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COLLEGE OF LAW

College of Law dean shares personal history, experiences

ANTHONY FIGUEROA
Staff Writer

Before coming to the University, the College of Law's dean has served in the private and public sectors – he was even appointed by a US president.

Born and raised in Miami, R. Alexander Acosta, dean of the College of Law, received his undergraduate degree from Harvard College in economics and his law degree from Harvard Law School.

After clerking for Supreme Court

that is responsible for interpreting the National Relations Act, a federal statute that regulates labor relations within private sectors.

During his time as a member, he participated in giving over 125 opinions. Acosta was confirmed again as the Assistant Attorney General at the Department of Justice where he worked under the division of Civil Rights.

Lastly, he was appointed by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the Senate as the US Attorney for the Southern District of Florida.

case of its kind in the United States, and the Cali Cartel, which was responsible for importing 200,000 kilos of cocaine that summed up to \$2.1 billion.

Acosta also was a part of the prosecution of Swiss Bank UBS, which provided the names of Americans using Swiss bank accounts in order to evade taxes. He primarily focused on methods of reducing health care fraud in South Florida.

In 2009, Acosta resigned as US Attorney, applied and was accepted as the new Dean of the College of Law.

When asked why he chose to apply as the Dean of the College of Law he stated, "FIU embodies the immigrant story."

Acosta is the child of two Cuban parents who struggled while in the US to put him through school.

"My job was to study," said Acosta. "They came here so that I can have an opportunity."

Acosta related his own experiences with opportunities the University offers its students.

"The College of Law has been a wonderful experience; I love the community" said Acosta.

The work Acosta has done for the College of Law and as its dean has been recognized by several entities. He has been given several professional recognitions and awards such as the American Bar Association's

Since May 2005 until July 2009, Dean Acosta served as the US Attorney in South Florida.

"It was a wonderful place," Acosta said in an interview with Student Media, regarding his time in the US Attorney's office.

As the US attorney, Acosta prosecuted numerous individuals such as lobbyist Jack Abramoff for fraud; Jose Padilla for terrorism; Chuckie Taylor for torture in Liberia, the first



Alexander Acosta
Dean
College of Law

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Justice Samuel Alito and serving as a judge for the US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Acosta worked at Kirkland & Ellis, a well-renowned and prestigious firm, in New York. After working within the private sector of law, Acosta returned to work for the public.

Confirmed by the Senate three times, Acosta worked as a member of the National Relations Board, which is an independent federal agency

SECURITY

Identity theft remains an issue among college students

KATRINA BRUNO
Staff Writer

College students are focused on a variety of things at one time: that upcoming exam, their relationships, jobs and grades. However, while they remain concerned about all these factors, there is a secret thief ready to take what is theirs from right under their noses.

A few weeks ago, the University sent a letter, which announced that up to 19,000 students and alumni may have had their personal information accessed online, including information such as names, birth dates, test

scores, GPAs and social security numbers.

They suggested that students contact their credit bureau to confirm that no unusual activity has taken place.

Students are one of the highest groups who fall victim to identity theft. Although they typically do not have credit or a large sum of money in their bank accounts, it doesn't make them any less likely to become victims.

According to the US Department of Education, "half of all college students receive credit card applications on a daily or weekly basis."

With many students simply throwing the applications away without destroying them, anyone walking by a trash can grab the card offer, fill it out and receive a card in your name, all without your knowledge."

Identity theft is one of the fast-growing crimes in the United States, affecting over 8 million people and costing Americans over \$50 billion annually fraudulent charges.

"Identity theft affects an estimated 3.3 million, or one in 30 students, and college students," according to Dailyfinance.com.

Identity theft is the act

of someone taking information that personally identifies another person, including names, addresses, birth dates, social security numbers, driver's license numbers and other personal documentation.

This information may be used to establish credit accounts, take out loans, apply for jobs or commit fraudulent acts.

Damarys Hernandez, a chemistry major, had her identity stolen at age 13, and did not realize until she was 18. Upon applying for a credit card and being denied, she searched for answers.

"Someone opened a

retail credit account at Old Navy and racked up around \$600 in debt. I came to find this out when I was 18 and tried applying for a Capital One student credit card," Hernandez said.

"So I filed a claim with Experian and wound up talking to a number of collection agencies in order to dispute the charges. They couldn't argue with me - I was 13 when the card was taken out - but they still tried to settle a minimum payment with me before clearing me of any responsibility."

In many other cases of identity theft, the victim is left with a significant amount of debt, which

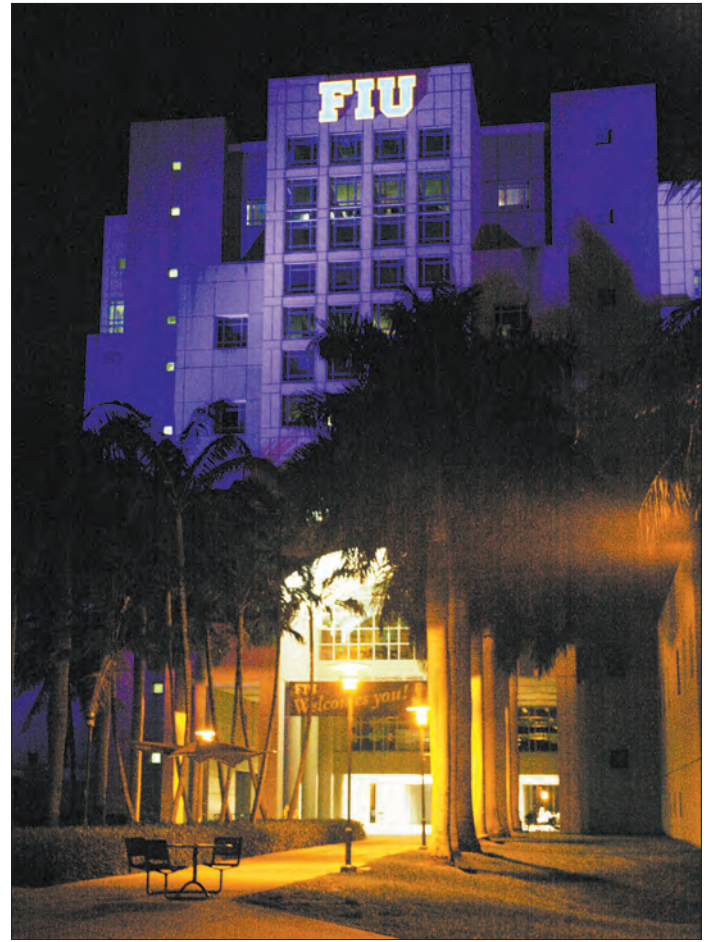
might take up to a year to reverse.

They may be denied jobs, loans or cars because of their supposed financial negligence.

Students are most at risk to this type of theft because of bad habits, lack of fiscal responsibility and education and overall sense of disinterest.

Many students feel comfortable with leaving their personal possession, such as laptops, purses, wallets and book bags with friends and acquaintances, leaving their personal information exposed and accessible to a passerby, or even a friend.

GOT THE BLUES



ESRA ERDOGAN/THE BEACON

As a sign of Homecoming spirit, the Green Library was given blue lighting during the evening.

Council on Legal Education's Legacy Award for promoting diversity, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund's Excellence in Government Award and the D.C. Hispanic Bar Association's Hugh A Johnson Jr. Memorial Award.

The College of Law was also ranked as the Top 10 Best Value Schools by The National Jurist.

Since his time as dean, US World

News has ranked the College of Law as the 132nd best law school in the nation. It currently holds the highest bar passage rate in the state of Florida; the average for the FIU Law grads at 89.6 percent, while state remained at 80.1 percent.

"It's really meaningful," said Acosta. "It shows the students being smart, dedicated and that the faculty is preparing them really well."

COMING UP | Sports

Check out the Sports section in the Oct. 7 issue for a feature on Eric Reyes, goal keeper for the Men's Soccer team.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

SGC-MMC senate fills justice seat despite reluctance

ANGELISE PETRILLO
Contributing Writer

During a recent senate meeting of the Student Government Council at the Modesto Madique Campus, junior Jennifer Garcia was voted into the vacant associate justice position, a move that caused concern among the senators.

of the judicial branch, with the exception of voting; because clerks are not allowed to vote,” Garcia said.

When the senate questioned Garcia on her goals, she responded that she wants “to hear every case fully and make a fair decision.”

According to the SGA constitution, article V section 6.C,

duties which are to be expected, since the chief justice and all other associate justices will graduate this year. When the senate asked if she had been interviewed for the vacant justice seat, Garcia instantly responded “no.”

This raised uneasy responses throughout the senate, resulting in a series of questions directed more so toward the nomination

position publicly, how do we [the senate] know she is the top candidate if no other students were given the opportunity to apply and interview for this position?”

She also stated SGA’s constitution, Article V Section 6.B, “associate justices shall be nominated by the chief justice and confirmed by senate.”

Traditionally, the chief justice will interview these candidates to ensure that the most qualified candidate is nominated.

However, for this election, when Mella was notified that Jessica Medina, former associate justice, would be graduating, he “immediately looked to Jennifer Garcia, being confident she had gained all the skills necessary to become the next Supreme Court Justice.”

Several senators expressed concern that the method Mella chose to implement was unfair to other students who would have been interested in applying for this position.

“The purpose of opening up an application is to find the most qualified candidate available,” said Mella, in his explanation to the senate. “In this case I already knew that Justice Garcia had by far the most experience within the court than any potential candidate.”

During the meeting, Mella told the senate that “fostering in a current intern clerk [into an associate justice position] is the route I chose to take because the clerks have so much experience.”

When Student Media questioned Mella later on the process for choosing a clerk, he said “the clerks were given a lot of hands-on experience, in hopes

that one would be able to step up and become a justice if it were necessary.”

Mella also responded that he “would like to point out that the clerks were at no point under the impression that they would become justices simply because of their positions, and Justice Garcia was only chosen because of the hard work, dedication, and capacity to take on complex legal questions she had experienced throughout the previous months.”

But several senators continued to mention that their intentions were not to discredit Garcia and her ability to perform her duties; they were unsure if equal opportunities for the entire student body were present during the application process.

Emas said to Student Media that although the route Mella chose to take “was not unconstitutional,” she feels that “experience as a clerk should not be the only qualification deemed necessary for a justice.”

Ultimately, the senate voted Garcia in and the concern for equal opportunity within this election was overlooked.



KRISTI CAMARA/THE BEACON

[From left] SGC-MMC President Patrick O’Keefe, Chief Justice Octavio Mella, Senate Speaker Donovan Dawson, Speaker Pro-Tempore Samir Patel and Finance Chair Giovanni Correale discuss senate issues.

Garcia, an associate justice for SGC-MMC’s judiciary, explained to the senate during the meeting she is qualified because she has been a clerk for the last two semesters.

“I have had five mentors, and while serving as a clerk, I was able to participate in every aspect

“Associate justices shall be appointed for one (1) two-year term.”

Given that this position involves a long-lasting term, many of the senators showed concern the newly appointed associate justice may not be qualified and/or prepared for the

procedures employed by Chief Justice Octavio Mella, than the qualifications of Garcia.

Rachel Emas, chair of the Graduate and Professional Student Committee, argued although Garcia “is clearly experienced within the judicial branch as a clerk, by not announcing this

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

International Business Honor Society hosts lecture with marketing director, alumnus Holger Kamin

JILL BOUCHER
Contributing Writer

The International Business Honors Society continued its lecture series on Tuesday with Holgar Kamin, University alumnus and director of New Ventures NA, who spoke about international marketing to a receptive audience.

Students asked questions about the role of social media in the marketing world, what to expect upon graduation and how to impress future employers during the interview process.

“It’s harder for employers to find good people, rather than for you to find a job,” said Kamin, when asked about how difficult it is to get a job in the industry currently.

He advised students to be prepared, confident, knowledgeable and properly dressed for an interview. Additionally, on several occasions, he mentioned the importance of having several jobs within the first six years of graduating. This shows versatility to employers.

Students asked about social media and the role it is playing in the international marketing world.

“If you build a 50 foot fence, I’ll build a 60 foot ladder. Social marketing is great, and it’s a cheap way to market. It can be dangerous, too. Be careful and don’t have a Facebook.”

Kamin stressed the importance of international traveling and immersing yourself into new cultures.

“Travel the world and make new friends all over the place. It’s all about networking. Nowadays, everything is global.”

He pointed out the diversity in the room, noting German, Chinese and Lebanese students in attendance, among others. This small-scale example demonstrated the importance of understanding cultures outside your own. What is marketable in the United States will not always be marketable overseas.

Maximillian Kalinowski, the treasurer of the IBHS, said the lecture series is a great way to guide future students of the industry through experts and field work.

“People study and don’t always know what to get out of it, so this series help [students] not exactly to get a job but to guide them,” said Kalinowski.

The main objective of IBHS is to

promote leadership.

“We want [IBHS] to be international business orientated. We invite people from international marketing, finance and banking to speak. We want to enhance professional development and social responsibility,” said IBHS President Jorge Locayno

Kamin was asked what the biggest misconception recent graduates have when entering the workforce.

“You think you know it all, but you know nothing. Try to study as long as you can and ask questions whenever you can,” he said.

While the night focused on international marketing, everything Kamin said is applicable to students of any major.

“Don’t burn bridges. If you hate someone, don’t tell them. Be nice to people. Never oversell but always over deliver,” he said.

Following the question and answer section, applause erupted. With the night transitioning to a meet and greet, those in attendance were able speak with Kamin on a more personal level.

The IBHS is open to all students, not just those pursuing a degree in business.

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Holgar Kamin,
Director
New Ventures NA

“We’re open to students of any major. Many students don’t know that, but we welcome everyone,” said Juliana Encarnacao, an IBHS member.

The organization has lectures planned every Tuesday, along with some field trips for on site experience. On Oct. 14, they will travel to Miami International Airport to speak with a person involved with imports and exports.

NEWS FLASH

LOCAL

Fla. senate committee considering Caylee's Law

A special hearing is underway in Tallahassee that could determine whether Florida legislators will pursue additional laws to protect children.

Law enforcement authorities, public defenders and prosecutors were expected to address a committee Monday morning. The senate committee was formed in the wake of Casey Anthony's acquittal in July on charges she murdered her 2-year-old daughter, Caylee.

Several states have already enacted Caylee's Laws, which require parents to report children missing within 24 hours. Caylee Anthony was not reported missing until 31 days after she disappeared in the summer of 2008.

NATIONAL

Ohio Muslim inmates sue over meal preparation

A death row inmate says the Ohio prison system is denying him meals prepared according to Islamic law — known as halal — while at the same time providing kosher meals to Jewish prisoners, according to a federal lawsuit that alleges a civil rights violation.

Condemned inmate Abdul Awkal says the prison system's failure to provide the halal meals is a restraint on his religious freedoms.

Awkal, joined by a second inmate not on death row, says the vegetarian and non-pork options offered by the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction aren't good enough. The inmates say the food must be prepared in specific fashion, such as ensuring that an animal is butchered by slitting its throat and draining its blood, to conform with Islamic beliefs.

WORLD

Haiti's long wait for prime minister may be over

Haitian senators are expected to approve President Michel Martelly's third pick for prime minister, ending the new leader's monthslong bid to establish a government.

The president of the Senate says the members will vote later Monday on the nomination of Garry Conille to run the government in the troubled nation. The Chamber of Deputies unanimously approved Conille's appointment on Sept. 16.

The Haitian parliament rejected the first two candidates nominated by Martelly, who took office in May. That has prevented the new leader from acting on his agenda and slowed earthquake reconstruction.

— Compiled by Melissa Caceres

ENGAGEMENT

University partners with JP Morgan and MDPS in Liberty City schools

MIRIAM ARIAS
Contributing Writer

JP Morgan Chase and Miami-Dade Public Schools have joined forces with the University to establish The Education Effect.

With the goal of enhancing education in Liberty City Schools, The Education Effect hopes to promote and implement a better learning experience.

"This program has sustainable and long-term potential to allow kids to get resources to succeed through not only high school, but college as well," said Melissa Shuffield, a media representative from JP Morgan.

The initial idea for its development emerged from Divina Grossman, University vice president of engagement and Nicole Kaufman, director of Corporate and Foundation Relations. The program officially launched on Sept. 7.

The program is an important part of ACCESS, which is a mutual program involving MDCPS and FIU to give the public school community better academic learning opportunities.

The Education Effect program will be backed up by a three-year \$1 million grant and will be primarily directed towards Miami Northwestern Senior High School along with Charles Drew Middle and Holmes

Elementary, its feeder schools.

A good majority of Liberty City schools including Miami North-

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Melissa Shuffield,
Media Representative
JP Morgan Chase

western have an estimated 50% graduation rate and an even lower rate of students who enter college.

According to Cecilia Gutierrez-Abety, partnership director for The Education Effect, this was a main reason in choosing that specific school as the focus of this investment.

The University hopes to increase these numbers substantially by implementing key programs aimed at increasing the resources needed by these students to excel and engaging them along with parents and teachers in educational programs and activities.

The partnership advocates for better teaching and learning methods along with a better learning environment

to promote higher education for these students.

The University's students are also being encouraged to participate in these programs as part of service learning.

FIU students are given the chance to directly engage with these high school students by helping them throughout this process serving as mentors. The program is aimed at achieving a general understanding of business and the market economy by allowing them to engage through a hands on approach.

Among the programs dedicated to enable the Miami Northwestern students is the usage of the University's State Farm Financial Literacy Lab located in the College of Business.

JPMorgan Chase hopes to use this lab to reach out to Miami Northwestern students and enable them to participate in weekly sessions that will introduce and further their knowledge of finance, credit, savings, investments and general business.

Expected results from the Education Effect consist of more opportunities such as Dual Enrollment, which will grant free college credit to those students who excel in their classes.

The partnership expects to form a literacy program, develop the first Aquaponics Lab in Miami-Dade County

and to give the university students the opportunity to directly work with MNW students.

According to Gutierrez-Abety, this program also offers numerous benefits not only for Liberty City Schools, but also for the University.

"We have a lot to learn from this community. There are some really talented students there; we must listen and understand them," she said. "They are survivors."

She also mentioned that though it is true that the majority of Liberty City Schools are surrounded by poverty and significantly low graduation and college rates; the students are, in fact, smart kids, whose SAT scores round up to a 94% in writing.

"This program will give those students an opportunity to better themselves and a shot at reaching their potential," stated junior and international relations major Jaqueline Rosado.

This partnership's main focus is to bring the community together in the hopes of improving educational outcomes for Liberty City students. The program will essentially convey a way for MNW students to take a step forward towards bettering their education and ultimately, their lives.

"We are investing in our future," said Shuffield.

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Tickets no longer available for star-studded charity game

RICO ALBARRACIN
Staff Writer

Many people were expected to be in line to buy tickets for a game featuring NBA All-Stars LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh. What was not expected, however, was how fast the tickets would go.

Tickets for the “South Florida All-Star Classic,” which went on sale at 12 p.m. on Oct. 3, were sold out within two hours of the box office being open to the public.

Nearly all of the lower bowl tickets were sold out in less than 20 minutes following the opening of the cashier booth.

The line began as early as 7:20 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 2, when a couple, Angel Rosado and Betsy Godoy-Rosado, were the first to reach the box office.

“I wanted to be the first in line,” said Godoy-Rosado.

“I expected people to be here when we came at 7:30 p.m., but luckily we were first,” said Rosado.

Plenty of fans were wearing the jersey and apparel of their favorite teams, including the New York Knicks, New Orleans

Hornets and Miami Heat. The most notable jerseys seen were that of LeBron James and Dwyane Wade, whose fans are excited to see.

Among the crowd was sophomore Jerica Coley, guard for the women’s basketball team.

“I’m just looking forward to these guys dunking on each other,” said Coley. “Having those guys go at each other is gonna be fun.”

Tickets began selling 20 minutes before the noon start time, with lower bowl and general admission tickets selling for \$100 and \$50, respectively, with lines formed for both price ranges.

Athletics announced that tickets were limited at two per person, and that if any tickets were available after 3 p.m., then people could buy four tickets per person.

The situation never presented itself due to the sell out.

Operations ran smoothly as security reported no issues, although arguments were seen developing.

Multiple lines left people confused, not knowing where to stand for the tickets



ROBERTO JIMENEZ/THE BEACON

Students waited in line for hours hoping to get tickets to a charity game featuring stars such as LeBron James and Dwayne Wade.

they expected to purchase. Customers argued with the event staff, complaining about the confusing nature of the set up for the ticket lines and the lack of consistency between personnel.

At one point, a member of the event staff announced

that a line that people had been standing in for hours had been changed from \$100 lower bowl seats to \$50 general admission tickets, causing some customers to become visibly frustrated.

The general consensus among the crowd waiting

for tickets was that basketball coach Isiah Thomas is the reason that the game is at FIU, despite the renovations being done to the arena.

There is truth to the sentiment, as proceeds from the event will go towards

Mary’s Court Foundation; a foundation established in honor of FIU Head Coach Isiah Thomas’ mother, the late Mary Thomas.

The charity event will take place on Oct. 8 at 7 p.m., at U.S. Century Bank Arena.

MEN’S SOCCER

Overtime goal gives FIU upset over No. 21 Kentucky



JOHNATHAN SEGAL/THE BEACON

The team celebrates after Robert de Sousa scores the game winning goal to defeat No. 21 Kentucky at home.

ANDRES LEON
Staff Writer

The Golden Panthers take down No. 21 ranked Kentucky Wildcats.

FIU’s men’s soccer looked to bounce back in conference play against 21st ranked Kentucky. The Wildcats (7-4-1, C-USA 0-2-0) fell to an FIU extra time goal early afternoon on Oct. 2.

Only 33 seconds were left when super substitute Roberto de Sousa stroked off a rebound to give the Golden Panthers the 1-0 victory. De Sousa recorded his first goal in blue and gold. “It was a superb finish and it couldn’t have come at a better time,” said Coach Eketebi about De Sousa’s goal.

It was FIU’s first victory over a top-25 opponent since Nov. 14, 2007 when the Golden Panthers took down, then No. 5 SMU in the Conference-USA tournament. De Sousa was not the only new face to see more playing time on

Sunday afternoon’s win.

Rodney Greiling made his first start between the posts to relieve Erick Reyes of a two game fallout. Greiling recorded six saves in his debut, while recording his first clean sheet of the season.

For the first time in four matches FIU was out-shot by their opponent. The Wildcats led FIU in all offensive categories, out shooting FIU 13-7 and earning three corner kicks to FIU’s two.

Leading the Golden Panthers in shots was Mario Uribe with two shots and one on target. Senior Lucas Di Croce recorded one shot on goal. “We did a lot of things right this game, even though they out shot us, we limited their opportunities at finishing plays,” said Coach Eketebi “The game could have gone either way but we got the victory in the end.”

The Golden Panthers improved (4-4-2, C-USA 1-1-0) and continue conference play against Memphis on Oct 8. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.

FOOTBALL

Offense opens up playbook

Offenses are run one of two ways: ball control or air it out. Scott Satterfield has accomplished both. After arriving from Toledo in April of 2010, where the offense averaged 438 yards per game, the fans have been waiting to see the playbook open up.

COMMENTARY



BRANDON WISE

Prior to this week, most of the offense had been very vanilla, running basic plays and routes.

This week, Satterfield dished out different flavors of offense like he was working at Baskin' Robbins. With a total of 568 yards this week, the Golden Panthers went above and beyond the set benchmark offenses set out for each week, which are 300 yards passing and 100 yards rushing.

The former Toledo offensive coordinator added sprinkle late in the third quarter when Wesley Carroll lateraled to Jacob Younger, who then found Wayne Times down the field for a 44 yard gain. The design and execution of the play was flawless and being able to throw trick plays into the offense like that can prove affective when a defense is stacked up to stop something else.

Satterfield made sure that the offense kept the Golden Panthers in the game, regardless of what the defense was doing. It is great to finally see this happen because the talent of the offensive side of the ball is too great to just give it to T.Y. Hilton every time.

Under Satterfield, we had not seen Wesley Carroll really get a chance to open up the passing game and fire the ball down the field like that. Prior to this week, the most that Carroll had thrown for this season was 248 yards and two touchdowns against Louisville. The bulk of that was on the two long touchdown passes to Hilton. Other than those two passes, Carroll had less than 100 yards throwing.

Satterfield has helped Carroll have

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KRISTI CAMARA/THE BEACON

Wesley Carroll [center] has not thrown an interception after five games this season. The senior quarterback threw 14 in last year.

Pass defense has become an issue for team

JACKSON WOLEK
Staff Writer

A serious situation has risen and continues to grow for Mario Cristobal and his defense.

Opposing quarterbacks have found success against the Panthers' secondary for the past two weeks.

Two weeks ago against Louisiana, the defense allowed quarterback Blaine Gautier to throw for 221 yards, connecting with seven different players. Then against Duke, the defensive backs gave up 335 passing yards from quarterback Sean Renfree, reaching nine various targets.

Losing senior safety Chuck Grace to a knee injury, which has already sidelined him for two games, has been difficult. But according to Cristobal, it has been the big plays through the air that has cost the team the lead in the opening quarters.

"Well of course it hurts,

he is a four-year player who's started two and a half years around this place," said head coach Mario Cristobal. "I think ... we really struggled in the first half against their passing, and in the second half. If not for one big play, you're looking at potentially holding them to 56 to 65 yards in that area."

Their pass rush has dwindled down significantly as well. Through the first three games, the defensive linemen have averaged five sacks per game. In their last two games, both losses, they have failed to record a sack.

"[It's been] a combination of them getting rid of the ball quick and doing a good job blocking us as well," said Cristobal. "We're not content with that type of production and we know we're better than that."

One thing that has become a common theme is the defense biting on the play-action fake. They fell for the fake hand-off

against Louisiana, leaving tight end Ladarius Green wide open for a 41-yard touchdown and then again to Conner Vernon of Duke for a 31-yard touchdown catch.

To the team's credit, their offense has kept them in both games up until the very end, giving them an opportunity to win.

But the offense has not been able to cash in on the chance to score the go-ahead touchdowns with possession late in the game.

The offense had the ball with three minutes remaining against Louisiana trailing by five, only to have their hopes of staying undefeated deterred with an interception from backup quarterback Jake Medlock.

On Oct. 1 against Duke, they had control of the ball and a ten-point cushion with under seven minutes remaining and came up empty once again.

"It just comes down to

execution. Every game that we play we know that it's going to come down to the last snap.

So we just got to either pick up the touchdown, field goal, first down or whatever we need at the time," quarterback Wesley Carroll said.

FUTURE PANTHERS

The losing streak has not stopped two more recruits from the class of 2012 to verbally commit to FIU.

Wide receiver Adrian Jenkins, a 6-3, 195-pound wideout from Tampa Jefferson, gave his verbal commitment to FIU. Jenkins chose FIU over Bethune-Cookman, Ohio and Bowling Green.

The other commitment they got was Lemarq Caldwell, a 6-0, 210-pound running back from Tampa Tech High.

He made his verbal commitment on Oct. 2 and had been recruited by Navy, Buffalo, Grambling State and Central Michigan.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Shin's two goals give Golden Panthers fifth straight win

JOEL DELGADO
Sports Director

Just over two weeks ago, Thomas Chestnutt's team appeared to be in some serious trouble.

Having just gotten smoked on the road in an embarrassing 7-0 shutout loss to Oregon State and falling three games below .500, it appeared as if things were beginning to fall apart.

Fast forward to today, those problems appear to be a nearly unrecognizable speck in the rearview mirror of the season.

Propelled by freshman Ashleigh Shin's two goals, the Golden Panthers soundly defeated the visiting South Alabama Jaguars on Oct. 2 for their fifth consec-

utive victory and are now sitting atop the Sun Belt Conference standings along with Denver and North Texas.

They have not lost a match since that blowout loss to the Beavers, and now they are on pace to live up to the raised expectations that were placed on them before the season began.

Shin was able to crack an early stalemate between both teams with a goal in the 23rd minute of play, firing a shot into the lower-left corner of the goal past Jaguar keeper Melissa Drish to give the Golden Panthers (7-5-0, 4-0-0 SBC) the lead.

The Jaguars (9-2-2, 2-2-1 SBC), who came into the Sun Belt showdown on Oct. 2 with a 10-match unbeaten streak and one of the more potent offenses in the confer-

ence, were unable to deal with the red-hot Golden Panthers.

South Alabama was suffocated for most of the match by a stingy FIU backline, and goalkeeper Kaitlyn Savage only needed to make two saves throughout the entire game to secure her third shutout of the season in net.

After taking their one-goal lead into the second half of play, the Golden Panthers were clinging on to that edge until the 85th minute, when Shin scored her second goal of the night after receiving a pass from Chelsea Leiva, dousing any hopes of a possible comeback for South Alabama.

STRONG RESTART

The win helped the Golden Panthers

keep pace in Sun Belt play while remaining unbeaten in conference matchups.

If FIU can come away with a victory on the road against Western Kentucky on Oct. 7 in Bowling Green, Ky., they will match their hot start in conference play from a year ago when they defeated five Sun Belt foes in a row.

So far, through four conference games, FIU has been nothing short of dominant, outscoring Sun Belt opponents 9-2 in victories over UALR, Arkansas State, Troy and South Alabama.

With just over half the season already completed, the Golden Panthers' seven remaining games are all against conference opponents, four of which are at FIU Soccer Stadium.

VOLLEYBALL

Tomic criticizes team after frustrating loss to MTSU

EDUARDO ALMAGUER
Staff Writer

If Sunday’s matchup against Middle Tennessee is a barometer for success, the Panthers are destined for failure.

The Blue Raiders (5-9, 3-1 SBC) clobbered FIU in three straight sets (25-20, 25-12, 25-18) to deny the Panthers a single set win all weekend.

Two nights after posting their third-lowest hitting percentage of the year, the Panthers (10-5, 2-2 SBC) posted their second-lowest percentage with a .096 mark.

Head Coach Danijela Tomic was adamant that only one player deserved any praise after this game.

“Only one person came ready to play and that was Jovana Bjelica,” said Tomic. “She’s playing with a sprained ankle and she’s playing like a warrior. She’s fighting for every point, but she can’t do it by

herself.”

For the second straight game, everything seemed to fall apart for the Panthers. The team committed an unprecedented 21 errors. They were also outplayed in blocks, kills, assists and service aces.

Things picked up exactly where they left off from Sept. 30th’s game. FIU quickly found itself in a 4-9 deficit after three errors.

Determined not to let the game get out of hand so early, Tomic called a timeout. The Panthers came roaring back with five consecutive points to tie the game, 9-9.

Matt Peck, head coach of Middle Tennessee, then called a timeout and the Blue Raiders responded immediately, going on a 9-2 run and jumping to an 18-11 lead. The deficit proved too much for FIU to climb, as they dropped the first set 25-20.

“Our passing broke down a lot,” said libero Chanel Araujo. “I don’t know what happened.”

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Danijela Tomic,
Head Coach
FIU Volleyball

The second set opened exactly the same way as the first: in a 4-9 deficit. Tomic once again called a timeout to get her team to focus.

This time, however, her words would fall on deaf ears. The deficit widened to 4-13 and then to 7-21, as the Blue Raiders toyed with FIU’s defense, making them look as if it were their first volleyball game.

“This was unacceptable and embarrassing,” said Tomic. “I told them I was going to forfeit the game and I was not kidding.”

Time and time again, the Panthers mishandled balls, hit them into the net, or simply hit them out of bounds.

The team had an appalling -0.83 hitting percentage in the second set. FIU dropped the frame 25-12 by way of serving error, ending the season’s worst set of the year.

“There was a lack of effort, a lack of mental focus, a lack of preparedness and a lack of competitiveness,” said Tomic. “We did not give them [Blue Raiders] anything

to compete against.”

For the third straight set, the Panthers found themselves in an early deficit to open the frame. A five-point gap quickly enveloped the squad as the scoreboard read 10-15 in favor of the Blue Raiders.

Every kill that the Panthers scored was quickly returned by Middle Tennessee, who seemingly had no flaws. After a rocket kill that landed in the center of all the Panthers, the match ended 25-18.

After the game, Araujo said that the team’s number one goal in practice this week would be working on their defense, which was absent this entire weekend. Tomic, however, had different plans.

“We are not practicing until further notice,” said a frustrated Tomic. “I told them to focus on studies because right now they’re just students, they’re not athletes.”

“This is the most embarrassing match I’ve played in this arena in my seven years at FIU,” she added.

Carroll beginning to utilize other offensive weapons

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better field vision and understand that there are more people on the field not named T.Y. Hilton.

The tight ends have finally become an entity in the offense. Colt Anderson had two catches for 47 yards and Jonathan Faucher had a spectacular 15-yard touch-down grab.

For the first time this season, Carroll utilized all the weapons that are at his disposal, with 10 different receivers making at least one catch.

Along with the tight ends becoming weapons is the rise of Wayne Times. The junior with 24 catches on the season, only second to Hilton who has 25. Those two creating explosive plays down the field have created a chance for Carroll

to become a more efficient passer.

Coming off of a season where he threw 14 interceptions, the Fort Lauderdale native looks more mature and confident in the pocket as he leads the offense down the field.

He has gone his last 120 pass attempts without throwing one interception.

That goes to show how much a year of experience in the Satterfield system can benefit a player like Carroll.

That can only point to good things in Jake Medlock’s future.

There is no doubting the improvement that he has made this season and a lot of that has to do with the coaching that has been done.

It just needs to keep progressing more and more throughout the season.



JONATHAN SEGAL/THE BEACON

Darriet Perry [right] broke through against Duke after struggling to get positive yards in the first few games of the season.

SWIMMING

Inclement weather shortens first meet of the season

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The Golden Panthers’ women’s swimming and diving team opened up the 2011-2012 season at home with a 68-44 defeat at the Bay Vista Aquatics Complex to Florida Gulf Coast University on Sept. 30. The dual meet was ended early due to rain and lightning in the area. Both teams were only able to complete six events before the meet was called.

Coach Randy Horner gave his assessment on the Golden Panthers’ results in the meet. “We kind of got off to a little bit of a sluggish start, but definitely had some bright spots in several individual events,” Horner

said. “We were sad to see the weather come in and not allow us to continue the meet because the next segment of the meet, the next four events, we felt like were some of our stronger events.”

NEWCOMERS AND VETERANS CONTRIBUTE

The Golden Panthers had major contributions from their upper-classmen, freshmen and sophomore swimmers in the meet. The 200 Individual Medley relay team was one example, as the team of freshmen Johanna Gustafsdottir and Klara Andersson as well as juniors Chelsie Kidd and Mariangela Macchiavello finished in second place in the relay

with an overall team time of 1:49.77.

Sophomores Sonia Perez Arau and Colleen Quinn finish in second and fourth places, respectively, for the Golden Panthers in the 1000 yard freestyle. Their finishes tallied, combined six-team points in the meet standings early in the meet.

Kayla Derr also collected her first individual win on the season with her first place finish in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:54.28. Freshman Nadia Farrugia also collected a third place finish in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:55.86.

Other contributions in the individual events came from Macchiavello and Andersson, who finished in third and fourth places respectively

in the 50-yard freestyle. Gustafsdottir and freshman Danielle Meara also finished in second and fourth places, respectively, in the 200-yard Individual Medley.

BEAUPRE QUALIFIES FOR NCAA REGIONALS

Last season’s Sun Belt Conference diver of the year Sabrina Beaupre also collected her first win on the season and qualified for the NCAA regional with her scores in the one meter dive. “Sabrina is a solid diver, one of best divers in the state of Florida,” Horner said. “To get that qualifying score in her first meet out again this season, just like last season, that [was] good.”

UP NEXT: THE ALL FLORIDA INVITATIONAL

The Golden Panthers’ next meet will be from Oct. 7-8 in Gainesville, Fla. at the All Florida Invitational. The meet is hosted by the University of Florida and will feature all of the major swimming and diving programs from across the state.

“We are going up against top caliber programs, with UF who is a top five program in the nation [and] Florida State is currently a top 15 program,” Horner said.

“As well as in-state rivals FAU in our conference, it’s going to be good competition for our top kids to [compete] against the nation’s best.”

HAUTE TOPIC

Chic for cheap

There is nothing like the rush of finding something on sale - until you realize that the 15 percent off you are getting on a pair of \$150 shoes at Bloomingdale's is barely enough to buy dinner. This is why fast fashion chains like Forever 21, H&M and even Target are so tempting. These companies are very successful because they offer fashionable and trendy duds at lower price points, making it easy for people like me to not get bored of my wardrobe. Unfortunately, shopping at these places is often not easy or fun.

I am almost positive that the number one tourist attraction in South Florida is the Forever 21 in Dolphin Mall. Although the Dolphin Mall location is the most organized and easiest to navigate through, the crowd in there on a typical weekend are enough to make me scream.

The same thing goes for H&M, except to get to H&M you have to drive an hour and a half to Palm Beach - which I have done. It is easy to find things that are cheap at these stores, but it is not as easy to find things that don't make you look cheap. Slowly but surely I am mastering this art by thinking before I buy.

These stores carry some really stylish stuff with a whole lot of terrible items mixed in. After you have weeded through jam-packed racks of basic tank tops and horrible satin-like club dresses, you may find something unique and affordable.

The first thing to think of before you step foot in a lower-end store like Forever 21 and Target is what not to buy. It is a pretty short but critical list: bags, shoes, jeans and jewelry. Purses and wallets made of faux

leather, cheap sunglasses, and anything that looks like it was made in a sweatshop. I have seen so many of these items in my closet that I am starting to feel like a hoarder.

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During the ROTC pushups after a touchdown, fans in the FIU crowd lift Michael Cruz, a junior majoring in criminal justice.

Panther pride grows yearly

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There's a change in the air around campus.

"I'd say school spirit has definitely increased this year," said Antonio Fierro, a criminal justice grad student. "The football team's success is a huge part of that. I see

FIU shirts all the time at each campus, and I'm actually seeing them in public now [at the Pines Center]."

In the 2010 football season, the Golden Panthers rose from their formerly perpetual sleeping spell as champions of the Sun Belt Conference. With three out of five games won during

the current season, fans have gained a reason to rattle the stands. According to the FIU Office of Internal Audit, the average attendance to football games has risen from 10,204 in 2009 to 16,544 in 2010 - an increase of 62 percent.

"I guess I'm proud of FIU because I feel like it's 'my' university," Fiero said.

"Growing up, I didn't have a college team to root for and there really wasn't a school that my family had attended."

Alex Miranda, a sophomore and chemistry major, agreed.

"I will be the second person graduating from FIU in my immediate family, and I will still be the first generation with a college degree," said Miranda.

In consonance with the First Generation Scholarship Fund, the University is one of the nation's most diverse institutions with over 40,000 students and 160,000 alumni. Nearly 40 percent of FIU's student body will be the first generation in their families to obtain a college degree.

"FIU gives me a way of standing out in the community with an education. When I want to find a new job and I know my degree is coming from such a great school, it betters my chances of finding a career," states Miranda.

Speculation of increased interest in attending FIU by prospective students all around the world is partially based on the University's location and culture.

"People like the Heat now because they actually have a shot at winning games so maybe that transfers over to the University in some weird way," said Rachel Betancourt, a sophomore and psychology major.

"[Panther Pride] is growing and in a positive way. I think it correlates with our sports teams' success in addition to our coverage on ESPN. It can also be attributed to our nationally growing success in the Solar Decathlon," said Levitan. Students have communicated their regard for the University's growing display of school spirit on campus.

Whenever there's a school event, I always see so many students come out to support their Panthers," said Elise Berrios, a freshman and hospitality major. "I live on campus and I know I can truly call this my home."

"I wouldn't exactly know how spirited our school was in the past, but, from pictures, I can only say it seems like it really hasn't changed much."

"A successful football season is just icing on the cake."

Angela K. Salmon in pursuit of her passion

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Staff Writer

In the pursuit of early childhood education and research, and a passion for teaching that fuels her fire, Dr. Angela K. Salmon is moving forward.

When she was featured in *The Miami Herald* last May, not only did she consider it an honor, but she took pride in her work, stating: "What is featured there is not just a slogan, they are things that I do, that I am proud of -- it is part of my reality."

Born in Ecuador, Salmon started teaching at a university there but eventually left her homeland, and established a preschool near the University called The Joy of Learning. This year, the school started a new project: The Shelton Academy, a K-8 school. Most of the teachers Salmon hired for The Joy of Learning continued their education at the University, and most hold leading positions in early childhood organizations in Miami such as the United Way Center for Excellence, Children's Fund, and Catholic Charities, among others.

"One of my colleagues visited The Joy of Learning and invited me to join FIU. I decided to join FIU because I like to prepare teachers and I considered FIU as great place to continue preparing more teachers, conduct research and serve my community," Salmon said. "I like to work in academia. I prepare teachers in early childhood education. I teach many early childhood classes."

Her specialization is in literature discourse materials, and her classes are rigorous, but the rewards are

great. Her teaching methods move students out of their comfort zones and have them think and develop an initiative for learning and understanding the class materials, even if not a lot of content is delivered.

"I give them the tools -- I push their thinking -- but they are the ones that need to take control of their own learning," said Salmon. "When they



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Dr. Angela K. Salmon is a professor of early childhood education.

graduate, I will no longer be with them, and they will be doing this for the rest of their lives."

Salmon admits, though, that her students are initially scared because of this, but once they are in the classroom they realize it is not all bad and some actually come back. "I have been able to create a community with my former students; that is what makes me proud."

Former students of Salmon's classrooms can come into the classroom at any time and share their experiences. "This has been taking shape currently, and we have been able to organize conferences. We were recognized by Project Zero, a

Harvard research organization that supports research in areas related to teaching and learning; they have projects all over the world."

Project Zero has been working with Salmon for the past 11 years, and Salmon herself has even taken some of her students to Harvard. "I have six students presenting soon, all part of the alumni community. These

conferences are motivating them to want to pursue a higher degree, both master's and doctorates."

The alumni community has been the building block for the support of programs such as Visible Thinking South Florida, a collaborative project in which the University and Harvard have been working together with newer technology in early childhood.

"It is a research-based initiative on how to engage children in thinking when they are using technology in every other aspect of their lives," Salmon said.

As this community continues to grow, it has allowed alumni and

faculty to stay in contact, as well as spread the growth throughout Florida, working with different schools up to West Palm Beach and Jupiter. "We are moving to a global society, starting with the young children -- there is a big world out there. Some teachers are even working in Africa; they are very focused on global issues, and they are learning how they are developing. Even the children here in the U.S., specifically in West Palm Beach, are communicating with children in India."

This progression of technology as well is accelerating the process.

"Children have more access to information so we have to be alert," said Salmon. "Since they have so many possibilities to access information, they need to think critically and be critical consumers or educated consumers. We are moving very fast in the 21st century. We cannot continue with prescriptive models; we must always look ahead."

For Salmon, in order for students to carry out their task of teaching young children, they must first realize that work does not stop in the classroom. "A good teacher needs to be a lifelong learner, one who never stops learning, someone who has a lot of inquiries and is continuously learning from her students. Teaching is an art because it requires people to be flexible, creative and see things in perspective."

Equipping students with the tools of the trade, and pushing forth with her strong emphasis on early childhood education, Dr. Salmon is taking full advantage of the global initiative, and is truly staying "Worlds Ahead."

RADIATE REVIEWS

“Youth Lagoon” emotional outlet for Trevor Power

“When I was 17 my mother said to me/ don’t start imagining the day that you do, is the day that you die.” These lyrics encapsulate the raw beauty and power of “The Year of Hibernation,” Trevor Power’s debut album, under the moniker, “Youth Lagoon.”

This album is laden with massive dreamscapes and lo-fi, catchy

songs that often feel like a private look into the artist’s life, fears, shortcomings and hang-ups presented in eerie, almost drowned out vocals. The album’s fantastic craftsmanship is what ultimately defines “The Year of Hibernation” as one of the best albums of the year due to its amazing attention to detail, tightly wound melodies and extremely catchy beats.

Trevor Power’s project, “Youth Lagoon,” is the result of his effort to cope with anxiety, feeling a certain disconnect from the outside world and

not being able to relate to others. He decided to work on himself to provide the basis for his lyrics. Many of the songs reflect his problems growing up, allowing a very private look into his life and a deeper connection with the audience, which is mostly comprised of his contemporaries who get lost in the rhythms of his compositions. The beginning track, “Posters,” details his internal conflict and the pains of growing up while finding his true identity through the use of a very simple melody, which builds up a simple riff backed up by a

drum machine that drills into the listener’s memory and creates a certain element of hope - a cheerful closing for an otherwise worrisome, relatable situation.

Therein lays the heart of the record - a young adult feeling trapped as he pours out his feelings into his art. There are meticulously catchy pieces of pop music that actively demand to be blasted out of your stereo.


The record, a bedroom project later

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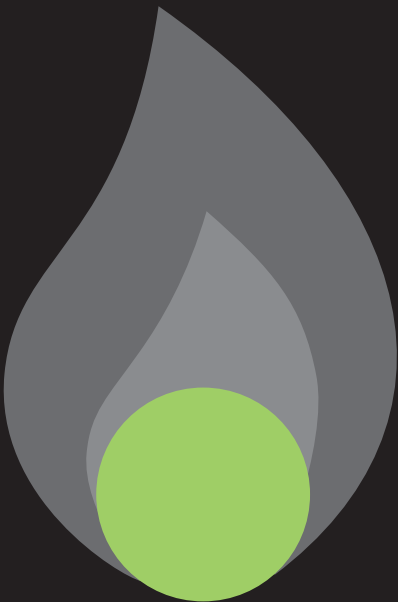


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Pop album to listen to

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recorded at a friend's home studio, demonstrates the absence of expensive mastering in its sound and places heavy layers of fuzz in such a charmingly well-arranged manner that it invites the listener to raise the volume rather than avoid distortion.

"Afternoon" presents a great synth pop melody shrouded by an adventure story; the beats are reminiscent of "The Postal Service" and "The Shins." It is an inviting composition that draws a wistful landscape with aerial, chill-wave undertones.

While the record teeters on the dream pop genre, the intimate nature of the songwriting, along with accessibility of the melodies, allows it to transcend the label. "17" battles Power's relationship with his mother and indicating her lack of support for him; it also hints at an alternate story, where he gives in to her wishes and conforms to her norms, leading to a more "acceptable," yet unfulfilling, life. His mind is often reproaching his decisions ("Now I pull a wanton carriage/ instead of horses, grazing along").

Other tracks, such as "Daydream" and "Montana," relate to his fantasies and draw upon his personal relationships to create a narrative for his songs. Powers masterfully creates a seamless juxtaposition of reality and fantasy as he allows the soft tones of the distant piano playfully react to the synths to create a powerful crescendo.

The background melody grows stronger, overpowers the vocals, creates a haze and a dreamlike state of euphoria for both listener and artist.

In the end, we're all big dreamers, and while we might be afraid to make our thoughts and emotions public, "Youth Lagoon" successfully does so in a magnificent work of pop that everyone should listen to.

Students enjoy first annual Latin Fest

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The University is number one in the country for awarding bachelor's and master's degrees to Hispanic students. In order to fully indulge in the culture that these students possess, there are clubs and other organizations that were created for Hispanic students.

The fraternity Lambda Upsilon Lambda, also known as La Unidad Latina, held the University's first annual Latin Fest 2011 in the Graham Center on Thursday, Sept. 21.

Richard Benitez, president of La Unidad Latina, recently got the idea for this event and decided to put it into effect.

He said the reasons for holding this event were to promote campus life, have a fun event in the heart of GC, bring together different types of Hispanic people and to have students simply enjoy themselves before midterms.

Of course, giving every student at GC the ability to

eat a delicious plate of arroz con pollo and plantains was part of his plan in wanting to send everyone home with a full belly.

Students were more than thrilled to get a free meal; for many, it reminded them of home.

Although there were minimal comments made about the food not being hot enough, it did not seem to interfere with people cleaning up their plates, or the lemonade, which proved to be a hit. It seemed that Latin Fest 2011 brought together many different Latin students as well as many of their friends to enjoy the Latin culture and, of course, Latin cooking.

Freshman Jake Munoz, studying architecture, said, "I decided to come because I'm from Ecuador and wanted to meet others that share something in common with me." Munoz brought along some of his friends, including freshman Ronald Washington, who is majoring in liberal studies. Although Washington is not

of Latin descent, he tagged along with his friend and was thankful for the free food.

Alvaro Ortiz Lopez, a junior studying economics, recently transferred from Miami Dade College and heard about Latin Fest 2011 through one of his friends. Lopez was excited to meet more Latin people, and concluded that the night had good music, but he was most impressed with the University's diverse clubs.

Other than the typical Latin meal being served, DJs Alex and Valentino were keeping the whole festival upbeat.

Alex, who has been a DJ for about 15 years, explained that they include videos at all their gigs. As they played hit after hit, they got a few people dancing in the middle of GC. The loud music and the aroma of good food had done a great deal in attracting students in GC.

Overall, the first annual Latin Fest promoted campus life well, bringing together different types of people, Latin

or not. A couple dozen students participated in Latin Fest 2011, and it is hoped that if funds are available, there will be more Latin Fests to come. Hopefully, more students will participate as years go on so that Latin Fest can become an annual event for the University.

Benitez specified that his main goal was to promote Latin togetherness because there are so many different types of Latin people.

La Unidad Latina is known as la unidad para siempre, meaning it is a unity that lasts forever; within the first month of the 2011 Fall semester, the fraternity has proved this unity as true.

Latin Fest 2011 was a success in the sense that it brought together different types of Latin people in a fun and safe environment. In a city that is about 65 percent Hispanic, it is important to keep the culture intact, and Latin Fest 2011 did its part in doing so for the students at the University.

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leather material usually isn't worth buying. Save up for something made of the real deal because it will last longer.

The same rule goes for shoes; fake leather just won't last, especially if you wear them frequently. I find that the jeans at fast fashion chains fit

awkwardly, fade too quickly and stretch out with frequent wear.

However, I don't believe that premium denim is worth it; Forever 21 denim is like flushing your money down the toilet.

Instead, go to the Gap or BDG at Urban Outfitters. Their jeans are affordable, fit

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well and last longer. Metal jewelry should be a no-brainer; the cheap metal they use usually fades quickly and could irritate your skin.

Now that you're in the store and everything seems to be mashed together with no apparent theme, where do you look first? One rule that should go without saying is always try things on.

A medium size in a skirt may not be equivalent to the medium size in a tank top. The cuts are never consistent in these chains, so make sure to go to the dressing rooms.

When you are looking around, pick up two things: something you think will look good on you and something that matches it. When I take one skirt to the dressing room, I always wish I had grabbed a top to go with it to see how it fits with another item.

This way, I can visualize the skirt with similar things in my closet and make sure it fits right in.

Always try to remember that dressing rooms are deceiving. If the lighting is dim in your dressing room, try to find a mirror

outside that is in an area with more light. An expensive-looking black fabric may actually be washed out and look gray in brighter settings.

When you're considering what to actually buy, make sure the item isn't overpriced.

The fast fashion chain Zara doesn't offer much better quality stuff than H&M, but the prices are generally way higher.

If you think something is too expensive, it's probably not worth it. Save a few more dollars and get a better quality item

from a boutique or department store.

Lastly, make sure you're not fooling yourself into buying something that is knocked off of a designer piece.

Sometimes these chains sell pieces that are so blatantly ripped off of a designer's work that it is offensive.

It is one thing to be inspired by a recent collection and quite another to buy something covered in fake Chanel logos - unless it is meant to be ironic, of course.

Haute Topic is a weekly fashion column.

THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2011



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WHEN: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
WHERE: BBC WUC Ballrooms.

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HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: MMC RDB 1000



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WHEN: 1:15-2 p.m.
WHERE: Outside Graham Center Main Entrance



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ACTION: COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL TREATMENT FOR DEPRESSED YOUTH AND THEIR PARENTS

Kevin Stark, Ph.D., from The University of Texas at Austin is presenting a 2-day workshop on his treatment "ACTION" for depressed youth and their parents.

WHEN: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
HOW MUCH: \$150 fee for this workshop, although a discount is offered for those affiliated with the Children's Trust and MDCPS employees. Continuing education credits are also available, please see our website for details and registration.
WHERE: MMC AHC 1 Rm 110

AFGHANISTAN, IRAQ AND THE LESSONS AND UNLESSONS OF VIETNAM

Afghanistan, Iraq, and the Lessons and Unlessons of Vietnam: Lecture by Richard K. Betts, Columbia University.

WHEN: 2-3 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: Frost Art Museum

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Coach Isiah Thomas and LeBron James of the Miami Heat tweeted about The South Florida All-Star Classic, a charity game to be played at the U.S. Century Bank Arena on Oct. 8. Tickets sold out in less than two hours.

Campus lacks healthy eating options

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Many students may notice the differences in food from their time in public high school. For example, we may have more time to eat, have too little time to eat something wholesome or we allow stress or lack of sleep to drive us toward food. These are the sudden lifestyle changes that have led to the stories of the Freshmen 15 (and even 30).

In fact, weight gain begins gradually from five to seven pounds per year for college students, as reported by CBS News. “The packing on the pounds is average before it becomes the bulge of sophomore year, especially if it continues. That, to me, is a bigger problem,” said Rena Wing, a psychologist and director of the weight control center at Brown University Medical School in Providence, R.I.

When students come to orientation and attend the standard line-up of presentations, like Fresh Foods advertising healthy eating with a buffet, that is where the problem actually begins.

Fresh Foods’ reputation usually advocates proper nutrition and a balanced diet with

healthy options for all diners, be it vegetarian or average omnivores. There is a salad bar, a grill, a pizza section and a dessert section.

This looks good on a pamphlet for parents at orientation, but in reality, the salad bar lacks important fruits and nuts that can contain important omega-3 fats that research has shown to maintain mood and even relieve depression. The minuscule vegetarian section is pathetic, and does not offer a real variety to students.

Then there is the dessert bar full of cheap processed cookies, ice cream and snacks, a grill serving greasy beef or fried foods and french fries, none of which have any nutritional value. When I remember the representative from Fresh Foods telling parents that an “all you can eat” buffet was the healthiest way to eat on campus, I get a few extra worry lines at the thought of how many students will make a big nutritional mistake, especially when Fresh Foods is not the only one offering the sumo wrestler diet.

When my term began during Summer B, as an incoming freshman, I resisted the fried foods and french fries, and opted for the Moe’s Mexican Grill and consuming Fresh-

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en’s Frozen Yogurt. To my dismay, the options could not have be any worse. The standard 12 ounce cup of yogurt revealed 75 carbohydrates, all sugar, which led me to understand why my efforts would make me so hungry just an hour or two later. Moe’s may have offered the right protein, but the caloric intake was immense.

When one consumes calories that are beyond our respective amounts, the liver then processes the nutrients, releases into the blood stream and drifts to our fat tissue. At times, one day of unhealthy eating can be just fine, but after a while the tissue begins to build up, and we begin to notice a physical change in our bodies, including our activity level and weight. So, when you begin to notice the tighter jeans and that you weigh as much as a panther, you will now know why.

This University may have

made some healthy approaches like Fresh Foods, Salad Creations, and Moe’s Mexican Grill for students living on and off campus, and their efforts are not discredited, but in every great system there are necessary improvements, especially when dealing with the nutritional and physical health of their students.

Constructing seemingly healthy and nutritionally sound foods are not enough. Students are at a critical period of their lives where healthy eating habits are not only advocated in the books of the University’s Freshmen Experience 1501 course, it is actually implemented in the environment in which they spend their time the most.

We need foods high in natural omega-3 fatty acids and low in processed content to avoid what could become a weight problem for the years ahead.

Democrats using religion as a distraction

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If Democrats hope to win, then they need to present viable step-by-step plans to address the issues that are most pressing to Americans, such as the economy, and more specifically, the unemployment rate. Instead, the left has decided to adopt a strategy of attempting to misdirect the attention of the American people onto an irrelevant non-issue: the religious beliefs of the Republican candidates.

In an August 28th *New York Times* article, Bill Keller compares the candidates’ religious beliefs to belief in UFOs while calling for harder hitting questions to find out exactly what they believe. This is one of many calls for heavier criticism of presidential candidates’ religious beliefs, which appears to be coming entirely from the left, a group that touts tolerance and understanding as its platform.

Suddenly, something as benign as Rick Perry attending a prayer rally is vulnerable to become the political scandal of the month.

Michelle Bachmann and Perry have been the most common targets for these attacks among the Republican candidates because they tend to be the most prominently featured in the media. However, if Mitt Romney continues to recover his initial popularity, you can be sure that we will see increased scrutiny and criticism directed toward his Mormon beliefs.

This is not the first time that such criticism has been levied on the religious beliefs of a presidential candidate. George W. Bush was also attacked for his religious beliefs, and while we can criticize him fairly for some issues, one charge you cannot seriously levy against him is that he tried to impose his beliefs on the country, despite numerous warnings by the left to the contrary.

So, why is it that this has become such a

hot topic for political liberal commentators and critics? It is quite simple. It is very difficult to defend President Barack Obama’s efforts to stabilize the economy; therefore, his supporters must attempt to distract Americans by yelling, “Look at how crazy religious people are!”

Those calling for this increased scrutiny seem to believe that if these candidates are elected then they will suddenly overturn nearly 250 years of legal precedent and instill a theocracy, which as we all know is an irrational and absurd claim. The only purpose that such attacks serve is to distract from the failure of the Obama administration to stabilize the economy.

With unemployment stuck at over 9 percent and renewed fears of a double dip recession, Democrats must address the issue that is most pressing for the American people.

In the words of Democratic strategist James Carville, “It’s the economy, stupid.”

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Homecoming supports divide within University

Many of the events that take place over Homecoming Week are meant to remind students that we are a united community. However, *The Beacon* thinks that the two court system along with the reduced attention and promotion at Biscayne Bay Campus prevented actual unity. Furthering the divide, little to no advertising for events such as the election held non-Greek students back from participating.

Due to BBC’s much smaller student body in comparison to Modesto A. Maidique Campus, claims were made that BBC students would be at a disadvantage - *The Beacon* agrees.

Although the Homecoming Court was University-wide at the beginning of the year, a sudden change to divide the votes by campus, left the BBC king and queen to run uncontested. The lack of interest in the qualified spots shows that these two students should have been thrown in the pot with the rest.

The process to run for king and queen on either campus is another example of division. According to the official court participation package, candidates must fulfill a number of requirements in order to run that include being part of a registered team that participates in two or more homecoming events. The only registered teams for most homecoming events are Greeks, which excludes a large percentage of University students.

There was no effort by the Homecoming Council to encourage participation from students not involved in Greek life or other campus life organizations.

The Beacon thinks there could have been more of an attempt made to unify Homecoming courts by the Homecoming Council. However, the council was unorganized and did not reach out to the majority of the University community. This problem was not only limited to the Homecoming Court, but also to the lack of BBC events and promotion to its students.

The little advertising that these events did have catered only to those who would already know about these events, like members of a Greek organization and Student Government Association. These are the types of students who pass in and out of the student centers, where the Campus Life and SGA offices are located.

Effort to truly extend outreach to all groups who were not already aware of the week’s events were poor. Advertising, which barely made its way to BBC, mainly limited to print, and did not make use of accessible social media. The social media that was used was under used and out of date. The Facebook fan page of “FIU Homecoming” was last updated on May 25 and boasts a very modest membership of 1,967.

By next year, *The Beacon* hopes that the University will consolidate both Homecoming courts and expand outreach to non-Greek students. These two practices are far more compatible with the University’s commitment to unifying BBC and MMC and having events that incorporate all students, not just those already involved and aware of University activities.

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“All great change in America begins at the dinner table.”

-Ronald Reagan

“Happiness is not a goal; it is a by-product.”

-Eleanor Roosevelt

“I love to engage in repartee with people who are stupider than I am.”

-Ann Coulter

Focus groups sought for renovation ideas

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The Biscayne Bay Campus’ Student Government Council has held the first of what is to be a series of focus group discussions between student representatives and MCHarry Associates, the architecture firm that will be responsible for the renovation of the Wolfe University Center.

The meeting, held in the office of FIU-BBC Ombudsman and WUC Senior Director Greg Olson, will be followed by another two or three sessions, the dates and locations of which are yet to be determined.

The sessions are intended to allow SGC-BBC representatives, Olson, and the architects and designers working to develop a clear vision for the planned renovation. Olson has also proposed sessions to allow faculty input on the renovation process.

Thomas Carlson, principal of MCHarry Associates, said the meetings should be used to develop a concrete plan that could be presented to the wider university community, what he called “a kind of target end date, to make a presentation to the students.”

“[It’s] a matter of arriving at a consensus. Sometimes that’s quick and easy; sometimes it’s not so quick and easy,” said Carlson.

SGC-BBC Vice President Emilio Collyer emphasized the council’s interest in creating a master plan for the renovation to prevent it from proceeding as a series of unrelated projects, and to make it more likely that future councils will remain committed to the renovation process.

“A series of minor face lifts is some-

times very challenging. I think that’s maybe where a master plan helps. You try to end up with something that’s not a hodgepodge of different vocabularies,” said MCHarry Associate Designer, Al Delgado.

“It’s not so much different languages, this building is a United Nations of architecture,” said Olson, and proposed picking an overall motif which could then be carried throughout the building.

SGC-BBC Senate Honors College Senator Pablo Haspel brought up the WUC’s history as an outdoor building, and said he would like to see it transformed in a way that addressed some of the problems associated with that history.

“I think what we’re looking for is to eliminate that legacy,” he said. “To modernize the building so that it’s not necessarily restrained by the fact that it was an outdoor facility.”

Although SGC-BBC had initially proposed beginning the renovation with a retiling project, MCHarry Associate Maria Guillem-Pendas proposed that the renovation process be dealt with a more comprehensive manner.

“We need to attack it as a whole, by floor,” she said, pointing out that a retiling project, for example, shouldn’t be attempted before other initiatives that could damage a new tile floor.

The architects emphasized the importance of dealing with the Wolfe University Center in a holistic manner to improve its atmosphere.

“The target here,” said Carlson, “is to alter the quality of the space; the three-dimensional character of the building wants to change, wants to modernize, to become more of a home away from home.”

QUIET ON THE SET



ANDRES BEDOYA/THE BEACON

Nickelodeon Latin America fantasy television series, Grachi, is filming their second season at the Biscayne Bay Campus pool, the show will spend two months using the aquatic facilities.



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Library to host film festival

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In conjunction with Banned Books week, the Glenn Hubert Library will host the Biscayne Bay Campus Banned Book Film Festival, which will showcase two different films on Oct. 6 and Oct. 13: “Before Night Fall” and “I Am Curious (Yellow)”. The films will be shown in Glenn Hubert Library room 150 at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Directed by Julian Schnabel, “Before Night Falls,” based on the autobiography of writer, poet and novelist Reinaldo Arenas, played by Oscar-winner Javier Bardem, chronicles his life from his childhood in Cuba to his death in New York City.

The movie explores Arenas’ struggles as a renowned writer when his writing and his homosexuality gets him in trouble with Fidel Castro’s Cuban regime. During his two year incarceration, he writes letters for other inmates and smuggles out a novel.

“The film presents one person’s strength and integrity as he stood up to the government’s censorship and oppression,” said Lauren Christos, the reference librarian for the Glenn Hubert Library.

Directed by Vilgot Sjöman, “I Am Curious (Yellow)” is a 1967 Swedish film about a woman, Lena Nyman, of the 60’s who is a political activist that challenges traditional values on the issues of militarism, social equality and sexual liberation.

The film was seized by U.S. Customs and released in the U.S. only after the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned the ruling of a lower court in Massachusetts, where the film was originally banned.

“It’s interesting because it shows the fact that the film was appealed and the Court’s overturned it because it was the right decision,” said Christos.

Aside from the Banned Books Film Festival, there are plans for a general film festival to be hosted by the Glenn Hubert Library that would start around the month of November.

“We’ve had library-sponsored film festivals from the late ‘90s to the early ‘00s, but there were a number of problems because of bad equipment and stuff like that,” said George Pearson, BBC librarian.

The films that Pearson would like to showcase in the revitalized film festival includes specific genres like science fiction, as well as films from foreign countries like Japan so that FIU students can be exposed to movies like Fritz Lang’s “Metropolis” and Akira Kurosawa’s “Seven Samurai”.

“We are in the planning process now to finalize the film festival and we would probably start with film-noir by showing films like Billy Wilder’s “Double Indemnity,” Pearson said.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



ANDRES BEDOYA/THE BEACON

Left to right: Daniela Piedrahita, freshman criminal justice, Meghan Gabb junior, psychology, purchase baked goods from Chrys-telle Edma, sophomore mass communication major, as part of the Breast Cancer Awareness Month bake sale that took place on Oct. 3, in Panther Square.

Obama urges congress to act

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President Barack Obama revealed his American Jobs Act of 2011 before a joint session of congress on Sept. 8th along with a new mantra, “pass this bill right away.”

“There should be nothing controversial about this piece of legislation. Everything in here is the kind of proposal that’s been supported by both Democrats and Republicans,” said Obama during his address.

However, despite the President’s sense of urgency on the so-called noncontroversial bill, roughly a month later Obama has yet to convince the democratic-led congress to pass his \$447 billion dollar plan and now Obama wants congress to take action and vote on the bill by the end of October.

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ready to sign it,” said Obama to reporters before a cabinet meeting on Monday.

Since his address, Obama has been touring the nation to garner support for his bill, but he kept away from the democrats, visiting republican-led states such as North Carolina, Colorado and even the swing state Ohio.

The five-part bill designed to get Americans back to work will provide tax cuts to small businesses; modernize at least 35,000 public schools across the nation; prevent teacher layoffs and keep cops and firefighters employed; provide tax cuts for working

Americans; and a reform to unemployment benefits are just a few of the aspects of the bill, all of which Obama asserts will not add to the deficit.

Obama’s half trillion dollar bill, which heavily focuses on tax cuts for the working class and government spending in areas like infrastructure, relies mostly on collecting taxes from mega corporations and the wealthy to cover its cost.

Torn on the issue of taxing the rich Stephanie Gutierrez, freshman, believes it’s something that needs to be done.

“Its one of those options,

you’re doomed if you do, and doomed if you don’t. At least this way, you are benefiting the American people,” said Gutierrez.

House Majority Leader Eric Cantor told CBS News on Monday that the house will not pass President Obama’s bill in its entirety, despite the White House calling for “all or nothing” on the bill. Whether the bill is passed in its entirety or not, Gutierrez hopes that something is done to improve job opportunities in the country.

“We are in school preparing ourselves to go out into the work force and jobs are very competitive, so with the passing of this bill, I feel it creates more opportunities so it would better our chances of finding a job,” said Gutierrez.

If Obama has his way, the fate of the American Jobs act of 2011 will be determined by the months end but until then, Gutierrez and others who hope to find better job opportunities will be waiting on congress’ decision.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kompa Night

- Time: 9:00 p.m.
- When: Sept. 6
- Where: Ballrooms

Breast Cancer Walk

- Time: 9:00 a.m.
- When: Sept. 9
- Where: 3201 N. Miami Ave.

National Coming Out Day

- Time: 10:30 a.m.
- When: Oct. 11
- Where: Panther Square

BBC Food and Rec Expo

- Time: 10:00 a.m.
- When: Oct. 24
- Where: BBC Campus