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MUSEUM BEAT

Sculpture park unique to University

MARCY DIAZ
Contributing Writer

Since 1994, preoccupied University students and staff on their way to class have been unknowingly rushing through an outdoor museum.

This museum covers around 26 acres and includes 31 sculptures in its collection. The Sculpture Park at the University is a blending marvel of both modern and contemporary art.

All sculptures were made by established artists and many were relocated in 2008 to the "Avenue of the Arts," a pathway of creations which connects the Frost Art Museum, the Dr. Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center and the Management and Advanced Research Center together on campus. Also found on campus

are artworks incorporated through the Art in State Buildings Program, which provides funding for custom-made sculptures for new university buildings and building additions.

As soon as one enters the main entrance roundabout of the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Alexander Liberman's Argosy is in full view. Known as one of the most well-known sculptures on campus, it is a warm welcome of painted red and specially crafted steel standing at about 30 feet.

"I'm usually trying not to get killed in the roundabout, to really look [closely] at the statue," said Teri Bernal, a University student and directory worker, "but it definitely is one of our nicer sculptures."

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KRISTI CAMARA/THE BEACON

Standing at 30 feet high, Alexander Liberman's Argosy is located at the main entrance roundabout and is made of specially crafted steel.

ENGINEERING CENTER



ALEXANDRA SARDI/THE BEACON

Monica Knudson prepares a coffee for Ricky Arcenales, a junior majoring in business.

Coffee shop at Engineering Center provides food options

MICHAEL JEFFREY
Contributing Writer

During the Fall 2011 semester a small coffee shop/snack bar opened up on the first floor of the Engineering Center thanks to chef Marcelo Marcelli, owner of the new snack bar and La Focaccia.

It is located near the west entrance of the building and sells a variety of food and snacks such as coffee, Cuban style pastries, yogurt, tea, etc.

Until this semester, the only options for food at the EC were a few vending machines scattered around the building and La Focaccia, located on the second floor in the Panther Pit, which offers a variety of international food with a range of daily specials.

Marcelli explained the reason behind him opening the new snack bar.

"There are many classes now on the first floor and the time is too short [between classes] so I put some quick food to make it more [convenient] for people."

"Sometimes I have classes downstairs, and I don't want to go upstairs [to buy food]," said Pedro Infante, a junior civil engineering major. "Upstairs the lines are too long and I don't have the time."

One of the most common

complaints from students at the EC is that there aren't any food options.

Students have to either eat at La Focaccia or leave the building and search for food elsewhere.

"The place is good, but it's not enough," said Infante, in reference to La Focaccia.

The closest options that are relatively fast are McDonald's

"We are looking at getting student discounts at some of the restaurants in the area."

Kristopher Rosado,
engineering student affairs coordinator
SGC-MMC

or Pollo Tropical, both located on West Flagler.

Leaving the building may not be an option for all students as they may not have a car and especially if it happens to be raining or incredibly hot and humid, which is common in South Florida most of the year.

Compared to the Modesto

Maidique Campus, which has an abundance of food choices ranging from Subway to Chick-Fil-A and Papa John's Pizza; the EC does not have many options for a student to eat.

There are no franchise restaurants and at this point there are no plans to establish any soon.

The Student Government Council is looking into accommodating the EC students' needs better.

"We are looking at getting student discounts at some of the restaurants in the area," said Kristopher Rosado, engineering student affairs coordinator for the Student Government Council at MMC.

"There are a lot of students at the Engineering Center and they need places to eat," said Ramon Cacho, a junior civil engineering major.

In October, the snack bar will start selling natural juices and possibly even more variety of international food. The counters and food carts that exist now at the snack bar were donated by the University but Marcelli wants to upgrade to a larger counter.

He will have to supply the counter himself since the University will not provide funding for the improvements.

COMING UP | Sports

Check out the Oct. 17 issue for a preview of the Golden Panther football's crucial conference showdown with Arkansas State.

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NEWS FLASH

LOCAL

1,597 welfare applicants decline drug test in Fla.

State figures show that hundreds of welfare applicants in Florida have declined to take drug tests that have been required for the assistance since mid-July.

Thirty-two applicants failed the test, 7,028 passed and 1,597 didn’t take it, according figures released Tuesday the Department of Children and Families. People who decline to take the test aren’t required to explain.

Proponents of the law have suggested applicants would be deterred because they knew they would test positive. Critics say applicants may not have taken the test because they couldn’t afford the fee that can be as much as \$35 or didn’t have easy access to a testing facility. A federal judge in Orlando is mulling a lawsuit claiming the measure is unconstitutional.

The Florida law is only one of its kind currently on the books in the U.S.

WORLD

Serbia gets to be a candidate to join the EU

The European Union granted Serbia candidate status Wednesday but refused to set a date to begin formal accession talks into the 27-nation bloc until Serbia and neighboring Kosovo improve relations.

The move was bittersweet for Serbia, because it had expected to get a date for the start of the negotiations after the arrest earlier this year of war crimes fugitive Ratko Mladic and his extradition to the international war crimes court.

“We recommend that accession negotiations be opened as soon as Serbia achieves further progress in the one key priority ... the negotiations with Kosovo,” EU Enlargement Commissioner Stefan Fule said Wednesday.

In Belgrade, Serbian President Boris Tadic said he was proud that the EU had recognized the advances Serbia has made in terms of democratization and other reforms.

– Compiled by Melissa Caceres

PARKING & TRANSPORTATION

University addresses parking issue

PATRIK SIMMONS
Staff Writer

Parking at the University’s Modesto A. Maidique Campus is a hot topic on many social networks, including Facebook and Twitter.

With the click of a button, one can find several posts condemning the troubles several students have to encounter while trying to find parking.

One post on Tumblr, the micro-blogging site, read, “We pay \$85 in parking fees when we don’t even have a guaranteed spot.”

But what many students are not aware of is that parking at the University is actually in good condition, according to Bill Foster, executive director of the Department of Parking and Transportation.

“There are enough spaces on campus for everyone to park, except during the first couple of weeks of the semester,” said Foster. “You have a lot of people here during off hours -- like getting books and dropping classes -- doing things are not normally in their schedule.”

In total, the University has 7,000 available parking spaces for students across MMC.

“Supply is not our problem. Convenience next to the buildings is always going to be a problem when you have 40,000 students and 8,000 faculty and staff at MMC and it’s the busiest time of the day,” he said.

Last year, students and faculty

were given a new option: the PG5 Market Station.

“The main purpose of building the PG5 Market Station was to get more spaces. But [PG5] was designed for the support of the medical school build out to make sure that we had enough spaces when that area was built. For now, we’re using it for faculty, staff, students and visitors, but it will shift eventually as the medical school is built out,” said Lissette Hernandez, associate director of Parking and Transportation.

And even then, it seems that students are still unsatisfied with trying to find a parking space.

“Students’ main concern is convenience. They want parking to be as convenient as it possibly can at all times during the day. Faculty and staff want that, too,” Foster said.

The problem for many students is not that there are not enough parking spaces, but that they do not want to park far away from their classes.

“[Students] would prefer to get here when they want to get here—not early, not late—and drive to a parking spot near where they’re going, be able to park, get out and go to their class. Unfortunately, that’s not a reality in a place that’s this big and this diverse,” he said.

According to Foster, the University is doing a lot to improve this alleged parking problem and has plans on building a new garage in the future.

“We are doing a lot. The Board of Governors has approved the funding

for PG6, so there will be another 2,000 parking spaces. Once we decide on a site, it will take two to three years to build.”

In the meantime, he suggests that students arrive to their classes earlier in order to find a good parking space nearby.

“If you have a 10 a.m. class, you’re going to have to get here between 8 and 8:30 to get a convenient student space, because there are a lot of classes at 7, 8 and 9 a.m., and those students begin to fill up those spaces. The later you come, the farther out you’re going to have to go.”

Hernandez believes that the reason why students and faculty act the way they do in regards to parking is because of the lifestyle they are used to.

“As South Floridians, we are very accustomed to driving to our home into our driveway, park right there and walk into our house. I think that’s what we expect everywhere we go,” she said.

Foster would like the University community to understand that parking here is something that the department and the students need to compromise on.

“We can never build enough parking at this University where, no matter what, whenever you want to come, you’ll be able to drive up wherever you want to go and park. That’s just not reality.”

Patrik Simmons is the beat reporter covering FIU Police, Public Safety and Parking and Transportation.

CORRECTIONS

In Vol. 23, Issue 28 of *The Beacon*, the article titled “Newly crowned royalty involved on campus” in the Life! section, Matthew Hanlon’s name was spelled incorrectly.

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

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LeMieux outlines campaign views

BRENDAN FARRINGTON
AP Staff

Former Republican Sen. George LeMieux on Wednesday outlined proposals

he’d support if voters send him back to Washington, including changes to Social Security and Medicare, allowing offshore drilling in the Gulf of Mexico, cutting federal spending to 2007 levels and getting rid of any federal regulation that isn’t reauthorized by Congress.

LeMieux served the final 16 months of Mel Martinez’ unexpired term and said the key to slashing into the federal deficit and debt is not just reducing spending, but creating jobs that will increase revenue.

“By growing our economy and controlling our debt, we are going to have a more prosperous America,” LeMieux said.

Among ways he wants to help businesses: cut the corporate income tax rate from 35 percent to 25 percent, give a tax holiday to overseas companies that return to the United States, pass a law that would give employees in all states the choice of whether or not they wanted to join unions and eliminate all government regulations unless Congress specifically reauthorizes them.

On government spending, LeMieux said the country should gradually raise the retirement age to 69 to help reduce the cost of Social Security and Medicare benefits and to reduce benefits for wealthy

retirees. He said changes shouldn’t affect people now aged 55 or older.

He also supports forcing all federal agencies to cut their budgets 10 percent and to freeze hiring. The only way an agency would be able to hire a new worker would be if two left. He also wants to see a ban on budget earmarks.

On energy, LeMieux said he supports expanded drilling in the Gulf of Mexico, but not within 100 miles of the Florida coast, and other areas where it’s now not allowed. He also called for more nuclear power plants and for weakening the Environmental Protection Agency’s ability to stop oil, natural gas and coal production. He also criticized regulations on carbon emissions.

LeMieux is being challenged by former State Rep. Adam Hasner, retired Army Col. Mike McCalister and former steakhouse chain CEO Craig Miller for the GOP nomination to challenge Democratic Sen. Bill Nelson, who is seeking his third term. The Hasner campaign was underwhelmed with the 18-page policy paper LeMieux released.

“George LeMieux isn’t saying anything new or interesting — in fact, a lot of these policies seemed borrowed from the 10 principles Adam

announced on the first day of his campaign,” said Hasner spokesman Douglass Mayer.

McCalister said LeMieux’s plan to revise the federal tax code doesn’t go far enough. LeMieux said income tax should be fairer and flatter and tax codes need to be less confusing, but didn’t outline how he wants that achieved.

“George wants to tweak the tax code. I think we would be better off with a fair tax that abolishes all federal personal and corporate income taxes and replaces them with one, simple, federal retail sales tax administered by the states,” McCalister said through a spokesman. “A fair tax ensures everyone pays the cost to be in this great nation, including those here illegally.”

Miller’s campaign declined to comment. Democrats quickly criticized LeMieux.

“It’s bad enough each Florida Republican has vowed to force cuts in Social Security, Medicare and veterans benefits in order to preserve big tax breaks for the rich and special interests. George LeMieux’s new plan is the worst of all potentially forcing millions of Floridians to delay their retirement until they are nearly 70 years old,” said Florida Democratic Party spokeswoman Brannon Jordan.



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MEN'S SOCCER

FIU earns draw in rain-shortened match vs. No. 6 UCF

BRANDON WISE
Staff Writer

As a steady rain fell onto FIU’s soccer field, freshman goalie Rodney Greiling stood firm between the posts. With the shut-out in his grasp and the clock slowly winding down, the rain continued to pound the field. Then suddenly, the lightning alarm sounded. Players were forced to evacuate the field and the referees called it a night.

It was almost a blessing in disguise, as the players would never return to the pitch. FIU earned a draw against sixth-ranked Central Florida, 0-0 on Oct. 11.

The game was not called until after a 45-minute delay once the rain and lightning finally let up. However, the field was deemed unplayable due to torrential down pours over the past hour. Puddles formed across the pitch, nearly turning the field into a pond.

Despite the heavy rain, the fans showed their support for the team. A season-high attendance of 741 fans came out to the stadium to support the Golden Panthers.

DEFENSE SHINES

Greiling has played a major role in two of the last three games, pitching two shut-outs against ranked opponents and picking up six saves in each.

In the first half, UCF had a chance to take the lead. A shot dribbled through the defenders and Greiling dove to make the stop. He reached the line and kept the ball

from crossing for a goal.

The rest of the FIU defense held strong against its toughest opponent of the year and the NCAA’s top scorer, McKauly Tulloch. Jahbari Willis held Tulloch to only two shots, neither of which was on goal. As a team, the Knights only had six shots on target.

The Golden Panther offense had a rally at the beginning of the second half, but could not produce a goal from it. Lucas Di Croce, Anthony Hobbs and Arnthor Kristinsson all had cracks at the net early in the second, but could not keep them on target.

THE ROAD AHEAD

FIU is now 1-2-1 in Conference USA, tied for fourth with Southern Methodist University with four points, which is their next opponent.

They will head to Dallas to face the Mustangs on Oct. 16 at 8 p.m. It will be a key game that could decide the middle of the conference table.

The defense will have to contain the reigning Conference USA offensive player of the week, Arthur Ivo.

In his last two matches, Ivo recorded a goal and two assists against the University of Tulsa and Marshall University.

Juan Castillo is also a threat to score on goal, as he has three goals on the season to lead the Mustangs.

After heading to SMU, the Golden Panthers will then travel to Tulsa on Oct. 19 to take on the Hurricanes at 7 p.m.



SANA ULLAH/THE BEACON

Christopher Garces [above] dribbles across the field during FIU’s draw with UCF on Oct. 11.

INTRAMURAL ROUNDUP

Theta Chi dominates Beta Theta Phi in shutout

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The first game of an intramural doubleheader between Theta Chi and Beta Theta Phi on Oct. 10 was a one-sided affair. Theta Chi came out with a 14-0 win, with help on both sides of the ball. Theta Chi started out their first drive with two penalties and an interception.

Fortunately for them, Beta Theta Phi’s entire night was plagued by offensive woes and Theta Chi’s staunch defense capitalized on those mistakes.

After exchanging possessions five times, Theta Chi’s quarterback, Javy

Araque, found his stride. He completed a 15-yard pass to the left, followed by a slant pass through the middle for an additional 10 yards.

Theta Chi’s crowd began a rally charge chant to keep the energy flowing.

Araque took advantage of the open space and ran for a 25-yard scamper down the sideline for a touchdown to give Theta Chi a 7-0 lead.

At the start of second half, Beta Theta Phi threw an interception that was returned for a touchdown. Without any adjustments at the half, Beta Theta Phi looked out of sync and was unable to score on the Theta Chi’s tough defense.

SIGMA ALPHA MU 14, LAMBDA THETA PHI 13

Lambda Theta Phi had a comfortable 13-0 lead at the half. Sigma Alpha Mu had other plans though. A literal last second comeback gave Sammy—Sigma Alpha Mu’s nickname—a 14-13 victory.

Lambda Theta Phi started their first drive in style. Quarterback Juan Orozco threw a lateral pass to running back Juan Rivera, who caught the defense of guard with this trick play by launching a 30-yard pass.

This led to their eventual score, but they were unable to convert the extra point, a very important missed

opportunity.

Sigma Alpha Mu’s quarterback Mike Carbeo could find no rhythm, throwing an interception right before the half.

Lambda Theta Phi capitalized on this mistake with a direct snap to Rivera, who ran it up the middle for 20 yards and the touchdown.

With second half adjustments, Sigma Alpha Mu came out firing. Carbeo completed three consecutive passes.

He followed that up with a 25-yard quarterback scramble. An eventual pass interference call set up the team for the score, cutting the lead to six points.

With only 30 seconds left, Carbeo drove Sammy down the entire field as the crowd roared.

Only 10 seconds remained on the clock as Carbeo took the snap and surveyed the field. With no one open, he tucked the ball and ran down the sideline for a touchdown.

The game was now tied and all Sammy had to do was convert the extra point.

Carbeo took the snap, scanned the end zone and heaved a pass to the open receiver in the corner, giving Sigma Alpha Mu the win. When asked if this was Sigma Alpha Mu’s best game, Carbeo said, “So far, the most dramatic.”

INTRAMURAL FOOTBALL STANDINGS

SORORITY				FRATERNITY 1				FRATERNITY 2			
	W-L-T	PCT	PD		W-L-T	PCT	PD		W-L-T	PCT	PD
Alpha Omicron Pi	3-1-1	0.600	53	Sigma Phi Epsilon	4-0-0	1.000	87	Tau Kappa Epsilon	4-0-0	1.000	77
Alpha Xi Delta	3-1-1	0.600	10	Pi Kappa Phi	3-1-0	0.750	65	Sigma Alpha Mu	3-1-0	0.750	6
Sigma Kappa	3-2-0	0.600	4	Sigma Chi	1-3-0	0.250	-43	FIJI	2-2-0	0.500	5
Delta Phi Epsilon	3-2-0	0.600	8	Beta Theta Pi	1-3-0	0.250	-62	Lambda Theta Phi	1-3-0	0.250	5
Phi Mu	2-3-0	0.400	-12	Theta Chi	1-3-0	0.250	-47	Phi Sigma Kappa	0-4-0	0.000	-93
Phi Sigma Sigma	2-1-2	0.400	24								
Boss	1-2-2	0.200	-10								
Tri Sigma	0-5-0	0.000	-77								
*All records up to date as of Oct. 14				*All records up to date as of Oct. 14				*All records up to date as of Oct. 14			

FOOTBALL

Golden Panthers take advantage of much-needed rest



JONATHAN SEGAL/THE BEACON

Wayne Times has emerged as a valuable No. 2 receiver for FIU with 308 receiving yards.

JACKSON WOLEK
Staff Writer

At the halfway point of the season, FIU is 4-2 and 1-1 in the conference play with six straight confer-

ence games remaining on their schedule. It is the best start the program has seen in its short history, which included a win against a BCS school for the first time by beating Louisville and an announced record

home attendance of 22,682 for their homecoming game versus Duke.

The success that came through the 3-0 start was short lived by following it up with two losses in a row, both at home.

They ended the losing streak by beating Akron on Oct. 8, but head coach Mario Cristobal still feels like they are miles away from being where they want to be.

“I think we are always going to feel that and never be content. We’re improving in so many facets and developing a little bit of depth in guys that have stepped up,” Cristobal said.

The Panthers resumed practice on Oct. 12, off the heels of a 27-17 victory at Akron, with hopes of still correcting the mistakes in both their offense and defense, such as their red zone efficiency, where the offense has only scored touchdowns 52 percent of the time and passing defense which has allowed 1,472 yards.

“I think if we continue to improve on third down like we have, clean up our red zone issues and continue to get better at stopping the

run and better at defending the big plays, then we can be a real good football team,” said Cristobal.

The six games left for the Panthers contain just two at home (Troy, FAU) and four on the road with trips to Arkansas State, Western Kentucky, ULM and Middle Tennessee.

This is the part of the season that will determine whether or not FIU can have a repeat appearance in a bowl game this year.

The conference standings as of Oct. 14 have FIU in third behind conference leader Louisiana and number two Arkansas State.

The Sun Belt Conference is connected with two bowl games this year, the New Orleans Bowl in La. and the Go Daddy.com Bowl in Mobile, Ala.

Players have been banged up on the sideline every week for FIU, including quarterback Wesley Carroll hurting his

ankle against Louisiana and T.Y. Hilton spraining his hamstring in the UCF game.

The status of receive Glenn Coleman and safety Chuck Grace is still unknown and whether or not they can be available on Oct. 18 when the team travels to Arkansas State is unclear.

Receiver Jacob Younger, who sat out against Akron, will be able to play, however.

The 10-day rest, while not considered to be a bye week, has given the players ample time to rest their bodies and game plan.

“You like a couple of days extra of rest, while at the same time prepping. You just got to make sure you don’t overwork,” said Cristobal.

The team travels next to Arkansas State to take on the Red Wolves (4-2, 2-0 SBC) on Oct. 18 at 8 p.m. The game will be shown on ESPN 2.

FANTASY CRUZ

Cam Newton continues to shine for fantasy owners

Week five of the NFL provided fantasy owners and fans with some highs and lows many did not expect.

COMMENTARY



JOEY CRUZ

Players having a breakout week saved many owners in leagues where bye weeks played an important factor.

The fantasy football gods blessed anyone who drafted Cam Newton. This dude is on pace to break Dan Marino’s single season yardage record as a rookie.

Last week he threw for 224 yards and had both a passing and rushing touchdown.

Game after game Newton continues to astonish America with his performance, but somehow still finds a way to lose. His defense is terrible, but his game is impeccable right now. Kudos to the Cam Newton owners out there.

What can I say about Buffalo that has not already been said about the team that made a complete 180?

Ryan Fitzpatrick must have studied to be a brain surgeon at Harvard because the way he analyzes and picks apart defenses is like performing offensive surgical maneuvers on the field week after week.

Last week, Fitz had a



BOB LEVERONE/AP IMAGES

Cam Newton [above] has put up solid numbers through the air in his rookie season with the Carolina Panthers.

mediocre game at best; compared to the season he has been having throwing for nearly 200 yards and a single touchdown.

The guy has made every other offensive asset of his team a must-own fantasy player. Whether speaking of Donald Jones or Stevie Johnson, every weapon of his has shot up in value mainly because of the Fitz.

Calvin Johnson is the LeBron James of football. At six-foot-five, 245 pounds Johnson is a living freak of nature that snatches footballs and breaks hearts of defensive backs in the NFL.

After having Madden like statistics through week four, you would think Chicago would try and limit his big play capability.

They showed nothing of the sort. On five catches, Johnson had 130 yards and a touchdown.

In a city that has been through so many rough patches when it came to sports, Detroit finally has teams to look forward to watching, the Lions and Tigers.

UNDER THE CRUZAR

Joel Dreessen (Houston Texans)- No Andre Johnson

for a while means more fantasy wealth for everyone on the Texans. Five catches for 112 yards and a touchdown is not too shabby, especially when Dreessen is available in many leagues.

Johnson is out for another two weeks, most likely. Pick him up. Schaub pistol holder.

Doug Baldwin (Seattle Seahawks)- This young man showed how to shine when an opportunity is given. He exemplified what it means to be a role player off of the bench. Mike Williams goes down with a concussion, no problem. Baldwin takes his

spot and gets a whopping 136 yards on eight catches. Tavaris Jackson is improving and Baldwin will continue to perform. Backup Balling.

Darius Heyward-Bey (Oakland Raiders)- In honor of the death of Al Davis, the Raiders pulled out a big win against the Texans.

Davis’s prospect first round receiver played like his draft stock in his last two games. With 214 yards and one touchdown over the past two weeks, it seems the speedster is coming to his senses that he has potential.

With Oakland’s running attack as potent as it is, look

for Heyward-Bey to continue to produce for the silver and black. Finally Famous.

THE TRASH BIN

Eric Decker (Denver Broncos)- I understand he has been a fan favorite among fantasy owners. Kyle Orton has gotten the boot and Timmy Tebow has stepped in as the starting quarterback.

I do not know if Decker is going to get the same love that Orton showed him weeks one through five.

It does not look like it with Brandon Lloyd as Tebow’s number one target. Trash him.

Sam Bradford (St. Louis Rams)- I am not saying trash him just yet. It is very tough to play with absolutely no wide receivers and limping running backs.

His options are very limited. A more suitable option at this point would be to trade him for maybe a Tebow, plus a stronger asset. Trade him.

Johnny Knox (Chicago Bears)- Many owners have Knox at a flex position where one can fit a running back, receiver or tight end.

Get him out of there. With everyone feeling very sympathetic for Jay Cutler running like a chicken with his head cut off, Knox is definitely out of the equation in the Bears offense. Cut him loose.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Cup brings students together

ANGEL VALLEJOS
Staff Writer

With the smell of barbecue in the air, softballs and footballs being tossed around, it is easy to envision a barbecue in honor of Christopher Columbus Day.

The Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine and the College of Law held a gathering in which both colleges competed in three events, and the winner was to be crowned Dean's Cup champ.

"Today is all about fun," said Ed

Gesio, a law student.

The three contested events were kickball, softball and flag football; the winner of two out of three would go on to win the Dean's Cup.

Although a championship was at stake, students seemed to have a much more relaxed approach to the event.

Time and time again students would mention that this event was all about fun.

"We won the football game in resounding fashion. The score, I don't know, but it was a lot to a

little," said Gesio.

Gesio was very confident that the College of Law would win the cup.

"I think we already won; we won before the day started," he proudly boasted, never mind the fact that only one event was completed at the time.

And he was right: the College of Law beat the College of Medicine by a score of 21-7 to claim the first event.

The kickball game was a nail-

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MUSEUM BEAT

Curiosity encouraged



From left to right: "Column Trees" by Florencio Gelabert was a donation from a New York collector. It was added to the sculpture park in 2008, and is currently at Biscayne Bay Campus. Center: "Marty's Cube" by Tony Rosenthal was one of the sculptures that could have been removed from Modesto Maidique Campus in 2006, but students petitioned to keep the sculpture on campus. Right: "Tikkun", a new sculpture in front of the Frost Art Museum, is gaining popularity.

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Though all the sculptures hold their own value in the collection, there are those that have grown a reputation for bringing luck and goodwill among students. Marty's Cube by Tony Rosenthal, more affectionately called The Cube, is said to turn the tables of misfortune when a student spins the sculpture on exam days.

When monuments like The Cube were threatened to be taken away in 2006, students quickly rallied up petitions to defend all their rightful places on campus. "These art sculptures were a loan to the University, and over the years, they became part of the soul of our institution ...FIU has

become not just a sculpture ground, but a home to such amazing artifacts," the petitions stated.

Another sculpture that has been gaining popularity is Tikkun, which means "repairing the world" in Hebrew. Located just a few feet from the Frost Art Museum's doors, Tikkun is suspected to emit a positive energy toward those who come near it.

"We can't say that there are any healing properties to it, but students and visitors gravitate toward it and stick their hands out as if receiving some sort of energy," said Jessica Delgado, the Frost Art Museum's communication director.

Marta Ortiz, an art history major, said, "I

normally don't have much time to look around, but I really like the [Tikkun] globe sculpture. It's so detailed and has such a delicate and elemental feel to it. I really appreciate the work the artist put into it."

The Biscayne Bay Campus also showcases beautiful works in their outdoor Sculpture Garden, the most recent addition being Column Trees by Florencio Gelabert. In 2008, a donation from a New York collector and funding from the Art in State Building Program permanently installed the piece onto campus grounds. The sculpture is said to have a perfect balance of both nature and art.

The Frost Art Museum urges students to look at all

the sculptures, especially those that they initially do not understand at first glance.

"Sometimes, I want to know what was going through these artists' heads at the time they made their sculptures," admitted Joanna Lavilla, a nursing major. "Some of the sculptures don't really look like normal things, so I really wonder what their inspirations were."

The Frost staff wants to encourage this curiosity among students and send a message that each piece of art has personal meaning and is supposed to evoke some kind of response. So look around, do a little research and you could be surprised at what you can discover.

THE HIGH LOW



Mary's Court, a foundation created by Isiah Thomas and his wife, donated \$50,000 to the University's First Generation Fund.



Study says chocolate lovers have a lower risk of stroke.



Experts say that if one eats healthy, taking vitamins is useless.



Governor Rick Scott said he does not support more funding for education if students are getting degrees that are hard to employ, singling out anthropology as unnecessary.



Professor at a community college told a stuttering student to not speak in class.

REEL TO REEL

Remake still dances

With Hollywood seemingly running out of movies to remake, I would not blame you if you think the remake

of "Footloose" is going to be atrocious.

However, "Footloose" is a surprisingly entertaining movie that would make, to quote Kenny Loggins, "everybody

cut footloose."

After a horrible car crash that kills five teenagers, the council for the small town of Bomont, which is led by Rev. Shaw Moore (Dennis Quaid), enforces a law that bans public dancing and loud music. Years later, Ren McCormack (Kenny Wormald), a young Bostonian with some dance experience, moves to Bomont, where he seeks to fight against the council's rules as he slowly but surely

falls in love with the reverend's daughter, Ariel (Julianne Hough).

If you are walking into this movie expecting something different, do not count on it, because "Footloose" is basically the same story, except with modern music and some over-the-top choreography. Despite that, the movie is still fun to watch if you enjoy music and dancing.

Craig Brewer, the film's director, is known for "Hustle & Flow," which was infused with a great soundtrack and a familiarity with Southern culture. "Footloose" is no different.

"Footloose" does what the remake of "Fame" could not do: kept the spirit of the original movie intact. It truly shows in this movie that the filmmakers truly appreciated the original.

Brewer, who co-wrote the script with original "Footloose" writer Dean Pitchford, pays homage to the original 1984 film from the

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COLUMNIST



STEVE MESA

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Lessons learned while ordering delivery on campus

COLUMNIST



JASMYNE ELLIOTT

Ordering in may seem like a small luxury to some, but for college students living on campus, it is a necessity.

With late night study sessions and a not-too-reliable public transportation system, there comes a time when PG5, the Graham Center and even Fresh Foods will just not cut it.

However, with several restaurants that deliver to the residence halls, students that live on campus

have a plethora of dining options available. But before you pick up the phone, here are a few tips to keep in mind, as taken from my ordering inexperience.

KNOW WHERE YOU LIVE

It may seem like a stretch, but this is one of the most overlooked details when it comes to ordering in the residence halls.

Unless you are old school and receive letters, the actual address – zip code included – is not exactly paramount.

However, it is unlikely that the person taking your order on the other line will fully understand “Towers, room 315.” Make sure

that you have the address on hand.

Also, meet the delivery person at the bottom of the building; they do not need a grand tour of the residence hall.

GET AWAY FROM THE NOISE AND SPEAK CLEARLY

I learned this the hard way.

Normally, ordering Chinese from Ho Wah Restaurant, 11459 SW 40th St., Miami, FL 33165, is a pretty simple procedure.

However, when one has, say, a party of 15 to feed, things can get complicated. Honestly, I should have locked myself in a sound-proof room to place my order.

Instead, I stayed with the crowd

and shouted my order, which may have come off as rude. As a result, I had to place a second order for the rest of our food, as a quart of fried rice will not miraculously take care of 15 hungry college students.

DO YOUR MATH

For small orders, this may not be an issue. However, if you are ordering in for a crowd, make sure that you have the correct amount to pay for your food.

Some may have each person pay according to what they order, but I find it easier to simply divide the total by the number of people to avoid confusion. Do not forget to include sales tax and a possible

delivery fee.

BE NICE TO THE DELIVERY GUY

At times, when an order is messed up or late, customers have a tendency to take their anger out on the delivery guy.

Keep in mind, though, that it is rarely ever his fault, especially in the case of a mistaken order. Besides, he is the one that has to brave the mean streets of Miami to make sure you and other customers have dinner on the table. Make sure you treat – and tip! – him well.

Food for thought is a bi weekly food review column. Look for it every other Friday this fall.

“Footloose” does what the remake of ‘Fame’ could not do”

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opening sequence that features Kenny Loggins’ “Footloose” and shots of some dancing feet to Ren’s “angry dance.” Brewer successfully gives the setting a contemporary makeover that includes a fascinating reason why dance is prohibited in Bomont.

He also shows the importance of the adult characters in the story, especially with the characters played by Quaid and MacDowell.

With a young cast that is completely unknown, each actor does a great job with their role. Several well-known young actors like Zac Efron and Chace Crawford passed to play the role of Ren, the role that made Kevin Bacon famous, in Brewer’s film.

However, the role of Ren eventually went to Kenny Wormald, who used to be a trained dancer. Wormald does a decent job of filling the role



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Kenny Wormald (left) and Julianne Hough (right) star in the remake of “Footloose”, which is released on Oct. 14.

with a convincing set of dance moves.

Hough, who is best known as a dancer from TV’s “Dancing with the Stars,” could have been worse in her first film role. Even though it is better

than any acting you can find on MTV shows, she does what she can with the role -- whether it is crying her eyes out, flirting with Ren or performing some tantalizing dance moves.

Miles Fischer provides some

much needed comedy relief as Ren’s sidekick, Willard, especially in the scene where Ren is trying to teach Willard how to dance. John Lithgow’s performance as Rev. Moore was one of the highlights from the

original “Footloose,” despite the somewhat over-the-top delivery of his dialogue. Quaid is a bit stiff at first when the movie starts, but he really shines in the final act by delivering some strong, dramatic acting.

Brewer has directed films that involved music some way or another -- whether it is hip-hop and rap in “Hustle & Flow” or the Mississippi Blues movement in “Black Snake Moan.”

“Footloose” not only offers covers to the songs that were featured in the original movie, but there is also a variety of different music that includes metal, country and Memphis blues.

“Footloose” is the same old song and dance, but the movie is nothing more than harmless fun with a good soundtrack and some fantastic dance sequences.

Reel to Reel is a weekly movie review column. Look for it every Friday this fall.

Medical and law students blow steam at inaugural event

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biter. The College of Medicine won by a narrow margin of 2-0. The competition was tied up at one event for each college.

The deciding factor in determining the Dean’s Cup champ was softball.

The softball match turned out to be a battle of will. The College of Medicine won an exciting softball game by a score of 11-7 and was crowned the Dean’s Cup champ in its inaugural year.

After a brief celebration, everybody returned to the true spirit of the event, which was to have fun and gain a sense of community.

Many of the students at the event were new

to the Panther community.

Law student Emanuel Caros, a former student of Florida State University, believes events like the Dean’s Cup are a great way of bringing the community together.

“I think some cool things are happening to FIU. It’s rapidly becoming a really good school, and things like the Dean’s Cup is a great way of bringing the community together,” said Caros.

Students from the College of Medicine were also enthusiastic about the event and relished the opportunity to be a part of the community.

“I feel great about [being a member of the Panther community] -- I love it here. The

weather is nice, the people are nice,” said Dale Segal, a College of Medicine student from New York.

Still, other students have had an easier time than others assimilating to the University’s community.

“It’s pretty easy for me. I have friends down here [in Miami], so I kind of joined up with them. But aside from that, the college is really open, so it’s easy to find your niche,” said Luis Carrillo, a first-year medical student.

Faculty members from both colleges were also present to enjoy the festivities. Many took part in the sporting events while others raided the barbecue area. Tom Baker, a constitutional law professor, felt that it was great to have a

big student turnout.

“This is a great event to get the medical students and the law students together. It’s a fun event, good food and friendly competition,” said Baker.

Baker believes that these kinds of events are necessary for students and faculty to relax after a long semester.

“The cliché is we work hard and play hard; that’s the whole idea of letting off some steam. Medical and law students work hard, so this is good for them to kick back and enjoy themselves,” he said.

One thing all students can agree on is that winning the Dean’s Cup is not as important as having fun.

UPCOMING WEEKEND EVENTS

FRIDAY, OCT. 14

- **FIU Volleyball at WKU:** 7-10 p.m., Bowling Green, Ky.
- **FIU Women’s Soccer vs. North Texas:** 7-9 p.m., FIU Soccer Stadium
- **FIU Studio Jazz Big Band and Jazz Drumming Legend Ignacio Berroa:** 7:30-9:30 p.m., Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center, Concert Hall, \$15.00 general admission, \$10 seniors and FIU faculty/staff, \$5.00 FIU students and FIU Alumni Association members

SATURDAY, OCT. 15

- **Vocal Arts Series: FIU and Florida Grand Opera:** 7:30-9:30 p.m., Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center, Concert Hall, \$15.00 general admission, \$10 seniors and FIU faculty/staff, \$5.00 FIU students and FIU Alumni Association members
- **Wine on Harvest Moon:** 7-10:30 p.m., Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72nd Ave Palmetto Bay, FL 33157-2500

SUNDAY, OCT. 16

- **FIU Women’s Soccer vs. Denver:** 12-2 p.m., FIU Soccer Stadium
- **FIU Volleyball at Middle Tennessee:** 2-5 p.m., Murfreesboro, Tenn.
- **FIU Men’s Soccer at SMU:** 8-10 p.m., Dallas, Texas

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT COUNCIL COMMENTARY

Even with improvements, SGA must be scrutinized

ALEX SORONDO
Staff Writer

In speaking repeatedly about the continuous wrongdoings of a particular person or entity, espousing frustration with their ceaseless shortcomings, you run the risk of coming to consider them your enemy, even if you might not really care much about them beyond what professional boundaries within which you bump heads.

Similarly, should you point to their mistakes and admonish their indiscretions only to then look away when they tend to your concerns and then make no mention of their progress, your criticism will soon fall mute as it becomes clear that, rather than a voice of vigilance, you are just an insatiable curmudgeon with a platform from which to blather.

Thus, credit is due to the Student Government Association for a well-conducted meeting on Oct. 10, where elections were held, voices were heard and progress was announced in almost every college. Although most senators reported only their

imminent student surveying, at least they spoke up and stayed focused. Senators stayed off of Facebook, and there was little texting to be seen, which is a considerable improvement from the prior meetings.

Still though, that there should even be a need for such improvement and that, once achieved, it should be heralded as great and certifiable progress is pretty unfortunate. Achievements thus fall far short of clearing the deep-staining stigma of SGA's previous and potentially recurrent disregard for order, attentiveness, progress, attendance, transparency, efficiency and fidelity to the public they represent and are appointed to serve.

Seeing our SGA make progress five meetings into the semester has prompted me to consider the nature and necessity of political criticism, and the uniqueness of its hassle when you get into college, where the corridors of power are now strolled by your peers, your friends and you as the critic—whether in a newspaper column or a campus conversation—are confronted with the dissonance

of knowing that your representatives may not be doing their job well, that they are being lazy or deceptive and ought to be revealed.

At the same time, you feel this reflexive kick of empathy, knowing that your senators also have mid-terms, quarrels with financial aid, headaches over traffic, a miserable time finding parking and a full load of classes, just like you and me. So, it feels less than compassionate to start grinding them for their shortcomings in a position that would probably be difficult to completely satisfy, even if it was all we focused on.

However, just as the average English major marvels at the math major's passion for numbers, and the math major weeps where an English major smiles, neither one understanding how the other can feel as they do, so too must we commoners marvel at and appreciate the fact that there are students who, sweating through all of the same sorts of collegiate hells that we do, still have the energy and interest to pursue government work, with all

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of its responsibilities and demands.

It is one thing to start out in SGA with energy and good intentions, another to keep them intact.

As the semester progresses and the burdens of school, work and personal life start to tangle in a palimpsest of troubles, we come to distinguish between the senators who care and the ones just padding their resumes.

When, as a representative, it seems that the people you represent neither keep an eye on nor fully understand the work that you do, a sense of freedom begins to accrue. Autonomy, for a mind of political aspiration, begets an inclination to shortcuts and ethical misdemeanors. Getting away with them builds ego, ego begets laziness and laziness, coupled with ego, lathered with

power and marinated in the sewage of political aspiration can breed little Nixonian mutants who will bend the rules and abuse their power to no end.

Ethics are quick to erode under the sway of laziness in any politician who, without a critic's eye on their agendas, comes to consider him- or herself above consequence, invisible in their misdeeds and thus to underestimate the interest and intelligence of the people they represent.

The SGA is on a good track now, but we cannot lose sight of the fact that it has a hideously sketchy past. Ultimately, it is composed of human beings with agendas, jobs, classes, families and a limited stock of energy as the rest of us. We pay them to do a job, and we need to make sure they do it.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Article lacks credible support, research

I am writing in regards to the Oct. 5 editorial entitled “Democrats Using Religion as a Distraction.” [Based on] my own political and religious beliefs, I found the article appalling on account of the complete absence of evidence.

The author paraphrased one writer, Bill Keller, executive editor of the *New York Times* (not even quoting him directly), saying that he “compares the candidates’ religious beliefs to belief in UFOs while calling for harder hitting questions to find out exactly what they believe.” Not only does he not quote Keller directly, but he doesn’t even list Keller’s examples of what kinds of questions he wants to see [as] cited directly from Keller’s article:

- Do you agree with those religious leaders who say that America is a “Christian nation” or a “Judeo-Christian nation,” and what does that mean in practice?
- Would you have any hesitation about appointing a Muslim to the federal bench? What about an atheist?
- What is your attitude toward the theory of evolution, and do you believe it should be taught in public schools?

Does the author not consider these appropriate questions?

The author of the editorial then proceeded to say his comments were one of many. Yet, no other examples were cited. Any decent journalist ought to have not only quoted Keller directly, but provided more sources to back his claim.

The author also claims that Bush’s religious beliefs were criticized. By whom, exactly? What

beliefs are we even talking about here, his Methodist faith, or his claims that God told him to invade Iraq?

He also claimed that Governor Rick Perry’s attendance of a prayer rally was “vulnerable to become the political scandal of the month.” He neglected to mention that Perry organized the rally, which is more than just attending. He also did not mention any of the reasons why people were objecting. For instance:

- The separation of church and state issues
- The Christians-only message and using the rally to convert non-Christians The anti-gay message
- The backing and attendance of controversial groups

This is why people objected to Perry’s prayer rally. It wasn’t about him attending a prayer rally in and of itself (which, again, he didn’t just attend – he’s responsible for it).

Last, Democrats have been trying to address the economy and unemployment. The jobs bill, for instance, [are] trying to protect funding for job training programs that Republicans want to cut. To claim that they’ve done nothing is inaccurate.

I was able to find all of the above links in approximately 20 minutes (*editor’s note: see info box*).

Again, this is not about the article’s position, but rather the complete absence of evidence to support his point, relying instead on sweeping inaccurate generalizations. The author is entitled to his opinions, of course, but *The Beacon* should demand from its writers that they (a) do

more research, and (b) provide more evidence to back their claims. Based on this article, the author did neither.

-Ian Nathaniel Cohen
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VERBATIM

“And that’s the thing about people who mean everything they say. They think everyone else does too.”

-Khaled Hosseini

“A woman is like a tea bag - you can’t tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water.”

-Eleanor Roosevelt

“The issue of economics is not something I’ve understood as well as I should.”

-John McCain

“Young wives are the leading asset of corporate power.”

-Ralph Nader

“But you have to do what you dream of doing even while you’re afraid.”

-Arianna Huffington

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Field resolution tabled; SJMC Senator appointed

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Contributing Writer

The Student Government Council at the Biscayne Bay Campus has moved the resolution to renovate the various recreational fields across BBC until the following senate meeting.

An ongoing process, which has seen two consecutive vetoes from SGC-BBC President, Denise Halpin, will be presented to her again before the next SGC-BBC Senate meeting on Oct. 17.

The issue is wording rather than content, according to Speaker of the Senate Pablo Haspel. A section of the resolution which mentions the words “bad field” had diction mistakes, which caused President Halpin to veto the resolution last week.

According to Haspel, Senator at Large Oluwatobi Adekoya drafted the original resolution, as further changes have been made in an attempt to appease Halpin’s concerns.

School of Journalism and Mass Communication Senator Appointed

Kevin Houston, a junior advertising major, was appointed as the School of Journalism and Mass Communication Senator by a vote of 4 to 1. A Palm Beach Community College transfer, Houston mentioned his goals of making improvements to *The Beacon* and Radiate FM prior to his appointment being voted upon.

However, it should be noted both *The Beacon* and Radiate FM are part of FIU Student Media, independent from the School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

EATING RIGHT



ANA TERESA DELUZ/THE BEACON

Wei Ding, senior hospitality major, provides Bay Vista Housing residents with a healthy cooking and eating demonstration by preparing fajitas for those in attendance on Oct. 11.

‘Meet Your Dean’ to be held at BBC

JONATHAN SZYDLO
BBC Managing Editor

On Oct. 17, the Student Government Council at the Biscayne Bay Campus will be hosting ‘Meet Your Dean’ at the Wolfe University Center 223, at 12 p.m.

The event is being held as a means to bridge the gap between students and their respective administration.

As of Oct. 12, the School of Journalism and Mass Communication Dean, Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver;

the Director of the School of Environment, Arts and Society, Michael Heithaus; College of Arts and Sciences Associate Chair, Jeremy Rowan; Undergraduate Education Assistant Dean, Valerie Morgan; Honors College Dean, Lesley Northup; and University Graduate School Dean, Lakshmi N. Reddi have confirmed to be present at the event.

All are welcome to attend. Food will be provided on a first come first serve basis.

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Obama fundraising Orlando, met by protesters

MIKE SCHNEIDER
Associated Press

President Obama is raising money in central Florida Tuesday, even though the biggest source of money for him in the state has come from Miami and other areas of South Florida.

The president’s visit to the Orlando area includes a fund-raiser at a hotel in downtown Orlando and one at the home of attorney John Morgan. Professional basketball celebrities Doc Rivers, Grant Hill and Patrick Ewing are co-sponsoring the Morgan fund-raiser.

Even before Air Force One had touched down at Orlando International Airport, about 60 protesters had gathered outside the hotel with signs that read “Obama Done” and “Stop Spending.” The protesters ranged in age from college students to senior citizens.

Ron Sutton, 54, wore a T-shirt that linked Obama with Karl Marx and Vladimir Lenin.

“I’ve been waiting nearly three years to tell Obama about his failed policies,” said Sutton,



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a self-described independent.

Obama did have a few supporters, including a grade-school-age boy on a bicycle who held up a sign, “We love you, Mr. Obama.”

About 60 of the curious gathered at the closest public spot to Morgan’s mansion — an upscale strip mall about a half-mile away.

Yellow police tape marked off the entrance of the gated community where Morgan lives.

Office workers came straight from their jobs and some martial arts students were fresh from their class, still dressed in their white karate uniforms.

“I’m hoping just for a glimpse of the pres-

ident,” said Brenda Anderson, 47, who was with her 9-year-old daughter, Zaria.

The crowd cheered when Orlando Magic star Dwight Howard, helmetless, drove by on a motorcycle emblazoned with a Superman ‘S.’

Obama has raised \$1.1 million in Florida through June, the latest period for which detailed figures are available. The only places where Obama has raised more are California, New York, Illinois, Massachusetts, Texas and the District of Columbia.

Among possible Republican challengers, only Mitt Romney has raised more money in Florida — about \$350,000 more than Obama.

Retirees represented the largest group of Florida donors to Obama followed by lawyers and executives. Romney’s biggest source of Florida donors were executives. While Romney has raised more money in Florida than Obama through June, Obama’s donors have come from a wider range of ZIP codes — 410 different ZIP codes versus Romney’s 270 ZIP codes. Florida has around 950 ZIP codes.