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SOUTH FLORIDA ALL-STAR CLASSIC

Star-studded game raises over \$100,000 for charity

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Lebron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh hosted the “South Florida All-Star Classic,” managing to raise \$100,000 for Mary’s Court, a foundation founded under the name of FIU basketball head coach Isiah Thomas’ late mother.

“It’s great to bring the game of basketball to South Florida, as well as help out a charity. To make an impact with Isiah [Thomas’] mother,” said Wade in a pre-game press conference. “We know how important she was to him and how important our mothers are to all of us.”

Most of the questions directed at the players were concerning the current lockout situation, which they refused to discuss.

“Whatever happens behind closed doors, you all aren’t gonna find out about it anyways,” said Wade. “There’s already speculation out there, so we’ll let them keep speculating.”

Regarding the charity, Mary’s Court, Thomas mentioned that he would be partnering with Wade to work with local youth groups, along with boy’s and girl’s clubs in their hometown of Chicago.

Once the conference finished, the two teams, captained by James and Wade, came out to play. Team Lebron and Team Wade were full of stars from around the league. Both teams played tough, as Team Wade managed to squeak out a 141-140 overtime victory over Team Lebron.

James led his team with 34 points and 13 rebounds, while Oklahoma City Thunder’s forward, Kevin Durant, added 27 points and 13 rebounds. New York Knicks forward Carmelo Anthony led Team Wade with 30 points and six rebounds, adding to Wade’s 25 points and 10 rebounds.

As the players were announced, they all received cheers and applause, except for one; Rajon Rondo.

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[From left] Chris Bosh, Lebron James and Kevin Durant run a fast break on Oct. 8 at U.S. Century Bank Arena.

UNIVERSITY POLICE

Homecoming game has arrests involving alcohol, trespassing

PATTRIK SIMMONS
Staff Writer

Two people were arrested at the homecoming game against Duke University in the FIU Stadium on Oct. 1.

At the beginning of the game, Officer Matt Halfhide noticed Shreyohi Roy, 20, create a scene with security at Gate 5. Halfhide requested Roy to leave the stadium several times, but she refused. As a result, Halfhide was going to place her under arrest, but “she began to pull away from me to avoid being handcuffed,” Halfhide said in his narrative.

Roy was charged with trespassing after warning and resisting arrest without violence. She was later transported to the Miami-Dade County Jail for booking.

Not much later in the game in an unrelated incident, Raimundo Andres Rueda, 23, was removed from the game and placed in custody for disorderly intoxication.

Officer David Suarez, who was working as an off-duty

detail at the time of the incident, observed Rueda remove his shirt and yell profanities at people in the stands, “wanting to start a fight,” according to Suarez’s narrative. By doing so, he caused a crowd to form and became aggressive.

“[The game] was pretty under control and really lively. There wasn’t a moment where the crowd wasn’t going crazy.”

Stephanie Martinez,
freshman
psychology major

When Suarez confronted Rueda, he noticed his blood-shot red eyes and slurred speech. He also smelled an “unknown alcoholic beverage emitting from him.”

“Fearing for the safety of the community, I placed Rueda

under arrest,” said Suarez.

Rueda was later transported to Miami-Dade County Jail for processing.

“[The game] was pretty under control and really lively. There wasn’t a moment where the crowd wasn’t going crazy,” said Stephanie Martinez, a freshman and psychology major.

NOTES

Twenty-three-year-old Alejandro Pacheco was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, driving with a permanently revoked license and attempting to escape a police officer. All three chargers were a felony of the third degree.

The police report did not state if Pacheco is currently a student at the University.

The incident occurred on Oct. 2 while Officer Steve Bautista was exiting the Shell gas station on SW 16 St. and 107 Ave. He noticed Pacheco driving a black Honda motor-

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Alum brings comic book characters to life

HOLLY MCCOACH
Contributing Writer

Though the majority of comic book heroes are derived from the spacious land of America, most of them have lived in cities like New York City, or cities that were a close replica of that territory – think Gotham City and Metropolis.

However, how many have been based in Miami? Socrates S. Alvarez III had the same question when he first began brainstorming his ideas for Blackman, the Miami Marvel. Two years ago, Alvarez brewed a rough sketch of the soon-to-be superhero in a University classroom, and from there, Miami’s first superhero was born.

Alvarez graduated last year from the University with a master’s in public administration. Born in Miami and raised in Little Havana with a Cuban upbringing, Alvarez dreamed of a superhero that could represent Miami, but preferably a minority that he, along with other minority readers, could identify with.

Beginning with Blackman, Alvarez worked hard to incorporate the ideal hero that had a solid foundation of history in Miami, the city’s Overtown neighborhood, and its black history. Not only did Alvarez want to shape an ideal-

istic superhero for the citizens of Miami, but he also wished to educate readers on black history, as well as the history of Miami’s Overtown neighborhood.

“It consists of really black South Florida history. We created an original hero. We came up with rings. You see the origin of the rings in South Africa,” says Alvarez, referring to Blackman’s source of power, as well as the origin of that power.

Creating a superhero to print onto paper may sound easy, but to incorporate history and background can be tricky. Alvarez made sure to do his research by burying himself in books, such as “Black Miami in the Twentieth Century,” and corresponding with Timothy Barber of the Black Archives History and Research Foundation of South Florida. From there, other forms of inspiration tackled him as well.

“I wanted African-American mythology. I wanted something that was American, but black in the same way, but it can be revered,” states Alvarez. “Blackman takes on inspiration of John Henry Iron. He sacrifices himself in the same way John Henry did.”

With two years of researching history and developing the character for Blackman, Alvarez founded the

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Check out the Oct. 10 issue for a commentary by Alex Sorondo on the Student Government Council senate meeting at the Modesto Maidique Campus.

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NEWS FLASH

LOCAL

Undocumented Cuban migration to US on rise

The number of undocumented Cubans intercepted at sea or reaching U.S. shores has more than doubled over the last year.

El Nuevo Herald reports that 1,700 Cubans were interdicted or reached land in the 2011 fiscal year, which ended in September. The previous year there were 831. The largest increase was seen in Coast Guard interdictions at sea, which rose from 422 to 1,000.

Landings to U.S. shores rose from 409 to nearly 700, while arrivals at border posts remained largely unchanged.

Those numbers reverse a three-year downward trend.

NATIONAL

Inmates could staff fire stations in Ga. county

Officials in southeast Georgia are considering a money-saving program that would put inmates in fire stations.

The Florida Times-Union reports that the program would put two inmates in each of three existing fire-houses in Camden County.

Officials say the inmates would respond to all emergencies — including residential fires — alongside traditional firefighters.

The inmates would have no guard, but would be monitored by a surveillance system and by the traditional firefighters, who would undergo training to guard the inmates. Authorities say one traditional firefighter with correctional training can supervise up to three inmates.

Authorities say the inmate firefighter program could save the county more than \$500,000 a year by some estimates. Inmates charged with crimes such as drug offenses and thefts would be eligible.

– Compiled by Melissa Caceres

CORRECTIONS

In Vol. 23, Issue 27 of *The Beacon*, the article titled “University not using social media to fullest potential” in the Opinion section, Betsy Soler’s name is spelled incorrectly.

The Beacon will gladly change any errors. Call our MMC office at 305-348-2709 or BBC at 305-919-4722.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

SGA website lacks maintenance

ANGELISE PETRILLO
Contributing Writer

With weekly written reports from senators coming to an end for the time being, students now have to go to the Student Government Council at the Modesto Maidique Campus’ website to find out what their senators are doing.

However, neither SGC-MMC’s new official website nor their Wordpress blog have information from this academic school year.

The new website, sga.fiu.edu, lists a brief introduction of current officers, how to get involved in student government and the location of their office in GC.

Having left all of the designing of the website to a University hired specialist, SGC-MMC is now able to keep students updated and informed of recent activities.

However, when Student Media went into the SGC-MMC office to request the once-a-month University-wide SGA meeting minutes from Oct. 3, the response from SGC representatives was that the minutes were on the website. Yet those

meeting minutes, along with all other meeting minutes from this academic year, are not posted.

As of Oct. 7, the only content SGC-MMC has not posted is announcements of meetings and meeting minutes, a record of what happens in their meetings.

Meeting minutes, which were last updated on April 2011 last school year, are posted on another website run by SGC-MMC, fiusga.wordpress.com. It is not listed on the new website and was found through a Google search.

The Technology Coordinator Sergio Pantoja, who SGC-MMC hired, is responsible for updating content and was unavailable for comment as of press time.

According to the SGC-MMC President Patrick O’Keefe, “meeting minutes from senate meetings are sent to Pantoja from senate clerk Natalie Vega, and then he updates the website.”

Emails sent to Vega regarding meeting minutes were unanswered as of press time.

Marissa Rudd, junior business major, expressed concern regarding the lack of

information made knowledgeable to the public. “How am I suppose to know what is going on [in student government] if I cant even find out when the meetings take place?” Rudd said to Student Media.

SGC-MMC does have a Facebook page where status updates are posted after meetings, giving a brief summary on what took place and what new events are coming up.

Donovan Dawson, speaker of the senate and senator for the College of Arts and Sciences, said he wants to be “open and honest with the student body and with Student Media,” and the brief status updates on the SGA Facebook page give information of events taking place at MMC.

Although SGC-MMC’s new website has similar features to the old one, the new one is easier to access, according to Dawson.

The website for the Student Government Council at the Biscayne Bay Campus, sgabbc.fiu.edu, also lacks meeting minutes from this school year’s senate meetings.

However, the SGC-BBC website lists the time and location of some of their meetings.

GREEK LIFE

Fiji house celebrates 10 years

HECTOR INFANTE
Contributing Writer

A decade after the opening of one of the only greek houses on campus, the Fiji fraternity held a celebration to commemorate the R. Kirk Landon house located near University’s east entrance on 107th Avenue.

Among those in attendance of the Sept. 30 event were many of the founding members which included R. Kirk Landon, Ashley O’Kurley and Ron Shuffled. Phi Gamma Delta, also known as Fiji, is one of only

two fraternities, aside from Pi Kappa Alpha to have a house on campus.

A big factor in the inception of the house was Landon, who provided the initial funds to make the dream a reality.

A former Board of Trustees member and a major donor to the University for many years, the Fiji house was named in his honor.

In a time when fraternities around the University were starting to gain momentum, Landon and other brothers thought it was the perfect opportunity for a house.

“It was an easy pick. The University of Miami already had established frats, FIU fraternities were growing and needed houses” said Landon.

If Landon covered the finances, Ron Shuffield was the brain of the organization.

Initiated as a brother in 1977, Shuffield took care of matters to make sure things ran smoothly until the house

was fully built.

Fraternity members were allowed to move on September 12, 2001.

Ashley O’Kurley, an alum who became the Purple Legionary, the first house director, remembers what things were like at the very beginning.

“At first it was lonely. There were nine brothers living in the house at first. Its great to see how much it’s grown since then,” said O’Kurley.

He had the responsibility of looking out for the house and those living inside it.

“It was a rewarding experience. You can’t ask for more than that,” said O’Kurley. “Living on your own, making mistakes and overcoming them together with your brothers - you won’t find that anywhere else.”

Currently, Fiji averages 80 to 90 student members and the house is almost at full

Motorcyclist charged with three third degree felonies

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“lost control of the motorcycle, hit the median curb and was ejected,” as stated in the narrative.

“While conducting an area check, Officer [Aaron] Mitchell found a crack pipe wrapped in paper, along with cigarettes belonging to Pacheco,” Bautista said.

When Pacheco lost control of his motorcycle, he caused damage to the front right bumper of a vehicle driving south-

bound. Both passengers in the vehicle did not report any injuries.

Miami-Dade Fire Rescue airlifted Pacheco to Jackson Memorial Hospital Ryder Trauma Center. Once he was medically clear, Bautista transported him to Miami-Dade County Jail for processing.

Pacheco can face up to five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine for each charge.



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FOOTBALL

With Sun Belt play looming, Golden Panthers must improve

Following two losses, the FIU Golden Panthers faced a must-win situation on Oct. 8. Although they got away with a victory, they did so in the least impressive way. As sad as it is, there is now an expectation on this team to not only win, but also win decisively.



COMMENTARY

BRANDON WISE

This past weekend against Akron, all of the stats were there. Wesley Carroll threw for over 300 yards, Kedrick Rhodes ran for 126 yards, and T.Y. Hilton caught a record 12 passes for 144 receiving yards.

Any other game, one would assume that a team that totals 500 yards of offense would score at least 40 points. Too bad for the Golden Panthers, they could only manage 27 points and won by 10.

The defense played fairly well after having two letdown weeks in a row. But the players are left with a bitter taste because this was a week that should have been a blowout.

This is a game where players will look at the tape and be quick to point the finger at someone else because each person got their stats.

Akron is a team that ranks 109th in the nation for total offense and 113th in scoring per game, averaging only 15 points a game. That is not a team that should have even been on the field with FIU, much less have a lead at one point.

I understand that there has to be bad teams in college football every season, but this should have been one of these games where the Golden Panthers just took the Zips out to the wood shed and left them for dead.

The problem this weekend was the penalties, where the team committed 10 infractions for 80 yards.

The lack of discipline forced the team out of scoring range on multiple occasions. These are the kinds of mistakes that cannot happen if there is any hope of repeating as Sun Belt champions.

This was the Golden Panthers' final chance to prepare for the upcoming conference schedule, where they play four of their last six on the road. If the way that they played this weekend is any indication of how Sun Belt play will go, it could be a very long end to this season.

Now this team has to prepare for one of the best teams in the Sun Belt this season: Arkansas State. The Red Wolves were the dark horse pick to win the conference entering the season and have proved just why.

Keep in mind that if this team wins two more games, they are bowl eligible. However, the Golden Panthers want to get out of the Sun Belt and if they are not competing year in and year out, there is no chance that a bigger conference comes in and grabs them.

The expectations that have been placed on the Golden Panthers this year of being



JONATHAN SEGAL/THE BEACON

Darriet Perry broke FIU's career rushing touchdown record with his 25th against Akron.

great were warranted after winning the Sun Belt and then the Little Cesar's Bowl. Halfway through the season, they are right where they have been expected to be. The Golden Panthers just went an alternate route, beating Louisville and UCF and losing to Duke and Louisiana.

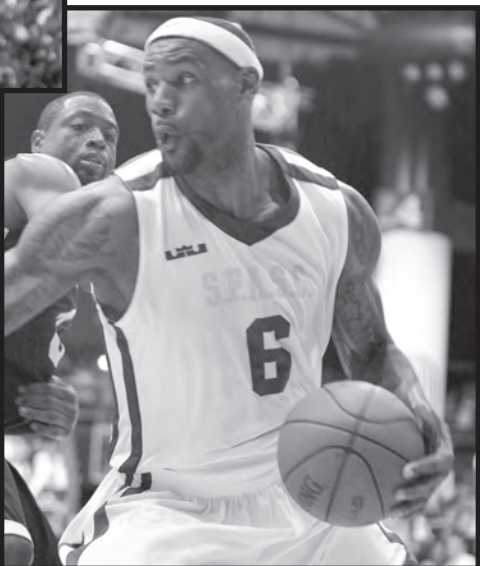
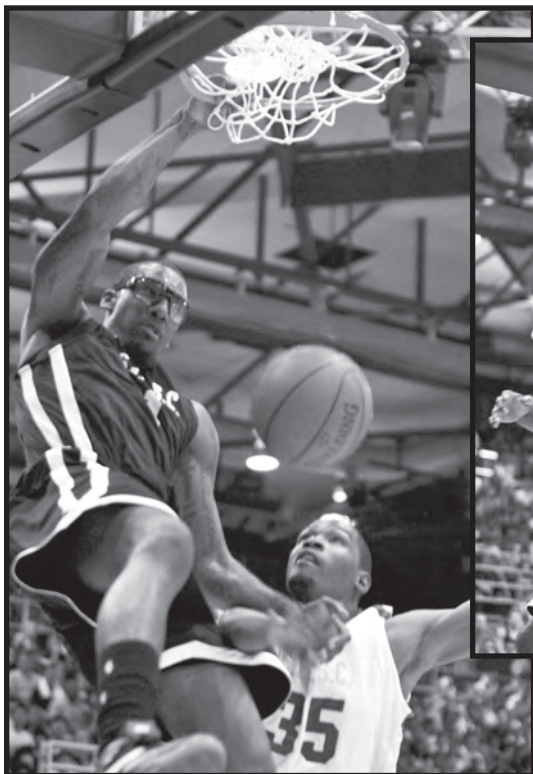
As said before the season started, the end of their schedule will tell the story of the season.

The Sun Belt schedule for the next three weeks is going to be the most difficult stretch of the year, as the team goes to Arkansas State, comes home for Troy and then hits the road again to face Western Kentucky.

Already down a loss in conference play to Louisiana, the Golden Panthers cannot afford another letdown defeat the rest of the way.

ALL-STAR CHARITY

Standing-room crowd watches thrilling exhibition game



Top Left: Amar'e Stoudemire dunks on Kevin Durant. **Top Right:** Jon Wall with a reverse lay-up. **Bottom Left:** Lebron James drives past Dwyane Wade. **Bottom Right:** Wade, with coach Isiah Thomas during the pre-game press conference.

PHOTOS BY KRISTI CAMARA/THE BEACON

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Given the amount of Miami Heat fans in the crowd and the rivalry that exists between the Heat and the Boston Celtics, the boos for the point guard were just as loud as the cheers for the other players.

Both teams came out, testing each other and establishing a rhythm.

New Orleans Hornets point guard Chris Paul put on a show, with fancy dribbling moves and creative passes. Oklahoma City Thunder's Durant and Russell Westbrook were in sync, running plays for one another and shooting long range jumpers.

In the second quarter, New York Knicks forward Amar'e Stoudemire, who has been working out at the University for the past month and a half,

gave the crowd something to cheer about with an emphatic dunk over Durant.

In the late stages of the game, the spotlight focused on James and Wade, as both players went back and forth scoring points and playing tough defense.

With 2.9 seconds left in regulation and Team Wade down three with the ball, Anthony tied the game with a three-pointer over Memphis Grizzlies forward Rudy Gay to send the game into overtime.

Wade iced the game for his team, making one of two free throws to give Team Wade a 141-137 lead with five seconds left.

James hit a mid-court prayer at the buzzer to draw the game closer, but to no effect to game, giving Team Wade the win over Team Lebron,

141-140.

Both teams played a physical game, including hard fouls and tough defense.

In the fourth quarter, James, Wade and Stoudemire were complaining to the referees about the calls, things that would be seen in a regular NBA game.

"Although it was a charity game, we wanted to make it a real game," said Anthony. "We're use to being in training camp right now, so it was gonna be competitive between us."

Most players are ready to play this season, if the lockout situation does get figured out in the near future.

James echoed the feeling that most of the players had.

"We'll play any day, any time. That's why we're here tonight," said James.



MEN'S SOCCER

Golden Panthers drop road game

LUIS D. GUTIERREZ
Contributing Writer

After a landmark win against No. 21 Kentucky, the Golden Panthers were hoping to build on that success on the road this past weekend in Tenn. Conference foe Memphis had other plans.

The FIU men's soccer team was shutout by the Tigers with a 3-0 score in a disappointing loss on Oct. 8 at Mike Rose Stadium.

The Tigers got on the scoreboard early with a goal from Chandler Gagnon in the 16th minute. They showed no signs of letting up as Wil Linder followed up with a goal in the 37th minute and notched his second one of the game late in the 84th minute.

"It's a game that we should have won," said head coach Munga Eketebi. "It was a letdown performance."

Colby Burdette and Robert De Souza each had two shots on goal for the Panthers, while Quentin Albrecht had one shot on goal.

Rodney Greiling, who got his second consecutive start on net, fell to 1-1 by recording three saves but allowing three goals. With the loss, the Panthers



JONATHAN SEGAL/THE BEACON

Mario Uribe and the Men's soccer team lost to Memphis 3-0 on Oct. 8.

fell to 4-5-2 overall and 1-2-0 in conference play.

The conference slate did not get any easier for the team as they faced Central Florida at home on Oct. 11, ranked number six nationally, and they play Southern Methodist University on Oct. 16 and Tulsa on Oct. 19, both on the road.

Forward Mackulay Tulloch has already notched 27 points this season and is considered by many to be the best player in the country. Eketebi said that the key for the Golden Panthers is to focus on limiting errors on the field that can hurt

FIU.

"We have to avoid costly mistakes," said Eketebi, indicating that it will depend on which Panther team shows up in future games: the one who stunned nationally ranked Kentucky or the one who was shutout by Memphis.

A week after defeating Kentucky in an overtime thriller, there is no doubt FIU experienced a setback with this loss.

However, Eketebi says the young core of players will only continue to progress as the season goes on. Burdette has played and will continue to play consistently throughout

the season according to Eketebi, while De Souza was given 56 minutes off the bench in Memphis. Greiling was recognized by Conference-USA as the defensive player of the week as a product of the 1-0 shutout victory over Kentucky.

FIU's lack of experience will cause occasional speed bumps down the road, similar to the shutout to Memphis, but Eketebi is confident his team will avoid those setbacks as time goes on.

"Every game, every year, they're going to get better," said Eketebi about his freshmen.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Despite aggressive play, FIU shut out

ANTHONY GUIVAS
Staff Writer

After FIU received its first tie of the year at the hands of WKU, the Golden Panthers looked to get back to their winning ways against Middle Tennessee.

As much as the Golden Panthers would have liked to finish off their two game road trip with a win, it was not meant to be, as FIU fell to the Blue Raiders 2-0.

The loss was once again contributed by a lack of execution. Continually, the Panthers had opportunities to score but could not execute in pivotal moments within the game.

A bit of bad luck also had a lot to do with the Golden Panthers' loss. In minute 56:41, the Blue Raiders scored when the ball deflected off the knee of FIU's own April Perry, resulting in a goal.

"It was just one of those things that was a punch in the gut," said Coach Thomas Chestnutt.

Even with the turn of events, the Golden Panthers continued to control the game and were still the aggressor of the game.

As FIU had a fine opportunity in the first half that came up short and then in the beginning of the second half, the Panthers had two one on one chances that resulted in missed goal opportunities.

"Our inability to finish chances cost us the game," Chestnutt said. "At the end of the day, we didn't

execute on the offensive side of the ball and it cost us."

What was odd throughout the game was that the Raiders did not stand out any statistical category. When it came to total shots, the Blue Raiders led FIU 15-14 and shots on goal was 7-5 in favor of the Raiders.

So even though the Golden Panthers were not dominated, the Blue Raiders stroke again. In minute 75:51, Regina Thomas put the finishing touches on a Raider win.

As FIU fell to the Raiders 2-0, they place their record on the year to a 7-6-1. But the Golden Panthers have no sour taste in their mouths as they focus on the positives.

"It doesn't matter who we play, we can create great opportunities," Chestnutt said.

"We are creating opportunities and limiting the other team. Bottom line, if you're doing those things you're doing a good job."

The Golden Panthers, of course, did have their chances to score and have the ability to baffle opposing teams, but without execution, all of that ability means nothing.

"They [the players] don't have anything to concern themselves with except for again taking care of the moments in the game that matter ... nothing to hang their heads over," Chestnutt said.

FIU will now travel back home as they prepare to take on North Texas on Oct. 14 at 7 p.m.



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HOMECOMING

Newly crowned royalty involved on campus

ASHLEY LAPADULA
Staff Writer

Panther fans cheered as the winners of both Homecoming courts for the Modesto A. Maidique Campus and Biscayne Bay Campus were announced and crowned. On Oct. 2, the University hosted their Homecoming football game against Duke University.

With more than 20,000 people in attendance, the University gladly honored its tradition by introducing the Homecoming court and winners during halftime. Homecoming is known to unite the student body and welcome back alumni.

Alfredo Roig and Jacky Negret were both crowned as this year's Homecoming king and queen for MMC, while Lindsay Burnett and Pablo Haspel were the winners for BBC. With so many overwhelming emotions, both the kings and queens were smiling from ear to ear as they posed for photos.

Roig, a senior, is studying sports management with a certificate in leadership studies. He hopes to pursue a master's degree in mass communications. He was nominated by Pi Kappa Phi, his fraternity, to represent his organization in the Homecoming court.

"We [Pi Kappa Phi] couldn't be happier to know [Roig] won the Homecoming King title. He is certainly going to make FIU proud," said Matthew Handlon, a senior and Pi Kappa Phi member.

With an extensive list of involvements on campus, Roig takes pride in all that he has given to his fellow Panther community. His involvement on campus includes being part of the Week of Welcome committee, GO Team, Homecoming Council, Dance Marathon and Panther Camp. Roig currently writes for the Sports section at The Beacon newspaper.

"Honestly, it was very overwhelming. I was so happy that I was able to share the experience with my mom and dad that night. I still can't believe that I've been so blessed ... It is

an incredible honor to be Homecoming King," said Roig.

Burnett, a public relations major, wore a beautiful red gown that sparkled as she stood on the field, anxious about the results.

"I was super excited when I won! I tried hard not to smile too big on the field. I was more nervous about being on that huge screen," said Burnett.

Burnett has demonstrated various leadership roles. She is the finance chair of Panther Power, a member of the Student Programming Council and a site leader for Alternative Breaks. She hopes to represent BBC as well as she can.

Haspel, a senior, received the Homecoming King title for BBC. He is currently the Honors College senator, president of the FIU-BBC Badminton club and involved with the Student Government Council -- amongst other leadership roles.

"I feel honored to have been given the opportunity to represent BBC," he said.

That, however, did not stop him from being voted into the Homecoming court by fellow SGA members, who believed it would be a good opportunity for him to hold the title just before graduating. Haspel encourages students to participate in Homecoming court in years to come.

"If you feel like doing it, do it. Don't be intimidated by the process or anything. It is really not as difficult or challenging as it might seem, and by the time you are done, you will have realized how much fun the whole experience was," said Haspel.

Negret, a senior, was nominated by her sorority sisters in Phi Sigma Sigma to run for this year's Homecoming court. She was extremely thrilled not only to represent her sorority, but also the entire campus as queen just before graduating.

"Having my dad by my side just made everything that much greater. It still feels so surreal. The sense of accomplishment and gratefulness towards everyone who supported me is hard to



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Top left: BBC Queen Lindsay Burnett. **Top Right:** MMC Queen Jacky Negret. **Bottom left:** BBC King Pablo Haspel. **Bottom right:** MMC King Alfredo Roig.

put into words," said Negret.

The MMC queen is currently the sister development chair for Phi Sigma Sigma. In the past, she has been a peer advisor, resident advisor and Panther Camp facilitator. Jacky is a double major in international business and business management, and although her hands may seem full with her dedication and over-involvement at the University, she is dedicated to participating in University events.

"I look forward to fostering my pride with

the entire student body through active participation and interaction. As President Rosenberg says, 'Every student counts,'" said Negret.

One thing these newly crowned kings and queens have in common is that they have definitely felt the overwhelming happiness flood their lives.

They share the common grounds of being proud to have this position in their hands. They all, joyfully, look forward to a great year of activities.

CLASS REUNION

University alum creates non-profit to promote literacy



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nonprofit organization

ComicEd. This organization collaborates with after-school programs and community centers in the Miami area, and provides access to comic books and graphic novels for various ages. ComicEd also strives to improve the literacy rate and comprehension skills of local children and teens.

The process of ComicEd's first comic book had already begun, but it was in need of more

artists and characters. Alvarez collaborated with other artists -- including Amper Sand, University student Eric Gonzalez, Alex Rocky Ferrer, Matt Sagorski and Brian Bernard -- and began creating more heroes, including the E-Male, the Manazon, King of the Amazons, Black Caesar and more.

The collaboration was a learning process for all. Alvarez and the rest of the staff, had to thoroughly research their history to put the story together. They considered the placement of panels, narrative boxes and

word balloons. It was difficult to balance art and text, so pages had to be added just so words were not overwhelming.

Black culture is not the only one highlighted in Alvarez's comic.

He also wants to provide a comic book with a series of Cuban jokes. With inspiration from his wife and friends, Alvarez will collect around 30 jokes and put them into a book that could appeal to people of all ages. For \$100, readers can submit their ideas and receive a version of their ideal comic

book in return.

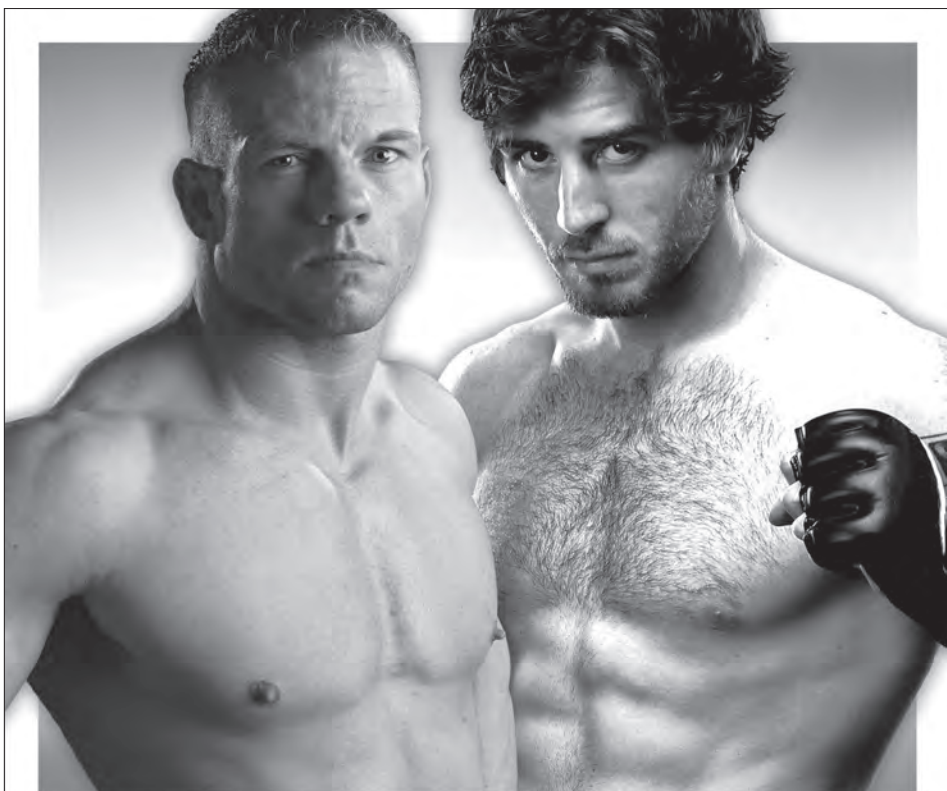
Alvarez has grand plans for ComicEd. Although most of their readers are based in Miami, ComicEd plans on doing a convention circuit to get their name out. Digital publication is also on their agenda, with the help of Graphicly.com. From there, readers can enjoy comic books from their iPods or other mobile reading devices.

They will also relaunch their website. With the hopes of moving to Broward County, ComicEd will work with middle and elementary schools.



Left: ComicEd's first comic book featuring The Miami Marvel was alum Socrates S. Alvarez's first venture in the world of comic book publishing. **Right:** Alvarez draws for fans at ComicEd's 10 cent comic book sale at Wall's Ice Cream.

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RADIATE REVIEWS

“The Whole Love” a
new fresh take for Wilco

We usually place predisposed expectations on something. When it comes to Wilco, we have experienced a full circle of music that expands from Americana, to intricate pop melodies, to airy, light folk fare.

They have done it all exceptionally well, so we would not be remiss to think that after “Wilco (The Album)” they had created a final culmination of all their past creations and complete the wide-ranging music saga they constructed.

One thing you can expect from Wilco is that you will always be surprised by their next move. This is the case with their new LP, “The Whole Love,” the first album on their own label dBpm. It is a fresh, invigorating album that differs away with the casualness of their last two LPs.

Opening tracks usually set the mood and the sonic direction of an album, but “Art of Almost” is a fragmented opener.

Static sounds swirling around an unconventional drumbeat with robotic sounds and rain drops have leadman Jeff Tweedy creeping in with: “No, I froze, I can’t be so far away from my wasteland.” Orchestral string slide in the background and hits the crescendo with a full-on rock jam filled with clattered guitars.

It feels like they are teetering on the edge of critical mass by the end of it, with enough frenetic force to show everyone that the daft “dad-rock” genre that has been given to them has dissipated.

There is a wider scope on “The Whole Love,” and Wilco manages to expand on all their past soundscapes. The lead single, “I Might,” chugs through with its crunchy, distorted bass line, courtesy of John Stirratt.

It all simmers together with lively organs and slashing guitars. Even when Tweedy is referencing Slim Jim pies and him potentially setting kids on fire, it is still enjoyable, catchy pop that Wilco excels at.

Beatles-esque songs like “Sunloathe” and the jumpy, synthy waltz of “Capiotl City” are still entirely Wilco but contain a ‘70s-inspired sound that you can instantly notice.

Something else that is noticeable is Tweedy’s ability to dig into deeper emotions, like with the catchy “Born Alone” where he openly sings “sadness is my luxury.”

Much like the album, Tweedy forgoes the thought that deep-rooted music cannot be enjoyable and engaging at the same time.

And although he is earnest, on “Black Moon,” Tweedy soulfully croons about being an old shoe, waiting for an awakening.

It sounds like self-introspection, laced with a beautifully paced steel pedal and acoustic. The 12-minute folk closer, “One

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Sunday Morning,” shows Tweedy sympathetically singing the heartbreaking narrative of a grieving son over his dead religious father that never accepted him.

All of the layered instruments of rain drop-like keys, ghostly-sounding pedal steel guitar, and melodic acoustics that is as pleasant to the ear as it is emotional.

It is a fantastic closer for an album that is as organic and fleshed out as anything they have created.

Wilco is able to create an album that is as enjoyable to blast through your car stereo as it is with detailed listens through your headphones.

Their penchant for crafting adventurous, colorful music is still in tact, and a big “folk you” to anyone that expected middle-aged men to fold.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2011



FIU LATIN JAZZ ENSEMBLE AND COMBO 1
An evening of jazz standards and creative.
WHEN: 8 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free and open to the Public
WHERE: Gibson Miami Showroom (in the Dorissa Building); 2751 North Miami, Avenue, Ste 8

JAPANESE FILM FESTIVAL
“Maboroshi” will be showing.
WHEN: 1-3 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free and open to the Public
WHERE: MMC GC 140

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2011



FIU DANCE MARATHON
A fundraiser at California Pizza Kitchen. Just bring in the flyer, present it to your server when ordering and 20% of your check will be donated to their organization.
WHEN: Ongoing
WHERE: 300 Miracle Mile; 305.774.9940

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CLASS DISMISSED

DREAM Act an asset to Florida universities

On Oct. 8, California Governor Jerry Brown made the second half of the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act a reality. It is time for Florida to do the same.



JASMYNE ELLIOTT

Upon approving the second half, The California DREAM Act grants eligibility to illegal immigrants for state-funded financial aid, in addition to private scholarships to finance their college education. I believe that this is a step toward educational and economic progress, especially in Florida.

The benefits of passing a similar act in Florida are immense. It is no secret that Florida, particularly Miami, is a stomping ground for many illegal immigrants, many of them with young children already incorporated into our public schools.

In Florida, according to a report done by Students Working for Equal Rights, “Each year about 5,000 undocumented students graduate from Florida high schools, but only 5% go on to college, compared with 75% of our high school classmates.”

As of now, 2,500 international students attend the University, according to International Students and Scholar Services. If the DREAM Act were passed in Florida, imagine how many more international students would be able to contribute to our University.

Having already been educated as an American student, it would be the natural next step

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to allow them to further their education in our colleges and universities. By requiring these students to establish citizenship on their own, rather than handing it to them with a check, it allows them to gain an education while putting in the necessary work to achieve legal status.

Besides, the California DREAM Act, and others like it, is not without its stipulations. To be eligible for the benefits, aside from meeting financial and academic standards, the recipient must have entered the state before the age of 16, attended a California high school for at least three years, lived in the United States for at least five years and must be currently seeking to legalize their immigrant status. These requirements are fair, as it puts the impetus on legalization on the immigrant and is not an automatic gateway to citizenship.

Also, by allowing undocumented students access to a college education, this could be the additional boost we need to get the economy back up to speed. As stated by student Ting Yang in a Student Media report: on the DREAM Act, published on Sept. 23, “I wish I could have had them support me in college

and maybe realize I could be an asset to their country. I want to give to them if they will just help give to me.” Aside from entering the workforce, these formerly undocumented students, upon achieving citizenship, could easily establish businesses, firms and corporations of their own, thus creating jobs and putting new products out on the market.

Additionally, these students may indeed go back to their home country and use their education to improve economic conditions back home so they too can make moves in the global economy. This would also alleviate the presence of undocumented workers, which has put a strain on the U.S. economy for quite some time.

Illegal immigration may be a thorn in the side of many policy makers, but building bigger fences is not always the answer. Provided they meet the aforementioned requirements, giving undocumented students the tools they need to acquire an American education could benefit the entire world. California sees this; now it is Florida’s turn.

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

Youth must carefully evaluate candidates

ANTHONY PEREIRA
Contributing Writer

The next presidential election is just 14 months away, which will be right around the same time many of us will be graduating and finally stepping into our ever-changing economy and workforce. This is why the next election will be a key one for the youth to partake in, seen as how there is a plethora of candidates to vote for in the primaries if you are registered as a Republican. If you are a registered Democrat, then all you have to do is sit back and watch the Right-Wingers battle it out in preparation for the general election.

As we all know, President Barack Obama will be up for re-election, taking on whoever wins the Republican nomination.

There are eight serious candidates that are currently fighting for the Republican spot, most of which are trying to get the Vice President

position alongside whoever wins the main nomination. This is because there are three main front runners, according to Politico and George Washington University Battleground polls. Those three are Mitt Romney, Rick Perry and Michelle Bachmann. These candidates have extreme social and political views that we, as students, should take seriously when choosing whom to support.

The three main candidates, while much more charismatic than the rest, suffer from weaknesses in strategy. Many young people might not be too concerned about this issue now, but Social Security will be a great asset to our lives in the future, and Perry has been quoted as wanting to do away with it altogether. In his book, “Fed Up!” he describes Social Security as a “Ponzi scheme” and “unconstitutional.”

Meanwhile, Bachmann has vowed to ban same-sex marriages across the nation, which would

affect members of our gay, lesbian and transgender community. Romney might be the only logical candidate for young Republicans to vote for, but he has said that he will immediately repeal Obama’s health care plan that would take effect in the next two years. This would mean that if we were struck with an illness such as cancer, and we did not have insurance, we would not be able to get the necessary treatments to keep us alive.

Herman Cain, a former economic adviser and Georgia Senate nominee, has his “9-9-9 Plan”, which basically consists of raising income taxes on everyone to 9 percent (which 50 percent of Americans do not currently pay at all, according to thebusinessinsider.com), raising the sales tax to 9 percent (which here in Dade county is 7 percent), and dropping the corporate tax to 9 percent (which varies from 20 to 35 percent). With two tax drops, this is a plan that only

benefits the highest income earners of the nation.

Ron Paul, current Texas congressman and famed Libertarian, is another interesting candidate. He is very popular among liberals for being against all of our wars, but he only feels that way because of his extreme views on how small government should be. We would be stepping into a job environment with no centralized safety regulation system if it were up to Paul.

We have many decisions to make in our lives, and a major one is whom we elect as our leader. For those who have lost faith in our current president, the options are not looking too bright, but at least we have options. Most of these candidates running for office will change how we live our lives in one way or another, and considering our inexperience, it would be of utmost importance to choose the one who positively impacts our lives.

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Overestimation of funds burdens departments

As work study students let out a sigh of relief that their funds have been restored, departments are left holding their breath as they figure out how to pay them. Although the University swiftly responded to students’ grievances about the work study program getting slashed, the solution required minimal action and effort on the Financial Aid Office’s part.

The University typically receives between \$300,000 and \$750,000 for work study funds. Because of federal funding cuts for the program this year, the University was given only \$135,000.

To prevent the potentially detrimental outcome of students not receiving vital work study funds that they had depended upon, the Financial Aid Office concluded that departments will have to pay 18 percent from their individual department budgets to compensate for the funds that were overestimated.

This solution is problematic for several reasons: it burdens departments, deflects responsibility, and does not encourage accountability for ensuring this mistake does not happen again. Furthermore, having the departments revamp and modify their already existing budget to compensate for an overestimation is not a solution; it is a passing of the buck and a passing of the responsibility to compensate and be accountable for their mistake.

In an interview with Student Media, Francisco Valines, director of Financial Aid, responded to the claim that department heads are being inconvenienced.

“We understand that they’re not happy. We’re appreciative that they’re willing to do what they can to help students continue to work.” The office’s response showcases a lack of understanding of the problem; it is not that department heads are willing to do what they can, but that they are left with no other choice.

The Financial Aid Office overestimated the number of students accepting the offered work study positions. According to Valines, they had no way of knowing how many students were going to be working and what their actual payroll would be because students don’t start working until school begins.

This lack of accountability is a glaring error in basic infrastructure; estimates on such a crucial issue are careless. Valines also stated that estimates are made through history and “this didn’t follow history this Fall.”

The total deficit for work study funds amounts to \$165,000, this is a huge expense for departments but not a huge expense for our University funds. *The Beacon* thinks the proper solution does not lie in dumping responsibility on department heads, but instead should utilize already existing resources and a comprehensive plan to ensure this never happens again.

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“There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.”

- Colin Powell, former Secretary of State

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Ludovica Virgil, graduate student in human resource development, hands out giftbags to Chengtao Wang, as part of Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Track courses for education minor offered at the Bay

KATIE LAWRENCE
Staff Writer

The education minor program at FIU offers students an opportunity to ensure a life-long career opportunity in teaching for its participants.

Student indecision and a harsh job economy can make choosing a major a daunting task, and a consistent need for teachers can help take pressure off when faced with a dead-end in a career hunt.

“Teaching will always be there,” says Jane Oliveira, program assistant for the College of Education at the University, “and it’s always great to have the option.”

Using the education minor program can be beneficial to any major, and help open doors that would otherwise require numerous hurdles that a graduate may not have time for.

Florida has three requirements to become a certified teacher, including completion of educational courses, Florida certification exams, and at least two years of teaching experience.

Since 2007, the Universities education minor has been approved to meet the state’s criteria for the first stipulation, and allows you to teach in an assisted environment in your specialization, or field of major. Transcripts for successful graduates are also stamped as “State Approved” to help expedite the process.

“The courses the state requires are exactly in our minor,” says Oliveira. “It’s a great foundation for future developments.”

According to a pamphlet released by the College of Education, “A minor in education is a smart idea if you are interested in pursuing a career as a school teacher and your major is outside education, or are unsure about your career plan and would like to have the option to teach if you later decide.”

Upon graduating, a student must pass the Florida Teacher Certification Exam (FTCE), a three-section exam, and complete two years of public teaching. Once there is an offer of employment, the state gives prospective teachers three years to complete the requirements.

Most majors offered make a student automatically eligible for the program, and studies in certain arts and sciences majors allow for an even more streamlined degree.

“Even if teaching is not your first choice, it’s great to have another option,” says Oliveira. “It’s something you never lose.”

SJMC unable to renew grant for continuation of SFNS

NICOLE CASTRO
Staff Writer

After two years of operating, The South Florida News Service, a program that allowed students to publish their stories on *The Miami Herald*, *The Palm Beach Post* and *The Sun Sentinel*, was unable to renew its \$60,000 grant for the news service.

A grant of \$10,000 was awarded by each of the newspapers and \$30,000 was given by the McCormick Foundation. The program eliminated one of the two ways in which School of Journalism and Mass Communications students currently obtained experience through the program, the other being Professor Neil Reisner’s Liberty City Link.

But Associate Dean Allan Richards says that it is an opportunity to expand on the previous program.

Because of the recession in 2009, in an urgent need to downsize the newsrooms, the SFNS was created by the editors of the three major papers who agreed to share content among each other.

This program implicitly indicated that these highly competitive newspapers were having financial troubles.

It was a small amount of content sharing before they called SJMC to propose if students can provide stories for them.

“SJMC told them that we would start something called the South Florida News Service and it would be student produced. The SFNS was embedded in classes that already existed. Rather than taking up the

whole class, it was a project for the classroom,” Richards said.

Although it was an auspicious time to obtain grants because of the need to downsize, this year it would prove to be slightly different.

The grant from which student writers obtained a small stipend that the school paid Chris Delboni, director of the SFNS, was turned down a year ago by the Chicago based McCormick Foundation, as they decided to take up Illinois-based projects.

The South Florida newspapers were also unwilling to invest, and according to Richards, it may be because they have been using small community paper contributors that are satisfying the need for local news that SJMC students once satisfied, although this has not been confirmed.

“A lot has change economically and in the field of journalism. Everything is restructuring. [SFNS] is too important for the students and journalism. We just need to know now how we are going to revamp it. But I just can’t imagine this program going away,” Delboni said.

According to Richards, being able to sustain a project such as the SFNS is a struggle that many schools using project-oriented approaches are facing.

But this can be attributed to changes in mission by local papers and a change in endowments by the foundations like McCormick.

Richards and Delboni acknowledge that in an industry where experience is crucial in obtaining a job, programs like the SFNS are important, but the hindrance

is not allowing students to become affected.

Richards and Delboni have now formed a partnership to create a new project called “The Miami Desk,” a website, which in the same spirit of what Richards had done preceding the SFNS, will allow students in his senior multimedia class to experience the new dimensions that the industry is headed towards.

The Miami Desk project entails students assuming responsibility in specific jobs relevant in the newsroom.

“We give each one a comprehensive job in terms of multimedia publishing,” Delboni said. “This includes Coeditors, copy editors, headline writers, web developer and web designer.”

In regards to Fused Online, a previous project that began in 2003 and the model by which the Miami Desk is being created, Richards said that “It gave them two things: the opportunity to keep writing but I took them into the online world. They needed to know what it was like to publish online.”

Richard’s goal is to make The Miami Desk “a site opened to the three newspapers and if they are interested in the stories they can buy them. And there are editors outside Florida that might be interested as well.

“The students will be freelancers,” he said.” It will give them an opportunity for them to see how it’s done through the back end. How electronic publishing happens which is really interesting. It is not just to send it in and have someone post it for you.”

Students interested in applying for the education minor can contact the advising center in the College of Education at (305) 348-2768, or visit education.fiu.edu.