay \$695 in order to participate in the program.”

The program, devel-

oped by Patrick J. Cassidy, a professor of wine technology, was offered last semester through the Institute of Hospitality and Tourism Education Research and is being offered again this Fall.

“Working in hospitality, there needs to be a lot of knowledge about food, locations and other services so that customers are confident that they will get the best,” said Hilary Hintz, a sophomore and hospitality management major.

“It is important to be knowledgeable about different wines and the wine industry so that each client is satisfied, no matter their taste or preference.”

The series of classes will take the students around the world, exploring over 135 different wine flavors.

Improving the students’ palate is a part of the class, making wine tasting a regular element in the course; for this reason, not

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Sophomore, Hospitality Management major

everyone can enroll in the program. “Participants must be at least 21,” said Fagnan, “as with our other beverage-related courses.”

Among the objectives of the course, students will be exposed to the great wines and vineyards of the world, however, no official trips have been established for the certificate program yet.

“To my knowledge, this class doesn’t offer any field trips -- but other wine classes in our department may offer them. This is up to the professor,” Fagnan said.

Although there are no pre-requisites required, the certificate program is intended for professionals with previous experience. Each class session is designed to expand upon the experience and knowledge of individuals already working in the field of hospitality and tourism management.

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The 13-week program will also instruct students on the proper way to handle beverages, including how to store, serve and merchandise the different wines. Students in the program will also be trained in the skills of buying and selling beverages and the economics behind the wine business.

“[The Wine Masters Certificate] would also be very beneficial to know about the industry so that I will be able to partner with companies in the future and understand how the industry works,” continued Hintz.

Tiffany Disney, a junior and business major, affirms the benefits of the program. “The Wine Masters Certificate can actually be beneficial for a student who is a business major looking to be a wine vendor. If you have the correct perspective as a student and plan on properly using the certificate in the future, I believe the certificate can be quite beneficial to any individual.”

The Wine Masters Certificate Program not only benefits individuals in hospitality management, but it also improves the university as a whole.

“The certificate program would definitely add to the school’s curriculum, not only for the hospitality majors, but also for students interested in the program,” said Hintz. “It creates more diversity in FIU’s studies, as well as providing a unique and interesting topic, applicable to many fields of study.”

RADIATE REVIEWS

Red Hot Chili Peppers’ latest LP a success despite loss of guitarist

Dear John,

We, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, have found someone else. We want to try new things and feel that our time and creativity is all but done with you. There were some great times, but this is how it has to be. We will be okay without you

Love,
RHCP

Okay, so this hyperbolic and imagined scenario is not the explanation on how or why singer, song writer and guitarist John Frusciante left the group, but you can hear it ring true in their new studio album “I’m With You.” There is no doubt that Frusciante’s highly publicized departure from the Red Hot Chili Peppers left the band questioning if the rest of the members would continue to take up the “Red Hot” mantel, or if it is time for all to hang up their tubesocks and go on to venture into new musical territory. After the quantity-over-quality album Stadium Arcadium in 2006 and a successful world tour, no one was sure of the destination of the Peppers.

Now, we see the retooled version of the band with their 2011 LP “I’m With You.” The band replaced Frusciante’s virtuoso presence with his understudy/padawan, Josh Klinghoffer. Would the group implement different grooves and sounds to their new lineup, or look for repeated success from their tried and true established genre of funk-rock?

Frusciante’s compositions and song struc-

ture are undeniably missed. It is clear that his skills brought a layer of extra emphasis that not only complimented Flea’s bass and Chad Smith’s drums, but it had force and frenetic energy.

The feeling of inspired jam sessions that created this band’s music is depleted here. It can be attributed to a combination of things: Frusciante’s departure, Rick Rubin’s lackadaisical production -which sounds like it was mixed and equalized on an iPod - and that cohesive sound where each player and instrument fed off each other. It is undeniable that it is the Red Hot Chili Peppers you’ll be hearing, but as of late, it has been a hit-or-miss type of affair.

There is a promising beginning with the opening track “Monarchy of Roses.” Cacophonous feedback and guitar tuning initiates the sound of a band shaking off the rest and kicking back into gear. It then pumps with Smith’s kick snare and Anthony Kiedis’s muffled vocals leering in. Soon after, it breaks into a psycho-disco bass line and Kiedis sings “The saviour of your light/The monarchy of roses, the monarchy of roses tonight.”

One aspect that has not gotten lost in RHCP is their penchant for writing catchy melodic choruses. The break is the first glimpse of new guitarist Kliffhonger, who has this swaying reverb solo that really isn’t a solo, as it is completely engulfed by Smith’s rumbling toms and Flea’s deep bass.

That is how the rest of the album follows. It is not Klinghoffer’s fault he doesn’t make himself discernible in this incredibly distinguished group of California kids; he is completely entangled in the mass confusion.

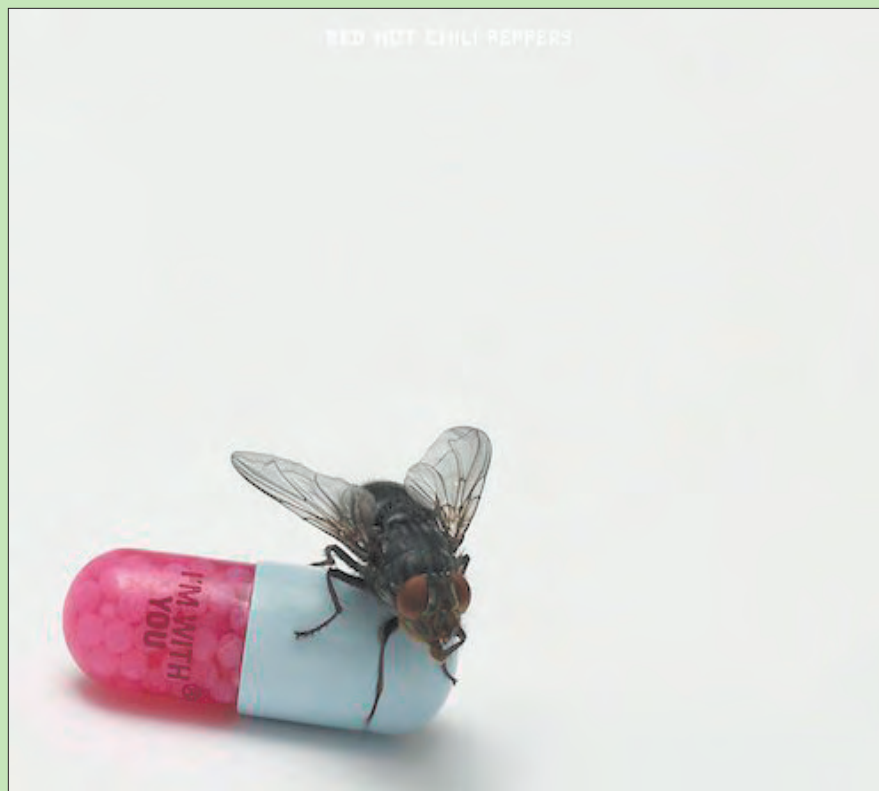


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Cover art for the Red Hot Chili Peppers’ new studio album, “I’m With You.”

Other times, he just lets the bass and drum combo ride out and does not dare interfere. Other than that, he does a serviceable job that’s more textured and complimentary than the former sound of the screechy, colorful rifts we are accustomed to.

Songs like “Factory of Faith” and “Ethiopia” feature a finger-fretting bass groove from Flea that is shamelessly wasted by stale drums and sporadic guitar strokes. None-

theless, Kiedis goes on with his incessant rambling, only this time it becomes near unbearable and is leaning on the verge of comedic. Kiedis’ lyrics are not always clear but that’s because they aren’t always meant to be. His percussion-like sounds fit specific songs and act like another instrument. On the latter song, “Ethiopia,” he starts verses with

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Annual concert rocks theme park, honors 9/11

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Staff Writer

If you take the thrilling elements of a theme park, add a touch of movie magic and top it off with some of the largest names in Christian rock, you get something known as Rock the Universe.

It's a music festival, but it probably isn't what comes to mind from that classification.

Rock the Universe is Florida's largest Christian music gathering; an annual celebration that fuses music and worship together.

The weekend was held exclusively at Universal Studios in Orlando, Fla., on Sept. 9 and 10. The lineup featured 17 hit artists and included performances by award-winning bands such as Switchfoot, Anberlin, Relient K and the Daytona Beach natives, Casting Crowns.

Although this festival has been around for over a decade, there were a few extra factors that set apart the 2011 festival from its predecessors.

One of those features was the unveiling of the all-new fan zone, which showcased emerging artists and provided fans with a unique and interactive opportunity.

"The fan zone features autograph sessions with performing acts, band merchandise and a first-ever New Artists' Stage where they can enjoy live performances

by three emerging artists, including former American Idol contestant, Jason Castro," explained Director of Talent Booking and Casting at Universal Orlando Resort, Jim Stout.

This wasn't the only surprise Universal Studios had in store for those celebrating God and their faith at the music festival.

"In addition to the fan zone, this is the first time we've ever featured hidden musical tracks by artists performing at Rock the Universe on Hollywood Rip Ride Rockit," explained Stout.

Although rooted in its musical components, Rock the Universe, held on the eve of 9/11, extended beyond the stage.

"We have always hosted Rock the Universe on the first weekend after Labor Day. Our candle-lighting ceremony, a tradition during Rock the Universe, has always had [a] very special meaning at this time of year since we also include a special prayer to pay respects to 9/11," said Stout.

To supplement its famous candle-lighting ceremony, the event honored the 10-year anniversary by hosting presentations about having and using faith to get through tragedy.

The guest speakers were retired Navy Captain Tom Joyce, who survived the attack on the Pentagon, and Sujo John, who made it out



from the 81st floor of the north tower in New York City.

To close off the weekend, Rock the Universe offered visitors the opportunity to participate in non-denominational worship at the park on Sunday morning. The congregation was addressed by Speaker Jeff Pratt and the service featured music by the Seth Medley Band.

In coming together, music and worship brought people of diverse backgrounds and upbringings to one place for one weekend.

While the celebration of God and faith was one intention, honoring lost loved ones through prayer and ceremony was another. It was a combination that rocked Universal Studios.



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TOP: Lead singer of Third Day, Mac Powell [left] sings along with bass guitarist and back ground vocal singer, Tai Anderson [right]. BOTTOM: Lead guitarist, Mark Lee rocks out on stage during a performance in the Rock the Universe 2011 music festival.

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HAUTE TOPIC

Tips on how to save money by avoiding trigger-happy shopping

COLUMNIST



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It is hard to be a college student who is obsessed with material things that she can't afford. In fashion, the old adage "mo' money, mo' problems" does not apply.

In fact, I firmly believe that if I did have more money, my closet would be perfect. Okay, maybe not perfect, but definitely an improvement on what it is now. One day, I will be able to afford a few of those luxury items that I covet but, for now, I better stick to less expensive duds.

This is why designers created their more accessible little sister labels, like Marc by Marc Jacobs or T by Alexander Wang. These brands often offer a more "street style" vibe than their older siblings, but at a lower price point.

Unfortunately, even these labels end up costing an arm and a leg. The cheapest item available at www.revolveclothing.com from T by Alexander Wang is an \$84 cotton tank top, which is not exactly a steal. Compare that style to a similar tank top at Urban Outfitters for \$16 and you may question why you like fashion in the first place.

Of course, there are other things to take into account; the materials used, cost of labor and the value of the designer's name

on the label definitely increase the cost. Maybe it is because I am a college student, but I struggle with the notion that a tank top that costs more than \$20 is worth it, even if it is a designer tank top.

Thankfully, there are options for those of us who can't stroll into Barney's New York and buy a \$2000 jacket, whether it is from the diffusion line or the real deal.

Contrary to the fabulous but unrealistic world depicted in *Sex and the City*, column writing does not pay well. I honestly have no idea how the writers of the show thought that Carrie Bradshaw could afford all the Manolo Blahnik heels that she owned. But, like Bradshaw, when I have any money to spare, I immediately spend it on clothes.

This has resulted in a lot of hit-and-miss shopping -- like those strange suede boots that seemed like a good idea at a department store sale last year or the ill-fitting, high-waisted pants from American Apparel.

After countless closet cleanups, with a lot of stuff put in the donation pile, I have decided to stop my trigger-happy buying and shop in a more organized manner.

Since I love rules and guidelines, I created some to perfect my shopping technique. The first and most important thing to do is take inventory of your closet. Count what you have, what you like and what needs replacing. This is a good time to gift things that

you don't wear often to friends, or donate them.

Having a lot of stuff can be overwhelming, so streamlining your closet will not only help you visualize what you have but also force you to get more wear out of the things you keep.

Then, make a list - this is where your smart phone comes in handy - of what you want and how much you are willing to pay for it. Some things I want right now include: a white blazer, bright red pants, black jeans, an anorak and more jewelry. I like to check out the prices of the things I want on retailer's websites so I have an idea of how much the item will cost me beforehand so I can budget accordingly.

The great thing about planning ahead is that you have time to save up for the nicer items at higher price points. You can usually tell when a more expensive piece is worth it; the material will be of better quality and will be more durable, and the cut will be more precise in order to fit you better.

That doesn't mean that all expensive clothing items are worth it, though. A \$60 blazer from Armani Exchange may fit you and last as long as a much more expensive one by Elizabeth and James.

Planning also lets you keep track of when something goes on sale. I constantly check on the items on my wants list to make sure I find the best price.

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While you're in the shops, it is easy to get distracted by the millions of items surrounding you. Try to focus on the things you really want by picking them up and trying them on before straying to other items.

Now here is the scary part: the fitting room. Oftentimes, I buy something that convinced me I was Kate Moss in the fitting rooms, only to discover that it is terribly unflattering when I get home. When you're trying things on, make sure to inspect yourself from every angle. Take advantage of the mirrors so you don't put that \$50 final sale dress on at home and break out into a fit of rage because it looks hideous. I had to learn this the hard way - several times.

After the fitting rooms, feel free to explore your other options. If you have extra cash laying around after your bigger buys, go ahead and try on the things that caught your eye when you entered the store. Since the pressure is off, you may find something indispensable that you did not think of when making your list.

The funny thing about shopping is you always seem to find what you like when you don't need it. If you really love something and it looks amazing on you and will get a lot of wear, buy it - even if it was not on the list. You may regret not picking it up later.

Before you are ready to face the cashier, visualize how your new piece will be worn with your current possessions. If you can immediately think of things that you can match it with - including bags and shoes - you'll probably get good wear out of it. If you're at a loss, you should think again before you swipe your debit card.

Hopefully, with a little careful planning, I will soon be rid of my impulsive shopping habits and improve my closet by buying things that I can afford and will last me for a while. That is, until I become fabulously rich and don't have to worry about petty things - like whether or not I have too many pairs of Prada pumps.

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New member, new music

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this odd "beep-boop" scat that gives the impression he is walking through a trench of hot coal. The ongoing joke is that Will Ferrell is the drummer, since he bears a striking resemblance to Chad Smith, but I am more inclined to think Ferrell has started to write their lyrics as well.

Like the aforementioned "Monarchy of Roses," this album does have some standout tracks that gives the album some gravitas.

"Brendan's Death Song" is the touching eulogy to long-time friend/photographer of the band, Brendan Mullen, and it is one of the more complete and engaging songs the Chili Peppers have made to date. Kiedis soulfully croons "When you hear this, you know it's your jam, it's your goodbye." When the Peppers are on point and connecting, they have a much more grasping sound as Klinghoffer plays a pacing progression on his acoustic guitar and it all breaks down with Chad Smith's thunderous drumming and Flea unleashing the same energy on his bass. It is a very cathartic moment on the album that shows the

band at the top of their sound technically and emotionally. "Goodbye Hooray" even finds the band in full-on rock territory that is relentless at first and then followed up by chilling breaks after a dizzying bass solo. Get a moment to breathe, because the reckless abandonment you've come to enjoy is charging back. "Did I Let You Know" is so smooth and drenched in tropical vibe that is a welcome departure from the rest of album. Kiedis sings "Did I let you know/Would you like to go/I wanna dance to every day's occasion" and that feeling resonates throughout the whole song. It's an especially fun song.

Flea's trumpet solo is a treat and is an example of the band exploring new territory; it doesn't feel like they're trying too hard to create something new -- except for the piano-riddled, Coldplay-like track "Police Station," which goes from solemn to sluggish. "Even You Brutus" sounds like the lovechild between Maroon 5 and 311 at a Sir Psycho carnival. The insipid closer, "Dance Dance Dance," makes you want to do anything but dance, and that's a damning dilemma where a groove-

fueled band falters in making a gyrating lick.

The Red Hot Chili Peppers' process of recording music has always been one of organic jam sessions: four performers in a room, circular energy spreading throughout that creates something as exemplary as 1991's "Blood Sugar Sex Magik" and 1999's "Californication." The band is still assimilating to Klinghoffer's style and that could very well take time, as proven by this album.

How much time do the Chili Peppers have before their funk formula is dried out? The benefit of the doubt must be given to them, as they have recovered so many times and delivered.

They have maintained the same level of energy and it's apparent they won't stop playing until Flea's fingers fall off.

The few gems on "I'm With You" seem to point that there is still substance left and that perhaps this is just the preliminary work that will soon catapult them into newer heights.

Radiate Reviews is a weekly music review column. Look for it every Wednesday this Fall.

CLASS DISMISSED

Pledge protest prompts full explanation

Patriotism has long been a part of the curriculum in America. It is the reason why every morning, students across the nation place their right hand over their heart, look at the ubiquitous American flag hanging in every classroom and pledge their life to this nation. Although there are students that stay silent due to religious reasons, there is one student that is holding out on making this pledge until the words actually ring true.

“One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.” These concluding words of the Pledge of Allegiance have Will Phillips, age 10, looking sideways and keeping silent. His reason: gay rights. In televised interview with CNN, Phillips said, “I’ve grown up with a lot of people and I’m good friends with a lot of people who are gay and I think they should have the rights all people should, and I’m not going to swear that they do.” Needless to say, his objection caused a backlash from his peers and the substitute teacher present for his silent protest, in addition to an outpouring of support.

Phillips’ refusal to say the Pledge of Allegiance challenges just how well our schools are explaining what this pledge actually means. Unlike Phillips, I do not think the majority of students know what their getting themselves

“By not fully disclosing the meaning behind the pledge, schools are reducing this solemn vow to a mechanical morning routine.”

into when those words come out of their mouth. Not once did my teachers fully explain that, by doing this, I was pledging my life and unconditional support to my nation. While this seems like the perfect thing to do for a citizen of the United States, this is a heavy responsibility to place upon, say, a third grader. Also, by not fully disclosing the meaning behind the pledge, schools are reducing this solemn vow to a mechanical morning routine.

If our education system truly wants to teach patriotism to our students, then they must fully disclose what this pledge really means, instead of teaching them to blindly state it as part of a simple morning exercise; parents also share this responsibility. With knowing what the pledge means, students have a chance to honestly pledge their allegiance to the U.S., fully aware of what they are doing, or choose not to do so because the pledge does not jibe with their ethical outlook.

Furthermore, “patriotism” and pledging allegiance to your nation are not mutually exclusive. Rather, the focus on showing love for one’s country should be upon teaching our children good citizenship and showing them that, like Phillips, they too can exercise their rights to free speech and protest.

Although Phillips received much criticism for being unpatriotic by way of his silent protest, I would argue that he is a fantastic example of what being an American truly is: standing up for your rights and the rights of others, and holding your country accountable for ensuring those rights are a reality. As Phillips sits quietly in class as his fellow students stand and face the flag, I too wait for the day when he and others can say, with honesty, “One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

“Class Dismissed” is a biweekly column critiquing education in America.

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Halftime ‘practice’ restricting student entry should be eliminated

On Sept. 1, the Golden Panthers played their first game of the season against North Texas, and many students were prohibited from attending the game due to policies enacted by Student Affairs.

Students attending the game with their Panther IDs are not allowed to enter the stadium after halftime. This policy affects the turnout and discourages students from attending future games.

Although Student Affairs explained that this policy will not be applied to the upcoming Tuesday night game against Troy on Oct. 25, *The Beacon* believes it is unfair to not extend the open time-frame during Saturday games as well.

Student Affairs referred to this policy of restricting student entry as a practice. However, because this restriction is explicitly stated in the FIU Fan Code of Conduct, which can be found on FIUSports.com, it is clearly a policy, not just a practice.

As contributors to Athletics through student fees, this policy puts students at a disadvantage. By paying \$15.56 per credit hour in athletic fees, every student is, in essence, a season ticket holder.

In addition to paying the highest fees in the state of Florida among Football Bowl Subdivision schools, students are required to pay a \$20 flat fee every year. With that, students deserve the right to enter the stadium regardless of time.

According to Rosa Jones, vice president of Student Affairs, this practice was enacted to “encourage students to attend the game from the beginning as opposed to tailgating for additional time.” Attendees who purchase their tickets are allowed into the stadium at any time, even if they are tailgating until the middle of the fourth quarter.

This discriminatory policy of turning students away after halftime is unfair and unnecessary, especially with a program looking to encourage students to participate in athletic events. Whether it be because of obligations at work or in class, students should have the right to enter the stadium at any point in the game.

There are a number of universities, including schools in the Sun Belt Conference such as the Troy Trojans, that do not have restrictions on student access to home games after halftime. Like University students, Troy students get in free with a student ID.

Despite the Thursday night start and inclement weather conditions, students showed up in large numbers for the season opener and packed the student section, while the opposite end-zone was essentially void of life.

Students carry a large part of the weight when it comes to financing the Athletics, and are now beginning to show up to games in larger numbers. There is no need to keep students away after halftime.

The Beacon does not see a distinction between students and season ticket holders and, believes that they deserve the same type of access to University home games.

Center’s locker shortage burdens students

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As one of the 25 largest public universities in the nation with over 44,000 students, and a large percentage of those students swiping cards at the Recreation Center daily, the lack of semester lockers is unfortunate.

Like many commuting students at the University, I rose before the crack of dawn on the first day of the fall semester. However, while most students set early alarms to evade parking lot brawls and traffic jams, I dragged myself out of bed at 5:00 a.m. to obtain a semester locker for the Recreation Center. When I made my way over to a small line of other students who were also anxiously waiting for semester lockers, a girl notified me that only four semester lockers existed in the entire women’s locker room and there were already four women

standing in line to pay for them.

“[The Recreation Center website] never lists the actual number of semester lockers.”

Despite arriving to the Recreation Center at 5:55 a.m. for the first come first serve 6 a.m. sign-up, I left campus with bags under my eyes and the money I had for a semester locker still in my hands.

Paying the \$25 fee for a semester locker benefits frequent Recreation Center users because the added room allows extra space for clothing, toiletries and gym bags. In addition, semester lockers

alleviate member concerns of leaving their valuables overnight and save them time from trekking all the way across campus to pick them up from the car. Instead of wasting time from making these extra trips, Recreation Center members could use the extra time to sign up and participate in group fitness classes, generating more revenue for the Recreation Center and more clientele for the instructors.

Carrying around all of this excess baggage also contributes to the development of uneven shoulders, shoulder pain, back pain and posture problems, which conflicts with the health benefits of working out.

If you are unable to obtain a semester locker, there are over 200 free daily lockers. However, gym users are not allowed to leave belongings in these lockers overnight and the Recreation Center is not responsible for lost

items. While the daily lockers are free and convenient, I think that the \$25 fee for an overnight semester locker is a small price to pay for security of my belongings, sustained health, more time in the gym and less hassle of making trips to the car.

Although the Recreation Center website provides information on how many daily lockers there are in the gym, the price of semester lockers and when to show up to register for one, it never lists the actual number of semester lockers.

In the future, the Recreation Center plans on expanding their facility and creating larger and multiple locker rooms, but I would strongly advise that they include at least 100 semester lockers in both the men’s and women’s locker rooms to account for the thousands of gym users that workout at the Recreation Center every semester.

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“But better to be hurt by the truth than comforted with a lie.”

- Khaled Hosseini, author

“Pressure is something you feel when you don’t know what the hell you’re doing.”

- Peyton Manning, Indianapolis Colts

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CEO to discuss changing face of journalism at lecture

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the blurring of what have been the traditional differentiations by industry,” said Lozano. “Where you used to have broadcast media and print media, you now have, media companies understanding that they need to diversify across all of those platforms and becoming a fully integrated media company.”

Yet with the emergence of social media and citizen journalism it isn’t only the media organizations that are transforming but the shape of newsrooms that are experiencing the most drastic of changes.

“The changes in the newsroom are profound. We’ve gone from being focused on a production cycle where one day you gather, write, and edit content to be produced and distributed the next day,” explained Lozano. “That cycle is no longer competitive. Now, every member of the newsroom has to be retrained to be multimedia journalists.”

With these transformations taking place, it is necessary for institutions of higher learning to adapt their curriculums to better prepare students with the skills necessary for the industry that they looking to get into.

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Monica Lozano, CEO,
impreMedia

This skills matching is one of the initiatives that Lozano, and the President’s Job Council are focusing on, but Lozano admits that this is something the academia is lagging behind in.

“[One] initiative is skills matching. Many of the institutions of higher learning have not matched their curriculum to the needs of employers, which is kind of hard to change because it requires all levels of education to adapt,” said Lozano. “I do see some progress in the development of journalism schools’ curriculums to be more responsive to the needs of media organizations. I don’t think that they’re there necessarily, but they’re heading in the right direction.”

With the other focus of the Job Council being on innovation, Lozano stresses the need for students entering the work force to be adaptable and innovative, especially with the ever changing landscape in media.

“This much change in an organization requires not only people who have the skills and the training, but who are adaptable to the constant change. The sense of adaptability is absolutely essential today,” said Lozano. “You want people in the newsroom to be intuitive with the new media tools that are available today.”

However, at the end of the day, regardless of the changes in technology, Lozano emphasizes that the production of quality, and relevant, content is what will give media organizations the competitive advantage that is necessary to surviving the tide of change.

“Content continues to be the differentiation for a successful media company moving forwards and the need to focus on the creation of high quality of content for your brand that is reflective of the community that you serve are the fundamental elements of success.”

Views of LGBT students evolving

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students in order for them to benefit directly.

With the construction of new buildings, such as PG5 and the School of International and Public Affairs at the Modesto Maidique Campus, the implementation of family bathrooms gives the transgender community the option of being more comfortable.

Baptiste, however, expressed that it would be better to make those adjustments for the older buildings that are identified for “men” or “women,” which will create a sense of inclusion for everyone.

“It’s really disconcerting and disheartening to be an identifier with the LGBT community and to know that our campus isn’t really safe for people like me. But now, the proper reaction should be, what can we do about it. We should engage not only the departments that didn’t score high, but the community as a whole so we can create awareness and acceptance,” said Baptiste.

During her freshmen year in college, Helena Matamoros, a current sophomore majoring in mathematics, experienced what

it meant to be part of a minority group. As part of her public speaking class, she decided to give an oral presentation on LGBTs in society.

As a way of introducing herself, she said, ‘Hi, my name is Helena Matamoros, and I’m a lesbian’. As she pronounced that last bit of information, she saw a few of her peers faces change while her professor kept on watching her “as if [she] had said [her] age and nothing much more significant.”

“She treated me the same and made me feel welcomed even though some of my classmates had begun classifying me the moment I uttered those simple words,” she recalled.

Matamoros believes that the awkward looks from students and the terminology used by their heterosexual counterparts are several of the hardships students like her must confront on a daily basis.

“What I have heard a lot throughout the student body is the use of unnecessary terminology to signify other things. The main ones being ‘That is so gay,’ or ‘You’re so gay.’ Then there’s the regular ‘You’re a f--,’ and ‘you’re such a [expletive] homo,’” she said.

Cooking demonstration showcases healthy eating habits

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Residential Life in collaboration with the Wellness Center hosted The Wellness Cooking Demonstration, an event that showcases several student presentations that demonstrate how to make healthy meals.

The Wellness Cooking Demonstration was held with the objective of informing students residing in Biscayne Bay Campus’ Bay Vista Housing on making health conscious food decisions.

According to Betsy Josma-Ducheine, assistant Resident Life coordinator of Bay Vista Housing, hospitality students are recruited to host the presentations and cook for the event’s attendees on Sept. 13 at the Bay Vista Housing community room.

“We encourage [students] to maintain wellness by preparing their own meals,” said Dona Walcott, assistant director of University Health

Services.

Considering health is a major issue for students living away from home, the event sought to teach students how to shop smart. Those who participated in the demonstration even showed students how to make smarter and healthier dining choices. The Cooking Demonstration wanted students “to get excited about preparing a home-cooked meal for themselves,” said Walcott.

“You’d be surprised at some people who don’t really know how to make a proper, healthy and balanced sandwich,” said Josma-Ducheine.

Along with the promise of food, Bay Vista residents and other interested students, participated in the event to gain experience that can help them in the future. Participants were also able to enhance their public speaking skills, as well as give attendees an insight into how they cook at home.

“They have the experience of actually presenting to people what they’re cooking

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Betsy Josma-Ducheine,
Assistant Residential Life Coordinator
Bay Vista Housing

outside of the hospitality field,” said Josma-Ducheine. “They come and make food, and the residents come to eat and learn to cook.”

Josma-Ducheine stated that Residential Life hopes to not only make an impact on students, but “get the residents to actually come out, find out what they liked about it and what they didn’t like about it.” Organizers are aiming to get

students to walk away with the knowledge that this organization is on campus and is available to help them, and benefit from the program.

“I hope that [students] take away the encouragement to fix their own meals, and the knowledge of preparing simple nutritious meals, in their rooms, in their dorms, is what I encourage them to do,” said Walcott.

SGC-BBC accepting applications for vacancies

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The Student Government Council at Biscayne Bay Campus has started another academic year with a high number of vacant positions, and Council members are struggling to increase student awareness of the vacancies through Facebook posts, notices on the SGA webpage, and fliers distributed in the Bay Vista Residence Hall.

The greatest number of vacancies is currently on the BBC Senate, where 10 positions,

according to SGC-BBC Clerk Larissa Adames, have yet to be filled.

The senate is still accepting applications for two lower division senators and two journalism and mass communication senators, as well as senators for housing, business administration, education, nursing and health services, hospitality management, and the Broward Pines Center.

Six positions also remain open on the BBC Executive Council, as well as one on the judicial branch.

These positions have remained unfilled despite an intensive and partially successful campaign conducted over the summer by the SGC-BBC to inform students of the high number of open positions.

The campaign managed to gain SGC-BBC five Executive Council members and a justice.

“We do get applications in [after a campaign],” said Adames. But many of those applications are reviewed and then never come to anything, as students often back out after showing interest in a position. “Sometimes,” Adames

said, “once [students] apply, they change their minds.”

The number of open positions at BBC is significantly higher than that at MMC, where there are currently only five vacancies, according to SGA Graduate Assistant for Campus Life Roderick Wilson.

SGC-MMC stopped accepting applications for open positions on Sept. 12, and will select new senators on Sept. 15.

At SGC-BBC, where the need for more student representatives is greatest, applications for open positions will be accepted and

evaluated on a rolling basis; the only positions which have a firm deadline are SGA-BBC internships, for which the application window will close on Friday, Sept. 16.

Although 18 SGC-BBC positions remain vacant, Adames said that the numbers of confirmed representatives this year has still been higher than that of previous years.

Applications for open SGC positions are available on the SGA-BBC web site at <http://sgabbc.fiu.edu/open-positions/index.html>.

Member of jobs council to speak at WUC

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BBC Managing Editor

The tides of change have been sweeping across the media landscape since the emergence of the Internet.

Never has it been as prevalent as in recent times, due to the rise of social media in conjunction with the economic downturn of recent years.

On Sept. 14 at 3 p.m., the School of Journalism and Mass Communication will be hosting Monica Lozano, CEO of impreMedia and member of the President Obama's Job Council, in the Wolfe University Center Ballroom at the Biscayne Bay Campus.

Lozano's lecture will focus on the current transformation that is taking place in the media landscape, especially within Hispanic media and the influence that it has had in the 21st century.

Being a third generation Hispanic journalist, Lozano is no stranger to the changes that Hispanic media has seen throughout the past century.

With her grandfather, Ignalio Lozano, Sr., being the founder of La Prensa and La Opinion, the original Hispanic media outlets in the United States, and her father, Ignalio Lozano, Jr., later taking over La Opinion, Lozano was born and bred on the cusp of the Hispanic media wave that has swept through the country in the 20th century, and now into the 21st century.

Since taking up the position of managing editor for *La Opinion* in 1985, Lozano has witness the changes that have been taking over the media landscape as a whole.

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MONICA LOZANO LECTURE

Event Info

- Time: 3:00 p.m.
- When: 9/14/11
- Where: WUC Ballroom

HARD HAT ZONE



ANDRES BEDOYA/THE BEACON

The School of Hospitality Tourism Management began breaking ground on the expansion of the school's teaching dining room and kitchen. Once finished, the expanded facilities will be used for courses across the HTM curriculum, and the Gourmet Luncheons that are a part of the Advanced Food Production, the cap stone course at HTM.

University gets mixed marks on LGBT issues

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Although Florida has seen a 60 percent increase in same sex households since the 2000 census, the most recent Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender-Friendly Campus Climate Index demonstrates that the University, which serves a dynamic group of over 44,000 students, is not as gay-friendly as was expected in a state where homosexuality is prevalent.

Operated by Campus Pride, a national nonprofit organization that works to create safer, more LGBT-Friendly learning environments at colleges and universities, the LGBT-Friendly Campus Climate Index is a tool that most universities use to measure their progress in providing for the needs of their LGBT students.

Based on a five star rating system, which rates campus gay-friendliness depending on answers provided by students, faculty and staff, the University was given an overall campus climate score of two and a half stars.

"We are aware that the score was at the lower end, but we are looking to improve the score in the future," said Camille Perkins, the LGBT Initiative graduate assistant for the Multicultural Programs and Services department at Biscayne Bay Campus.

The campus climate score was comprised of the following subcategories: LGBT policy inclusion, support & institutional commitment, academic life, student life, housing, campus safety, and counseling and health.

Of the aforementioned areas, counseling and health was awarded five stars, while the lowest score

was one and a half stars given to recruitment and retention efforts along with campus safety.

Rossmery Galan, a junior education major who identifies with the lesbian community, said that "we can't claim to be 'Worlds Ahead' if we continue to allow LGBT people to fight the same fight they've been struggling to overcome for centuries."

In regard to the low rating for Public Safety, Giovanni Correale, president of Stonewall Pride Alliance, a University organization that promotes awareness on LGBT issues, explained that "the Department of Public Safety is not necessarily trained on sexual orientation issues."

"If you have a transgender individual who doesn't necessarily look like the sex they identify with and they're using a different bathroom for what they seem to

be, the officer may see it as public disturbance because they are not trained in LGBT issues" he says

The Department of Public Safety was unavailable to comment.

However, Correale has plans to communicate with the director to address the problem. He emphasized the difficulty of addressing safety issues when the people in charge of keeping students safe are not educated in that sense.

Under recruitment and retention efforts, the questionnaire inquired whether there was an effort to recruit LGBT students like the rest of minorities and provide scholarship opportunities.

Correale and Jameer Baptiste, vice president of SPA, plans to propose that funds from the University be used for LGBT

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Pep Rally to be held prior to next football game

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As the Golden Panthers prepare to face the University of Central Florida Knights on September 17, Panther Power is hosting a pep rally just two days before the big game to arouse excitement among students.

Free food, FIU paraphernalia,

games and a live DJ will all be present on the Biscayne Bay's Panther Square on September 15 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

"It's going to be pretty awesome, we are bringing back some DJs, going to have some awesome games like musical cheers and free food," said Tamicha Rogers, Panther Power President and sophomore Inter-

national Relations student.

Panther Power hopes to get students chuck full of panther pride for the upcoming game that many say is the most difficult opposition the panthers will face this season.

"The students get more excited about the games when we have pep rallies" said Judy Julmisse, Executive Assistant

for Panther Power and a junior Hospitality and Management.

"I expect to get a lot of participation this time, I mean last time we had good participation but this time I want more" said Rogers.

Panther Power hopes to foster ongoing panther pride, not only for football games, but even after they have completed their