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FOOTBALL

GOOD KNIGHT!

Golden Panthers topple Knights and remain unbeaten

JACKSON WOLEK
Staff Writer

Last week, FIU proved they could beat a BCS opponent. This week, the Golden Panthers showed that they can defeat an in-state opponent without their star player.

In front of a record 20,205 home attendance, the Golden Panthers got the best of Central Florida and came away with a victory to keep them undefeated.

For the first time in school history, the football program is now 3-0 in what had all the makings of an instant rivalry.

The defense and a huge special team's mistake by cornerback Josh Robinson of UCF were the biggest contributors to a narrow victory, 17-10.

Kedrick Rhodes who missed some practice over the week due to family issues, carried the ball 16 times and gained 93 yards to help FIU's

running game.

Rhodes was a key contributor to the offense in the second half.

"Up front, our lineman worked hard, I had 93 [yards], I was trying to get 100 but our linemen did good upfront," said Rhodes. "I praise them for that, every time we get off the field I tell them good job, dab them up and it makes them go harder."

The win moves them to 3-0 on the season, and continues to give them spotlight in an already historic season for beating a University of Central Florida team that before the game received top 25 votes in the AP poll.

"In my opinion, it's a top 25 football team, but at the same it gives you an idea that our program, FIU football, is rising and rising fast," said head coach Mario Cristobal.

UCF jumped out to

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KRISTI CAMARA/THE BEACON

Defensive end Paul Crawford celebrates with FIU fans after their victory over UCF, Saturday, Sept. 17. The Panthers ended the night with a 17-10 win, improving to 3-0 for the first time in the program's history.

COLLEGE OF LAW

Florida Supreme Court Justice speaks at College of Law

ANTHONY FIGUEROA
Contributing Writer

The College of Law's Black Law Student Association invited a member of Florida's highest court to give students tips for them to keep in mind on their path to the court room.

BLSA hosted Florida Supreme Court Justice Peggy Quince and a panel of five other judges on Sept. 15 in the Rafael-Diaz Balart Hall to educate law students on clerkship and opportunities. Students eagerly filled the entire room waiting for Justice Quince and the other judges to begin the presentation.

Before addressing the University's faculty and law students, R. Alexander Acosta, dean of the College of Law, delivered a quick speech about Justice Quince.

In his speech, Acosta hailed Quince as being a pro-active member of the community who is always willing to give back.

Quince views her role as greater than merely serving on the Court, according to Acosta.

"She makes an effort to be a leader in our profession and in our community" Acosta said, before giving the podium to Quince.

Quince began by addressing the College of Law students as "the future of the legal profession."

She then started comparing issues the students are going to have to face in the legal world, issues such as the economy, the availability of jobs, and globalization.

In regards to law school, the justice mentioned several key factors needed to make the best law school experience.

First, she mentioned the student's class experience.

"Having a great classroom experience is important" said Quince.

Quince, during her lecture, pushed law



Peggy Quince
Florida Supreme Court Justice

students to begin writing law journals and participating in mock trials and becoming involved.

Lastly, she stressed law students to search for internships and clerkships at firms and courts.

Speaking from experience, the justice recommended and stated the great benefits of

clerking at the Florida Supreme Court.

Interns at the Florida Supreme Court open themselves to all sorts of cases such as criminal and civil. She also stated that many who intern at the Florida Supreme Court become staff attorneys at the Court, which is consid-

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Check out the Sports section in the Sept. 21 issue for a recap of the women's volleyball game against UCF.

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SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Expert on Kabbalah shares perspective on religion

JONATHAN SIMMONS
Contributing Writer

About 100 University students and faculty members gathered in the Graham Center Auditorium on the afternoon of Sept. 13 to hear a lecture by Dr. Michael Laitman, an expert on Kabbalah and the author of over a dozen books on the subject.

The School of International and Public Affairs sponsored Laitman's lecture and the Middle East Studies Program, the Department of Religious Studies, the TAK Honor Society and the Consulate General of Israel to Florida and Puerto Rico co-sponsored it.

Kabbalah is generally defined as Jewish mysticism, but Laitman's lecture, titled "Kabbalah and Nature," presented it as a form of ancient universal wisdom, dating back almost

6,000 years, about the manner in which the universe functions.

Speaking in Hebrew through a translator, Laitman said "the science of Kabbalah" is particularly relevant to humanity today.

Ancient Kabbalistic texts, said Laitman, speak of "... one force that acts in the world, which ... encompasses the world and governs reality and us within it."

Laitman said humanity's task is to discover this force and recognize the manner in which the world is interconnected.

According to Laitman, even in inanimate systems, such as the universe as a whole, there is a balance between the different parts that allow the system to sustain itself.

"The only place where [this balance] doesn't exist," he said, "is in human society ... We have to achieve

that balance."

Laitman also addressed the political implications of this worldview, saying the current international crisis presents a chance for humanity to unite and "... live as a single body, with one heart."

Our modern consumer society, said Laitman, is unsustainable, and humanity needs "... a society of balanced consumption, where everyone receives ... what is sufficient for this world."

"I'm hopeful," he said, "... we will eventually decide to create a global government, a global system that runs this system as a whole."

Many students, like sophomore criminal justice major Christopher Bolanos, attended the lecture with Dr. Whitney Bauman's Earth Ethics class.

"It was interesting that he said .

... that our consumer society has to be changed to a society of balanced consumption in order to better our situation and environment," Bolanos said.

Jonathan Biro and Leilani Echezabal, both members of FIU Shalom, commented after the lecture on Laitman's statements about the relationship between humanity and nature.

"I find it very fascinating how much Kabbalah has to do with the environment and nature," said Biro, a senior psychology major. "I was interested to hear about how our human fate will end up promoting pro-environment and pro-ecological initiatives."

Echezabal, a graduate student studying higher education administration, said she liked Laitman's emphasis on harmony.

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author and expert on Kabbalah

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ally connect harmoniously, and ... his idea of being harmonious, as one person with one heart.”

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Non-Profit Global Health Interest Group travels abroad to provide medical aid to the less fortunate

ANGEL VALLEJOS
Contributing Writer

The Non-Profit Global Health Interest Group combines global health and non-profit management under the umbrella of helping.

As student organization at the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, the group's main goal is to teach students how to setup non-profit organizations. The group's founding adviser is faculty member Dr. Pilar Martin, clinical assistant professor.

There are 30 students involved with the organization with their interests varying between non-profit management and global

health. However, one thing they have in common is their desire to help others.

Although this student organization is starting its second year, ambition is the mantra it follows.

According to Martin, the group, in conjunction with the Internal Medicine Interest Group, traveled to Haiti during the Thanksgiving break to provide health care to those in need under direct supervision of medical professionals. Each student pays for the trips themselves.

Events like this highlight the level of interest exist in non-profit global health as not many students are willing to give up their vacation to help others.

Community involvement does not end there, throughout the year the students work with numerous free clinics in the area to better enhance their learning.

Running a free clinic, as opposed to a regular clinic, requires savvy business sense, according to Martin.

"It's all about business management, and our students learn that," Martin said.

Martin noted the College of Business provides workshops to further help students grasp the fundamental skills they will need when managing their own non-profit clinics in the future.

This all plays into the philosophy of the College of Medicine's message of commu-

nity involvement.

Unlike most medical schools that allow students to begin seeing patients in their third year of medical school, the College of Medicine allows students to see patients in their first year.

This baptism by fire is designed to let students acclimate to real world problems and learn how to solve them.

Thus the students in the Non-Profit Health and Interest Group get to learn from those with a passion in their field such as their own adviser.

"It's my passion," Martin said. "It's not an interest, it's my passion."

Like Martin, many of the students in the group have the fundamental belief that every human has the right to medical care with or without insurance.

"Students discuss topics like this in class, and we respect any kind of opinion, but in my opinion it [the U.S. health care system] is not the best system," Martin said. "The current system is more expensive [than universal health care] because people without health insurance wait until an emergency to see a doctor as opposed to taking preventive measures. Just like we have a free public schools system people should have the opportunity to health care."

Health care isn't the only thing discussed in meetings; they also discuss how living conditions affect health.

When people are living in bad housing conditions and are being exposed to "risk factors," which can cause people to get sick such as mold.

They can also develop long term health defects such as respiratory problems. Martin's students learn how everything is interrelated.

The College of Medicine and the Non-Profit and Global Health Interest Group have fostered the interest of non-profit global health in students through community involvement.

When seeing her students Martin feels assured the future generations of doctors will be more aware of the needs of the patients as opposed to their potential paycheck.

"It does take a special kind of person to join this field," Martin said.

RUN FOR FREEDOM



ROBERTO JIMENEZ/THE BEACON

Six hundred runners came out to run for freedom in the 5K Freedom Run at the J.C. Bermudez Park in the City of Doral on Sept. 10. The event was introduced by Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez and commemorated the tragedy of 9/11. It was followed by a P.A.R.K. Festival. For a full story on what happened check out the Life! Section.

NEWS FLASH

LOCAL

Officials urge Fla. drivers to report crash scams

State officials are urging Florida drivers to watch out for insurance scams, among other road hazards.

Florida Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater says staged accidents and insurance fraud are causing premiums to rise.

According to the Sun Sentinel, the insurance industry says Florida drivers each pay an additional \$50 a year in insurance premiums because of fraudulent personal injury protection-related claims.

On Thursday, Atwater and officials from Allstate Insurance and the Miami-Dade Police Department demonstrated how staged accidents can force rear-end collisions.

NATIONAL

Calif. schools turn away unvaccinated students

California schools are turning away middle and high school students who have not received the whooping cough vaccine as required under a law passed last year after a historic spike in cases of the potentially fatal disease.

Lawmakers passed a 30-day extension this summer as districts worried many students wouldn’t meet the deadline. Under California law, students also can still attend if their parents file a form saying they oppose vaccines.

No statewide estimates of the number of students turned away is available because districts are not required to report their final vaccination tally until December, state education officials said.

WORLD

Jews worried by Vatican gesture to traditionalists

Jewish groups are voicing concern about the Vatican’s latest bid to reconcile with a group of breakaway traditionalist Catholics.

The groups are calling for continued observance of the church’s official teachings about Judaism and other faiths.

The Anti-Defamation League and others accuse the Society of St. Pius X, which includes a Holocaust-denying bishop, of promoting anti-Semitism.

The Vatican told the society this week it must accept core church teachings if it wants to be reintegrated into the church.

– Compiled by Melissa Caceres

University expands to downtown

MELISSA CACERES
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The University is continuously expanding its presence in the community, this time it is in the financial district of Miami’s Brickell Avenue and Lincoln Road.

With its one of its newest campuses open for business on Friday Sept. 16, the downtown facility located on 1101 Brickell Ave. will house several graduate programs in public administration, business and global governance.

It will also be the location of The Metropolitan Center, a public affairs center focused on economic development, land use, housing and applied social research.

“As an anchor institution in South Florida, FIU needs to be where our students are,” said FIU President Mark B. Rosenberg in a press release. “Our growth strategy focuses our teaching, research and creative energies in service to and engagement

with our community. Both Brickell and Lincoln Road are key engines of community creativity.”

At the facility, it will be the first time that a Master of Arts in Global Governance, will be offered through the School of International and Public Affairs.

“We are delighted to be able to bring our extraordinary MAGG degree to professionals already working in the area,” said College of Arts and Sciences Dean Kenneth Furton in the press release. “We are also pleased that the Metropolitan Center, which has a long history of working with our urban leaders, will continue to serve that community at this new location.”

FIU Downtown on Brickell covers 32,000 square feet that will offer classrooms, case rooms, faculty and administrative offices and dining facilities.

“Downtown Miami is now a vibrant urban center where people not

only work but live — with 200,000 workers in the area daily and more than 70,000 residents calling it home,” said Miami Downtown Development Authority Director Alyce Robertson.

On Tuesday Sept. 20, the Miami Beach Urban Studios, located on 420 Lincoln Road, will be inaugurated.

The facility will offer graduate design studios for architecture, landscape architecture and interior architecture students, practice rooms for music students, exhibition and graduate studios for visual arts students, performance spaces for theatre students, and classrooms for communication arts students.

“The arts are vital to the spirit of our community and serve as economic drivers,” said College of Architecture and The Arts Dean Brian Schriner. “We are fortunate to be able to provide our students the opportunity to engage with our communities while pursuing their professional studies on Lincoln Road.”

Quince emphasizes professionalism

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ered positively by law firms and therefore beneficial when searching for jobs.

“No downside for clerkships,” stated Quince, “If you can do it, do it.”

In the second portion of her speech, Quince discussed the aspect of the law. She recommended to the law students engage in a class of professionalism, which entails how to act professionally with clients, other lawyers and individuals.

“The profession is only as good as the lawyer” Quince said.

As a lawyer and professional, Quince promoted and explained the virtues of volunteering and giving back to the community.

She also mentioned the efforts being made to get more lawyers to participate in pro-bono, cases in which lawyers work for free.

To wrap up her speech, Quince told the future lawyers to maintain relations with the judicial branch because it is the responsibility

of the people to ensure that judicial branch maintains the standard of “fair and just resolutions.”

Once finished, a forum opened for the remainder of the time in which Justice Quince and the other five justices were able to discuss their personal experiences as

a judge and what important aspects future lawyers should consider if pursuing the road of a judge. The pre-submitted questions asked during the forum were directed at the judges’ reasons for becoming a judge and the steps that each personal judge took in achieving their goal.

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KNIGHTS OUT



PHOTOS BY KRISTI CAMARA/THE BEACON

TOP LEFT: Paul Crawford [#92] runs towards the end zone after picking up a fumble that was eventually called back because a Knight player was ruled down towards the end of the first half.

TOP RIGHT: T.Y. Hilton gestures towards the crowd just before time was ran out in the fourth quarter and an FIU win was imminent.

LEFT: Jonathan Cyprien [#7] motions for the fans to make noise during a defensive stand.

ABOVE: Record crowd of 20,205, mixed with fans from both schools, watched the game.

Defense shines, role players rise in midst of T.Y. injury

All week, the game plan for the UCF Golden Knights was one thing and one thing only: stop T.Y. Hilton. Well, they did that. What they didn't plan on was the rest of the team picking up the slack.

COMMENTARY



BRANDON WISE

The rivalry has officially kicked off. With both teams riding 2 straight wins, fans from both schools making a lot of noise, the game had to match up to the hype surrounding it.

The entire week has been about what will T.Y. Hilton be able to do against the formidable UCF defense, which had not allowed a touchdown in their last three

games. It was the FIU defense that got the last laugh.

The defense had the tough assignment of stopping the slippery Jeff Godfrey. He slid around the pocket, left and right, doing anything and everything to avoid FIU's dastardly defense.

The unit played as advertised and held an offense that was expected to come in and roll to just seven points.

Those seven points were also not easy to come by. After two penalties on two different 3rd down-plays, the Golden Knights had seven shots at scoring. Finally, Jeff Godfrey made it into the end zone.

That would be the last time the Knights would knife in for a score. After a total effort on defense and an excellent game

plan by Todd Orlando; the defense should be knighted.

NO T.Y. NO PROBLEM

Midway through the second quarter, Wesley Carroll looked for Hilton on a slant route down the middle of the field. The senior bobbled the ball about three different times before the ball fell to the turf as awkwardly as Hilton.

With Heisman hopeful in the locker room, the Golden Panthers were without a spark and about to be in a big hole.

Isame Faciane changed all of that with one play.

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Record crowd of 20,205 witness hallmark victory

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an early 7-0 lead in an 18-play, 94-yard drive that lasted just under 11 minutes orchestrated by Jeff Godfrey who finished it off with a 1-yard touchdown run.

When FIU got the ball back, things got worse. Not only did

T.Y. Hilton bobble a pass down the middle that may have scored him a touchdown, the Heisman hopeful also injured his right hamstring on the play. Hilton returned in the second half, but was unable to make much of a difference afterwards.

It looked bleak for FIU without Hilton, but the defense broke

through late in the second half. Tevin Blanchard forced a fumble on Godfrey, scooped up by Isame Faciane, who took 51 yards to the endzone to tie the game up 7-7 with six seconds left in the opening half.

A huge muffed punt by Robinson of UCF gave the ball back to the

Golden Panthers on the 8-yard line in the third quarter, which led to a 4-yard touchdown run from Darriet Perry. It was the 24th of his career, tying a program record with Rashod Smith. The touchdown gave the Golden Panthers a 14-7 lead.

After a Jack Griffin 27-yard

field goal, the Knights responded in the last three minutes of the game when they drove into the redzone.

Two broken passes by defensive back Chuck Grace forced UCF to come out with only a field goal. FIU recovered the onside kick and milked the clock to end to secure the win.

MEN'S SOCCER

Golden Panthers able to hang on for win over Ospreys

ANDRES LEON
Staff Writer

The Golden Panthers continued home play on Friday, Sept. 16 against North Florida. FIU was ready to earn their third victory against the Ospreys.

Lucas Di Croce continued to play in top form, after recording his second goal for FIU. Di Croce finished a one-on-one against North Florida keeper, Frederico Bertele.

In the 28' minute, Di Croce received a controlled ball in the six-yard box from Quentin Albrecht and finished the ball with a right-footed shot to the left corner of the goal.

"It feels good to keep scoring for my team, but we definitely have to finish more plays and put teams away early," Di Croce said after scoring the opener for FIU.

As the first half came to a close, Di Croce found the back of the net again

in the 38' minute to give FIU a two-goal lead. Chris Lamarre lobbed a ball deep into the Osprey defensive third to find Di Croce at the end of it.

The senior forward controlled the ball with pace and slipped it passed the North Florida keeper for the second time.

Di Croce pushed for the hat trick and recorded a third shot on goal, after trying to chip it by Bertele at the close of the half.

In the second half, the Golden Panthers felt the pressure from the Ospreys, as NFU continued to counter attack. FIU lost focus and conceded to North Florida forward Oscar Castillo.

Castillo fired a left footed screamer past Eric Reyes for NFU in the 47' minute.

"We obviously have to finish more plays to put the game out of reach for our opponents." Team captain Anthony Hobbs continued, "As far as their



Mario Uribe [above, right] tries to get past an Osprey defender during their 2-1 home victory over the North Florida on Sept. 16.

goal, we just fell asleep at midfield and that brought our defense out of place, I came right by the shooter but too strong of a finish in

the end."

FIU out played the Ospreys in every category. The Golden Panthers out shot the opposition 19-7

and earned seven corners throughout the match while holding NFU to two.

Playing for the first time this season was Jhonander

Camargo. Camargo saw 20 minutes of time after spending six months recovering from a herniated disk.

The Spanish international looked in top shape, holding his line well and booting away a few crosses from NFU.

"It felt good to finally play and hopefully I can continue to improve and contribute to the team," said Camargo.

Eric Reyes also played well between the posts; recording four saves and only letting one shot get by him.

"This is a game we should have won by more, and we let this team creep up against us."

Coach Munga Eketebi continued, "We still got the results we wanted, and this will definitely transfer some confidence to our game on Sunday."

FIU (3-2-2) looks to gain more momentum against conference opponent Georgia State.

KRISTI CAMARA/THE BEACON

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Oregon State pounds FIU in devastating 7-0 defeat

ANTHONY GUIVAS
Staff Writer

With FIU riding a two game losing streak at the hands of the Kansas City Roos and Florida Gulf Coast, the Panthers looked towards getting back to their winning ways.

But to end their current skid, the Golden Panthers had to travel to Oregon to face off against a potent Oregon State offensive team that has been regularly in the top 25 for the past few years.

FIU stood no chance in a 7-0 loss at the hands of the Beavers on the road in one of the worst losses in recent memory.

Oregon State, from the get go, was the constant

aggressor as they penetrated FIU territory multiple times.

Thankfully for FIU, their goalkeeper Kaitlyn

regulation.

Sadly for FIU, Savage could not keep OSU off the board for much longer, as OSU broke through in the

score.

OSU was then up 1-0 and they never looked back as they ended up scoring two more times in a span

in minute 30:16 Chelsea Buckland scored once again with a penalty kick.

The half concluded with OSU having a 3-0 lead and momentum securely in their grasp. But besides the shocking score at the half was the outrageous differential in shots between FIU and OSU.

The Panthers had a grand total of 2 shots at the half compared to OSU's mind bottling 16 shots.

"We played a very good team that hasn't scored many goals this season but they were hitting on all cylinders tonight," Coach Thomas Chestnutt said.

"Everything on the night went well for them and they had some fantastic goals ... their shooting was

very spot on tonight."

With half time coming to a close the Golden Panthers and Beavers took to the pitch but with the same tone that completed the first half.

The Beavers continued to control the tempo of the game and gave FIU fits up and down the field.

So as much as FIU tried to keep OSU at bay, it was to no avail as OSU scored once again.

This time it was a beautiful header off the cross by Justyne Freud that put her team up 4-0 in the 57th minute of regulation.

Even though the game was looking as a clear cut win for Oregon State,

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Everything on the night went well for them and they had some fantastic goals... We can only keep learning so many times.

Thomas Chestnutt,
Head Coach
FIU Women's Soccer

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Savage made some incredible saves early on, which kept OSU off the board for the first 21 minutes of

23rd minute of regulation.

Chelsea Buckland dribbled through the defense and past the keeper to

of eight minutes.

Jacy Drobney scored in the 27th minute with a shot at the top of the box,

Back-to-back key wins will help bolster national image

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With the ball at midfield and the Golden Knights looking to score just before half-time, Jeff Godfrey tried to make something happen.

Under pressure, Godfrey tried to escape, but was met by Tevin Blachard in the back-field. On the sack, Godfrey fumbled the ball and Faciane ran in, picked it up and went 51 yards the other way for the game tying touchdown. The big fella found the end zone and the pile up was on.

WELCOME WAYNE TIMES

When Hilton went down, the Golden Knights assumed they were in the clear and

went into cruise control. The only problem is they didn't account for the fact that FIU has more weapons in their arsenal. Enter Wayne Times. The junior was left with huge shoes to fill, but fill them he did.

Leading the team in receiving yards and catches, Times stepped up on multiple occasions in places where Hilton would have been in use.

DISPROVING THE DOUBTERS

This team has done nothing but prove questioners wrong all season. Tonight was the prefect example of how the Golden Panthers have shown resiliency to adversity.

T.Y. Hilton carried this team through the first two weeks of the season and the

Golden Panthers were banking on him again tonight.

However, it didn't work out that way and other players had to step up, and they did just that.

The running game got back on track after a week on misery up in Louisville. Kedrick Rhodes, who battled through family issues throughout the week, ran the rock with power and speed.

With 93 yards rushing, he gave the Golden Panther offense the spark it needed to get by without Hilton.

The determination that the Golden Panther defense showed to fight back after getting punched in the mouth by an 18 play, 10 minute and 40 second drive. They

outplayed the supposed best defense in the nation all night and showed that they should be in consideration as one of the nation's best.

The defense was able to keep Jeff Godfrey from throwing a touchdown pass for his third consecutive game.

This game goes a long way in showing that this FIU football is for real and is deeper than only T.Y. Hilton.

There is no reason for the Golden Panthers to not be getting more and more national attention after two straight huge wins.

They just beat the best team on their schedule, it is all about not having a let down game from here out.

MEN’S BASKETBALL

Busy week includes new coaching hire, schedule release

MALCOLM SHIELDS
Staff Writer

The complete 2011-2012 schedule for the Golden Panthers’ men’s basketball team was released on Sept. 13.

As reported during the summer by The Beacon, the Golden Panthers will begin their season participating in the NIT Season Tip-Off against George Mason on Nov. 14.

If FIU defeats George Mason, they will play the winner of the Virginia Tech – Monmouth game.

“It’s great for us being in the NIT playing against George Mason and the possibility of Virginia Tech next. We want that type of competition,” Head Coach Isiah Thomas said. “We try to make a very tough non-conference schedule to prepare us for the conference [schedule].”

Other notable non-conference games for FIU will be their home opener against Coastal Carolina on Nov. 26 and back-to-back games against the Maryland Terrapins from the ACC on Dec. 14, and the Atlantic-10 opponent, the Dayton Flyers on Dec. 17.

The Golden Panthers’ last non-conference game will be against Bowling Green at home on Dec. 22. “[Maryland] has a good program and a good coach and Dayton is always a tough opponent,” said Thomas.

“They have played extremely well the past couple of years. Bowling Green is up and coming also. I’m pretty excited about our out of conference schedule.”

The Golden Panthers are currently scheduled to appear in a minimum of three national broadcast games this season.

Coach Thomas spoke about the importance the exposure on national television will have on the program.

“It’s big, especially for an up and coming program such as ours. Everyone wants to be on television. Everyone wants to be seen on television,” Thomas said. “The basketball team being on ESPN will also be huge for the program.”

CONFERENCE PLAY

FIU begins their 16th game at the Sun Belt Conference scheduled on Dec. 29 against Middle Tennessee on the road, followed by Western Kentucky.

The first four of six conference games for the Golden Panthers will be against teams who had records above .500 in conference play last season.

“Middle Tennessee and Western Kentucky are two of the top four teams in the conference,” Thomas said. “They are two tough opponents and they always play well at home.”

FIU plays against the Eastern Division champions and in-state rival Florida Atlantic twice in 2012. The first matchup will be on Jan. 21 at home and again on Feb. 4 in Boca Raton.

The Golden Panthers played the Owls close in both games, as the margin of victory for the Owls in both games was less than two points per game.

“[FAU and FIU] has truly turned into a healthy rivalry. They beat us last year and we had them beat down there at FAU, and they came back,” Thomas said. “The games have been really close. They have been evenly played.”

FIU’s final four games of the season will include a two game road trip to Arkansas

to face off against the Sun Belt Conference Tournament champion Arkansas-Little Rock on Feb. 16 and against the Western Division champion Arkansas State on Feb. 18.

The Golden Panthers’ final two home games will be against Troy on Feb. 23 and South Alabama on Feb. 25.

ADUBATO HIRED AS AN ASSISTANT COACH

Coach Thomas also added another assistant coach to his staff when he hired Scott Adubato on Sept. 15.

Adubato has a combined 20 years of professional and collegiate basketball experience, which includes stops with the NBA’s Memphis Grizzlies and college tenures at Seton Hall and Manhattan University.

“He coached under Hubie Brown, Mike Fratello [in Memphis] and Richie Adubato,” added Thomas. “He got not only NBA experience on the bench, but college experience also.”

UPDATE ON WRIGHT

In August, senior guard DeJuan Wright sustained a knee injury. Coach Thomas gave an update on the progress of Wright and his expectations on whether or not he will be ready for fall practice.

“We hope to have him back by the first day of practice. He’s been working out and diligently following his therapy,” Thomas said.

“Our trainers and our staff have been doing a great job with him. We expect to have him back by the opening day of practice.”

2011-2012 Men’s Basketball Schedule

Date/Time	Opponent	Date/Time	Opponent
Nov. 14, 9:30 p.m.	@ George Mason	Jan. 14, TBA	@ Louisiana*
Nov. 15, TBA	@ Virginia Tech/Monmouth	Jan. 19, TBA	@ South Alabama*
Nov. 23, TBA	TBA	Jan. 21, TBA	vs. Florida Atlantic*
Nov. 25, TBA	TBA	Jan. 28, TBA	vs. WKU*
Nov. 26, TBA	vs. Coastal Carolina	Feb. 2, TBA	@ Troy*
Dec. 1, TBA	@ Georgia State	Feb. 4, 7 p.m.	@ Florida Atlantic*
Dec. 10, 3 p.m.	@ Texas Wesleyan	Feb. 9, TBA	vs. North Texas*
Dec. 11, 5:15 p.m.	@ Stephen F. Austin	Feb. 11, TBA	vs. Denver*
Dec. 14, 8 p.m.	@ Maryland	Feb. 16, 8 p.m.	@ UALR*
Dec. 17, TBA	vs. Bowling Green	Feb. 18, 8:05 p.m.	@ Arkansas State*
Dec. 29, 8 p.m.	@ MTSU*	Feb. 23, TBA	vs. Troy*
Dec. 31, 2 p.m.	@ WKU*	Feb. 25, TBA	vs. South Alabama
Jan. 7, TBA	vs. Louisiana-Monroe*	March 3, TBA	Sun Belt Tournament
Jan. 12, TBA	vs. MTSU*		

*Conference Games

VOLLEYBALL

FIU wins 4th in a row in straight sweep over Jacksonville



BEACON FILE PHOTO

Golden Panthers continue their road success with win over JU.

EDUARDO ALMAGUER
Staff Writer

On Friday night, the Panthers found themselves in a script all too familiar: up two sets to none, with the third set looming large.

Last week, Head Coach Danijela Tomic criticized the team for relaxing every time they took a two-set lead. The lack in effort would result in sloppy mistakes and miscommunication that would in turn lead to near-losses.

The Panthers decided it was time to re-write the script.

FIU (7-3, 0-0 SBC) trampled Jacksonville (7-6, 0-0 A-Sun) in three straight sets (25-16, 25-21, 25-15) on a night where the Panthers’ defense shined bright and the Dolphins’ errors sunk any hopes of putting up a fight.

The Dolphins committed an astounding 23 errors, the equivalent of almost an entire set. Two players, Alliya Drzewiecki and Niatha Cullen, each tallied as many errors – 7-- as FIU had as a team.

Middle Blocker Andrea Lakovic notched a whopping .615 hitting

percentage and the team as a whole had a .352 clip. Jacksonville had a derisory .057 hitting percentage. They have the Panther defense to thank for that. Middle Blocker Sabrina Gonzalez and Lakovic both chipped in four blocks apiece to add to the team’s total of 16 – four times as much as the Dolphins. Freshman Carolyn Fouts led the team in digs with 12 and setter Renele Forde notched 36 assists, also a team high. Not surprisingly, the Panthers outpaced the Dolphins in both these categories as well.

The Panthers opened their first set of the UCF Challenge on a tear. They notched six consecutive points, three of them on errors by Cullen, to give them a 10-3 lead. Lakovic forcefully slammed down two more kills to up the score to make it 13-5.

Jacksonville slowly churned towards a comeback, but once they came within three points, the Panthers shoved the Dolphins back. Two more Dolphins errors, a Gonzalez block and a kill by Junior Marija Prsa, gave the Panthers a 19-12 lead and forced Jacksonville to scramble to a timeout. It did not do them any good. A Dolphins error handed FIU the set win.

The second set saw a seesaw battle

between the two teams as they exchanged blows until the score was knotted at 11-11. Gonzalez, the rising star of the game, spun off two straight kills that proved to be pivotal moments in the set.

The Panthers’ grip on the lead would remain too much for the Dolphins to grapple away. Though Jacksonville made things interesting by coming within two points, 22-20, FIU eventually won the set, 25-21 on the heels of a Gonzalez kill and a block by Lakovic and Prsa.

As the third set opened, FIU struggled to create a lead. Once again, they thought that the opposing team would roll over and hand them the final set. With Tomic glaring at them from the sidelines, the Panthers simply refused to fall victim to their repetitive mistake.

With the score tied at 11, Gonzalez thumped a kill for which the Dolphins had no response. This would set the tone for the rest of the set. FIU roared to a commanding 10-point lead and won the set 25-15.

As the team wore smiles and celebrated their fourth straight victory in a row on the court, it is safe to say that energy was the last thing the Panthers were missing.

Chestnutt: “It’s embarrassing to get beat by seven goals”

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OSU’s offense continued with their offensive explosion as they rattled off three more devastating goals.

In 69th, minute Jenna Richardson scored her third goal of the year when she

shot the ball wide and slid the ball in past Savage.

Then in the 81st minute, Melinda Ingalls scored a goal from six yards out. And finally OSU finished their scoring outburst as Chelsea Buckland scored her third goal of the game and the seventh for

OSU.

This loss ended up being the worst loss under the tutelage of Chestnutt.

“We have never seen anything like that, their aggression to goal is unlike any team that I have coached against in my five seasons,” Chestnutt said.

“It’s embarrassing. It’s embarrassing to get beat by seven goals.”

When asked if this was a learning experience for the club, Chestnutt answered, “We can only keep learning so many times,” in reference to the club’s 2-5-0 record.

FREEDOM RUN

Participants P.A.R.K. for Sept. 11



ROBERT JIMENEZ/THE BEACON

Two participants race toward the finish line during the 5K Freedom Run on Sept. 10 at J.C. Bermudez Park in Doral.

ASHLEY MARIE LAPADULA Staff Writer

Drenched in sweat and with full hearts, 600 runners and about 1,000 people turned out to honor the victims and heroes of 9/11 with the 5K Freedom Run this past Sept. 10 at the J.C. Bermudez Park.

As everyone ran under the 20 feet by 30 feet American flag, raised by the Miami-Dade County Fire Department, the Perform Arts of Random Kindness Project's first anniversary event united a community.

Divisions of the military, fire rescue, police, veteran organizations and service families -- among many sponsors like 5 Hour Energy, The DJ Connection, Reflections Productions, Intercontinental in Doral, Split Second Timing and Elegant Parties -- came together to make this event entertaining.

Juan Carlos Bermudez, the mayor of the City of Doral, had a few opening words for all those anxious to start the race: "The 5K Freedom Run and the P.A.R.K. festival is a celebration of life and love for service to commemorate the anniversary of Sept. 11 by all military veterans, police and firefighters for their commitment and sacrifices to all of us. With the help of thousands of people united by the mission to P.A.R.K., the P.A.R.K. Project has been established to set a powerful message that inspires people worldwide to live the cause. Florida, I hereby proclaim the 10 of September 2011 as P.A.R.K. project day in the City of Doral."

The P.A.R.K. Festival event that followed the race engaged everyone who attended to

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Juan Carlos Bermudez,
Mayor of the City of Doral”

celebrate people, companies and organizations who live the cause and P.A.R.K. to make a difference.

"I've ran in so many races, I can't even begin to count, but nothing like the P.A.R.K. Project 5K Freedom Run," said Lauren Garcia, a criminal justice graduate student. "Being surrounded by servicemen and women brought unprecedented amounts of energy and life to everyone in attendance. I participated to give back to all of those who risked their lives, but most importantly, remember those who lost theirs. I look forward to doing it next year."

Lt. Col. Randy Marshall, Chaplain of the U.S. Southern Command, led the invocation for the festival, while Commissioner Jose Pepe Diaz awarded "The Patriot Guard Riders," who led the race, with a Certificate of Appreciation for their service.

In addition, Nestor Torres, a Latin Grammy-winning flutist and adjunct professor at the University's School of Music, made a phenomenal small speech

that included special words of encouragement. He then performed an inspirational song just after the official moment of silence at 9:11 a.m.

Marlene "Marly Q" Quincoces, the CEO of StarMar Events and P.A.R.K. Project, was overwhelmed with happiness. "This event was 100 percent grassroots effort by people, companies and organizations that decided to live the cause and P.A.R.K. in honor of our servicemen and women and all who lost their lives on Sept. 11."

If you would like more information on this great organization, feel free to perform your first act of random kindness by hitting the LIKE button on Facebook or following them on Twitter. For all other information, feel free to look them up at ParkProject.org.

Sept. 11 has been officially declared "P.A.R.K. Project Day" in the City of Doral, and the South Florida 5K Freedom Run and PARK Festival has been established as a yearly public tradition.

JUST A THOUGHT...

*Employers
like to see
confidence*

My name is Dennis Uriarte, a junior here at FIU majoring in psychology. My goal is to help my fellow Panthers find the help they need, whether it be relationship, career, or anything else you may need advice with. Just send your questions to Dennis.Uriarte@fiusm.com and I will do my best to find you your answers with help from the professionals around here at FIU.

Question: I am going into my first job interview in a week and I am really nervous. Is there any advice that you can offer me?

The big day is here. You are sitting in the waiting room waiting for the receptionist to call your name. When she finally does, you shoot up, march into your would-be employer's office, and look him right in the eye.

At this point, do you cower in fear or let him know that you are simply the best candidate for the job?

Hopefully your answer is the latter, but how exactly do you get to the point where your interviewer has absolutely no choice but to hire you? Luckily, I am here to offer you some advice that will make judgment day feel more like a walk in the park. Before we get to the interview however, you must first establish if this job is truly for you. Fully understand the position you are applying for and the responsibilities it necessitates.

Carefully read your job description and relate to it as much as possible. Highlight keywords if you have to. If the job involves working daily with computer software and you are still stuck using grandpa's typewriter, then this job may not be for you.

Nothing is worse than being stuck at a job that you despise, so make sure you know precisely what you are getting in to. If you are still interested in applying, the next step is the prep work.

It is of the utmost importance to remember that the steps prior to the interview are crucial and could make or break how well you do. It can mean the difference between being the interviewee brimming with confidence and the one sweating bullets and saying "um" after every other word. Fortunately, FIU Career Services offers many free services that are geared towards putting us Golden Panthers on the right track to successful career paths. These services include career workshops and one-on-one meetings with career advisors.

"Students should first attend career workshops to get some general questions answered," says Yisell Cirion, one of the career advisors here at FIU, "but would be more than welcome to make an appointment to see a career advisor if they have

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Practice your interviews beforehand

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more specific questions.”

Once you have had your questions answered, you continue the road to the big day by building your confidence. Once again FIU Career Services has you covered by offering the opportunity to set up a mock interview.

In these interviews, an advisor takes the role of your interviewer aiming to buff out those “ums” and nervous ticks. All of these services are at your disposal, so be sure to use them. Also, did I mention that they were free? As a college student myself, I know that word is music to all of our ears.

Practice your interview skills on your own too. Record yourself as if you were in the interview room and try to catch any mistakes. It may seem silly, but you are your own harshest critic.

Be sure to do a bit of research about the company you are applying for. Nothing will annoy an interviewer more than being asked questions that could easily be answered by visiting the company’s website.

Finally, now that you have completed all the steps necessary, you are ready for the big day. Dress professionally, be on time, and most importantly be confident. Heed my words and when it is time to march into that office you will be able to say with 100% certainty that you are the one for that job. Good luck!

Just a Thought...is a bi-weekly advice column. Look for it every other Monday this Fall.

BACK TO THE PAST



ALEXANDRA SARDI/THE BEACON

Students who attended the Fall Arts Preview at the Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum this past Sept. 13 were able to gander at the designs of past students of the University. Two students (above) stop and observe the costume designs of Angelina Esposito, a graduate student with a major in BFA Design - Costumes, Lighting, Scenery for the Department of Theatre.

ADAM LEVINE
LEAD SINGER
MAROON 5

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CHANNEL SURFING

“Wilfred” finale, new game show leave viewers satisfied

The wins continue to lie, the dog gets run over while the new substitute gives away bags of cash. Enjoy!

COMEDY: “WILFRED,” FX THURSDAYS @ 10 P.M.

The Sept. 8 finale opened with Wilfred typing his will on an old typewriter, “in case anything happens,” foreshadowing the conclusion of this hilarious, dramatic and traumatic season. In the meantime, Ryan attempted to find a way to be a legit lawyer for Wilfred’s owner and Ryan’s secret crush, Jenna, so she can get her job back.



SANAH FAROKE

Ryan’s journey led him to question Wilfred’s purpose and who he really is as Wilfred challenges Ryan to revisit his dark past of cheating and playing dirty in the legal business.

When Ryan complies with Wilfred, who promised to help him with Jenna, Ryan unleashes Pandora’s box, and from one scheme to another, Ryan does his best to gain Jenna’s love.

Finally something that is extremely exciting: Ryan rediscovers an emotion called happiness. He has been lacking any form of contentment throughout the season, but it gives me hope for him.

When we finally think Jenna is about to come to the realization about Ryan, everything falls apart. Kristen’s marriage is destroyed during a breaking point with her husband, Leo, when Ryan tries to show Jenna what marriage is really like. Jenna has a pregnancy scare, and Wilfred is injured after throwing himself in front of a car to help Jenna, leaving him possibly brain damaged.

I almost wanted to cry!

In the end, “Wilfred” still continues to be a huge mystery, especially when we find that the basement Ryan and Wilfred were in earlier in the episode was actually a typical closet. Either Ryan is crazy or has a very



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Jon Gabrus host of game show, “The Substitute,” asks questions for \$5000 in cash.

active imagination named “Wilfred.”

Then again, maybe I am, too, as I catch myself screaming at the television when the credits appear and I am left with one tear, confusion about Wilfred’s existence, hoping for Ryan’s love life and a million other unanswered questions.

I absolutely loved this season, and the season finale was one of the best I have seen in a while -- with twists, turns and more twists and turns. I smell a second season coming on!

GAME SHOW: “THE SUBSTITUTE,” MTV WEEKDAYS @ 4:30 P.M.

When I read the synopsis of the show, even before this past Monday’s premiere, I was a little skeptical. The concept, in its entirety, is pretty amazing: a substitute teacher, Jon Gabrus (“last name Gabrus, first name Mr.”), surprises one random high school class of 20, asking two students at a time questions ranging from what they should know (geography, algebra, English, etc.) to pop culture and interactive challenges, all for a chance to win \$5,000.

That covers more than half of the students’ schooling, tuition and fees for a year; I am thinking they should share some of the love to college students. Agreed?

Madeline’s brother, as well as the connection between Emma and Ethan, Sutton’s actual boyfriend.

Charlottle and Madeline also talked “Sutton” (Emma) into running for homecoming queen after Nisha, their rival, crossed the line by telling Madeline’s dad about her alleged affair with Eduardo, Madeline’s ballet choreographer. Emma got a makeover, a tiara and an Ethan, who planted one on her at the dance.

Sutton, however, is getting a little angsty about Emma taking over her life while she is away now that Emma has molded Sutton’s character in a wholesome way, making everyone take notice. Sutton chose the plan and ambushed Emma with it, so she should just get over it, not that Emma’s personality tweaks are rubbing off any time soon.

Speaking of personality, there is something sketchy about Laurel’s new boyfriend, Justin, who I think has been hired by Ted to do some major damage from within the Mercer family, not that Ted’s motives are even clear at this point.

In the upcoming Sept. 19 episode, Sutton refuses to accept her wrongdoing after kissing Thayer, Madeline’s brother, out of spite, despite his feelings for her, because she might get “distracted” from the ultimate goal, her mother and her whereabouts.

Laurel also begins to wonder about Justin’s background and where he came from.

Since we know Alec and Ted are both in on the scheme for Annie Hobbes, the girls’ birth mother, we find out that they may have been a strong past with her. It is possible that Alec or even Ted had an affair with her.

As for the familiar text message blackmail, it has come for revenge once again! It’s not signed by “A” but the concept is the same; hopefully, this leads to some juicy situations. After all, the game of lying can be dangerous if you cannot keep control of your lies.

Channel Surfing is weekly column on TV shows. Look for it every Monday this Fall.

THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2011

SEARCH AND SCREEN COMMITTEE MEETING

WHEN: 8:30-10 a.m.
WHERE: MMC RDB2046

US-SPAIN RELATIONS TODAY

WHEN: 10-11 a.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: MMC Frost Art Museum

CAREER FAIR SUCCESS WORKSHOP FOR BUSINESS STUDENTS

An overview of how to approach career fair with a strategy. This workshop is for undergraduate business and accounting students.
WHEN: 10-11:30 a.m.
HOW MUCH: Reservation is required in CBA Career Link
WHERE: MMC CBC 123

MASSAGE

Enjoy a free 10 minute massage sponsored by the Wellness Center. Many studies show that massage helps with relaxation and it can also improve your overall health.
WHEN: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: BBC Rec Center

VOLUNTEER FAIR - FALL 2011

The Center for Leadership and Service will be having a Volunteer Fair, for the Fall 2011 semester. They have reserved parking in Lot 33: East of the Graham Center. Alternate Parking can be found in Gold Garage and Lot 35.

WHEN: 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

HOW MUCH: Free

WHERE: Lot 33

LECTURE: HIS EXCELLENCY KAREL SCHWARZENBERG, FIRST DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

Lecture by His Excellency Karel Schwarzenberg, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic.

WHEN: 2-2:30 p.m

HOW MUCH: Free

WHERE: Frost Art Museum Café

SEO (SPONSORS FOR EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY) INFORMATION SESSION

WHEN: 6-8 p.m.
HOW MUCH: RSVP in CBA Career Link.
WHERE: MMC MARC 145

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

GUIDE TO CAREER MANAGEMENT SERVICES & RÉSUMÉ WRITING FOR BUSINESS STUDENTS

A guide on how to take full advantage of all tools and resources provided by Career Management Services. Topics include system use and résumé writing.
WHEN: 9:30-11 a.m.
HOW MUCH: Free; This workshop is for undergraduate business students, accounting students, and business alumni.
WHERE: MMC CBC 123

TUESDAY TIMES ROUNDTABLE: ETHICS, DARWIN, & HUMAN BEHAVIOR

WHEN: 12:30-1:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: MMC GC 150

TUESDAY TIMES ROUNDTABLE: WILL PUBLIC PRAYER IN STADIUMS HELP A NATION IN CRISIS?

WHEN: 12:30-1:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: BBC WUC 159

ISRAEL TODAY AND THE ARAB SPRING

WHEN: 3-5 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: MMC GC 150

CAREER FAIR SUCCESS WORKSHOP FOR BUSINESS STUDENTS

An overview of how to approach career fair with a strategy.
WHEN: 3:30-5 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Reservation is required in CBA Career Link
WHERE: MMC CBC 123

MIAMI BEACH URBAN STUDIOS OPEN HOUSE

The Miami Beach Urban Studios opening will feature an FIU alumni photography exhibit, student string quartet and jazz performances, a design exhibition, and student led tours of the facility.
WHEN: 6-8 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: 420 Lincoln Road / Miami Beach, FL

Sudoku

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COLUMNIST



NEDA GHOMESHI

Texas Governor and Republican presidential hopeful Rick Perry claims that Social Security is a failure, a monstrous lie and should be managed by state governments. A basic understanding of the Social Security program proves all of these assertions to be false.

Perry's perspective on Social Security, articulated more extensively in his book *Fed Up*, has become a focal point in his campaign for the Republican nomination. Perry claims that



Clearly, the program is not a failure since all recipients are acquiring their money.

Social Security is "not something the federal government ought to be involved in, and that instead it should be given back to the states."

As a contributor to the program, this suggestion worries me. If Social Security is converted into a state program, the distribution will be unequal. It needs to remain as a federal program to ensure that all recipients receive an equal amount.

Politicians such as Perry are

poorly influencing this nation and unnecessarily frightening tax-paying citizens. The program is funded through payroll taxes collected by employees and companies. The taxes employees pay is lumped together under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act.

The FICA process is simple - the employee's contribution is 4.2 percent, while the employer's portion is 6.2 percent. The 2011 annual report by the program's

Board of Trustees reported that in 2010, 54 million people were receiving Social Security benefits. Clearly, the program is not a failure since all recipients are acquiring their money.

According to a CNN poll, "27 percent of Americans think that [Perry's rhetoric that the system is a "monstrous lie" and a "failure.]" accurately describes the Social Security system... The poll, notably, did not identify Perry as the author of that statement."

The fact that 27 percent of Americans believe that this misrepresentation of Social Security is correct is concerning. The program is anticipated to run out in 2037. However, after the trust fund is depleted, beneficiaries will be able to receive what current workers are paying in, which will be about three quarters of the scheduled benefits. Therefore, there will be money to distribute to recipients. Although the system may be struggling, it is not a failure and the system is definitely not a lie.

The Social Security program is suffering, however, as contributors to the fund, we should not be hesitant about the future of our anticipated Social Security benefits.

"Econ with Neda" is an economics op-ed column that runs every other Monday.

College dating site offers improved privacy, selectiveness

KELLY MALAMBRI
Staff Writer

Finding a successful romantic relationship in college can be hard since work, school, and internships fill students' schedules. Luckily, datemyschool.com is a new website that offers college students a way to make these relationships work. I believe the website's privacy features will appeal to many students who have been too embarrassed to try online dating, while the student-only approach will make online dating easier and less taboo for many.

Firstly, the website's tutorial boasts that students' profiles will not show up on a Google search. Not only is this feature positive for students in terms of personal safety, but employers, friends or family, who we do not want to see our profile, will not be able to. Students will not have to worry about being embarrassed or having

anyone know who they are dating, which is endlessly beneficial for students for whom privacy is a major concern.



Datemyschool.com provides us with an online dating platform that is specifically meant for us.



A previous article in *The Beacon* quoted Vanessa Penna, biology, freshman, on the

matter. She said: "Well, I suppose it's still taboo for older generations... If I ever met someone online, I wouldn't feel comfortable telling my mom where I met them. I'd probably lie and tell her I met them at school." Since online dating proves to still be taboo for many, the privacy features offered by the website will help college students date online without worrying about this stigma.

Undergraduate students, graduate students and alumni of any university or college can become members of the site with their .edu email address. Users may also restrict who can see their profile based off of another's age, major and school, which will successfully protect them from having people outside of the scope of their interest from contact them.

These privacy features are extremely appealing to me, as it would reduce both-ersome encounters with other users.

Through these privacy features, datemyschool.com provides us with an online dating platform that is specifically meant for us, which is a positive feature for any busy student who does not have time to waste.

This will lead to better candidates for those students looking to date by better filtering those presented to them on the site, and students will be more satisfied with the selections offered to them as opposed to an online dating site on which anyone may be suggested to them.

As an extremely busy student myself, I like the website's concept, and think it is a great way for busy students to meet other students without the stigma of an online dating site.

By allowing people of all different sorts to view students' personal information, datemyschool.com is a positive website and dating tool for all students.

VERBATIM

"A man who views the world the same at fifty as he did at twenty has wasted thirty years of his life."

-Muhammad Ali, boxing legend

"When you really don't like a guy, they're all over you, and as soon as you act like you like them, they're no longer interested."

- Beyoncé, singer

"I've never met a genius. A genius to me is someone who does well at something he hates. Anybody can do well at something he loves - it's just a question of finding the subject."

-Clint Eastwood, actor



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DREAM Act success in California. Florida next?

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A bill that helps illegal immigrants get funding for college education has seen recent success in California but has been stunted in Florida by political opposition.

The DREAM Act, or “Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act,” helps illegal minors obtain funding, either through private investors or government scholarships, which currently remains forbidden.

California recently passed a partial portion of the bill, which allows angel and private investors to supply illegal aliens with funds to attend college. The second part, which will allow prospective students to obtain government funding, will be voted on in upcoming legislative sessions.

A recent bill passed by President Obama may have helped the cause in California, allowing deportation sentences to be looked at case by case, rather than in bulk, to determine the outcome of a deportation,

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while keeping in mind criminal background and education status.

While California has begun to make progress on the cause, Florida, whose population of illegal aliens makes up around 5 percent of it’s 19 million total population, is waiting for results.

“They make it hard to stay here,” says Ting Yang, a Chinese student who came to the country legally on a school visa, but cannot stay unless she is hired full-time. “I love the opportunity, but they make you work for it for sure.”

According to the *Miami New Times*, Florida introduced the bill to the House of Representatives by

Dwight Bullard (D-Miami) and in the Florida Senate by Senator Gary Siplin (D-Orlando) earlier this week.

The statute would require that any immigrant applying for aide would have to document current applications for becoming a U.S. citizen, as well as having completed three years of high school, and subsequently graduating in America.

“I was sent home from my internship when they discovered I was not here legally,” says Marlo, who is from Croatia and does not wish to give her last name due to the circumstances. “They gave me a day to get out and told me I must pack and go home [to Croatia].”

Illegal Aliens are not barred from going to American colleges, as long as they have the monetary funds to pay for them. Colleges have individual policies to deal with immigrants and most often, if a student can pay, they will be accepted. FIU admissions could not be reached for comment.

But students who grew up in America and study here are not afforded in-state rights because they were never given legal status.

The U.S. Immigration website starts with a list of benefits of becoming a U.S. citizen, but it is a long road for some.

“I have only a year to find employ-

ment. Time is running out. America gives me this opportunity now, but never again it seems,” says Yang.

“You never know when your life can change,” says Marlo, of living in the country illegally. “Even if you go through the proper channels and try, they make it so hard”

Eleven states now have laws that allow undocumented students financial assistance, but Florida is not one of them, despite it’s large immigrant population..

“I’m against the DREAM Act,” Rick Scott said to *The Miami Herald*. “Why? I don’t believe in amnesty.”

According to *The New York Times*, the California bill is expected to cost \$40 million, or about 1 percent of the state’s college aide budget, a move that a anti-immigration leader called “stupid.”

“I wish I could have had them support me in college and maybe realize I could be an asset to their country,” says Yang. “I want to give to them if they will just help give to me.”

Homecoming Court gives up consolidation attempt

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After experimenting with the consolidation of the Homecoming Court, the Homecoming Council has decided to revert to the previous selection process that Homecoming Courts have followed in the past. There will continue to be

individual courts for the Modesto Maidique Campus and the Biscayne Bay Campus.

At an emergency meeting held by SGC-BBC’s executive branch on Sept. 14 to discuss the promotion of homecoming events at BBC, Rafael Zapata, assistant director of Campus Life, made the announcement to the heads of organizations that fall under BBC’s Campus Life.

Tamicha Roger, president of Panther Power, said that the consolidation of the homecoming courts should have never been discussed.

“They should’ve never even considered the creation of one court,” said Roger. “If a BBC candidate had to go up against an MMC candidate, it gives an unfair advantage to students running from MMC due to the disproportion of

students at MMC compared to BBC.”

With the decision to keep to two courts for MMC and BBC respectively, those running for the Homecoming King and Queen positions will continue to be voted upon by peers from their respective campuses, as opposed to the court being decided by a university wide election, as the proposal had called for.

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Career Services hosting events to engage students with department

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As Kimberly Dizon, a University alumna and originally a nursing graduate, waited in line for her cap and gown for her second bachelors in psychology, Harold Clayton, Associate Director of Career Services, discovered that after two months of applying at hospitals, Dizon had not been offered one job.

It is Clayton and the Career Services department's job to help graduating students find employment, however, Clayton is worried about the lack of student engagement with the department.

"As a career services office we are still concerned with the number of students that utilize our office. It is a miniscule number and we are losing those specifically in our sophomore and junior years which become the critical years," said Clayton.

Clayton claims that those who come through the office have a higher chance of finding employment.

Clayton stated that one of the most common misconceptions that students have about career services is that certain jobs do not require the department's assistance. He also emphasized that the office is an "at will" department with no obligation to students to seek their assistance.

"You can choose to be out," said Clayton, "but the benefits are much greater if you are in."

Obtaining jobs in the nursing field, as well as in other fields, is not as simple and guaranteed as it may have been in previous times.

"The techniques for getting the desired job or career" change as the job market evolves, he said.

Even though the department does not guarantee job placement, it does provide resources that can help students get there.

One of the resources that has demonstrated to be effective is the practice interview conducted by human resource personnel in the desired field, where students acquire interview skills and become more comfortable with the process.

Some virtual resources are available, but in order for the individual to get the full experience of what the department offers, Clayton emphasizes that they must make direct contact with the office.

In order to engage students with Career Services and mark the initiation of recruiting season, which takes place from September to October, the Department has scheduled Career Fairs on Sept. 23 at the Modesto Maidique Campus and Oct. 5 for the Biscayne Bay Campus.

The purpose of the Career Fair is not only for recruitment and job placement, but to give students the opportunity to see which employers are of interest to them and allow employers to invest in the future.

According to Clayton, although first and second year students may say they are not ready for a career, they should attend so they are aware of what companies to focus on when the time comes.

The department has also partnered with the Disability Resource Center in response to a federal mandate that aims to prioritize the employment of persons with disabilities.

Amanda Niguidula, director of the DRC, and Imani Fredericks-Lowman, Director of Career Services said that it is an auspicious time for both departments to be working together on the Workforce Recruitment Program, which provides opportunities for students with disabilities to be part of a prestigious database where federal employers look for individuals for specific internship programs.

Employers will be on campus conducting interviews on Nov. 7 at MMC campus; however, it is important that students interested in participating make direct contact with the Career Services office or the DRC office for pre-registration and to ensure that certain criteria such as GPA, U.S citizenship and graduation dates.

CAREER SERVICE LOCATIONS

Modesto Maidique

- GC 230

Biscayne Bay

- WUC 255

CLASS ACT



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Federico R. Lastra, reading and learning tutor at the Academy of Advanced Academics, lectures to high school student as part of the newly opened bridge program at the Biscayne Bay Campus.

Pines Center faces challenges with getting students involved

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Most FIU students are familiar with the Modesto Maidique and the Biscayne Bay Campuses, however, not many students are aware of the University satellite locations, such as the Pines Center in Broward County.

According to Diana Arcenales, Pines Center Student Life Coordinator, classes have been held in Davie and Fort Lauderdale since 1983, but it wasn't until the spring semester of 2003 that an Academic Center was created.

Academic programs at Undergraduate and Graduate levels are offered at the Pines Center in the areas of Business, Arts & Sciences, Education, Construction Management, Engineering, Public Administration and Liberal Studies. The satellite campus will also be offering a MBA in Health Care as early as January 2012.

The Pines Center shares a building with a charter high school, and this co-habitation among other factors makes it difficult to foster camaraderie and pride among students on campus.

"The majority of students at the FIU Pines Center are non-traditional students and are balancing careers, families and school. They are not straight out

of high school. They have extensive commitments outside of the University, and many attend on a part-time basis," said Arcenales. "Events that are planned at the Pines Center differ from those offered at BBC or MMC," said Arcenales. "They are on a much smaller scale because we are located in a building that we share during the daytime with a charter high school."

The Pines Center uses its lobby to host most of their events. Doing so, they are able to gain the attention of students heading to and from class giving them little opportunity not to participate in the event.

FIU's Pines Center inhabits one wing of the building where classrooms, a small lounge, and vending machines accommodate its students. The campus does not have a cafeteria but there is a small bookstore.

Emmanuel Okwor, who attends classes at the Pines Center, believes the non-traditional students that attend the Pines Center just don't have the time to develop the sense of community that may be present on the Modesto Maidique Campus or the Biscayne Bay Campus, and although it may be a challenge, it is possible.

"It is hard, but not impossible to get them involved in some of our activities. We are a small but

mighty campus and are family-oriented in a friendly environment," said Okwor.

Although a student may not get what many call the "college experience" at a satellite campus like the Pines Center, there are some advantages to attending a smaller, remote campus. For instance parking is much easier to find on the Pines Center.

As Student Life Coordinator, Arcenales says she is doing her best to make the University experience the best possible for students, but lack of space, resources and plain old Panther Pride limit what can be done.

It is true that Pines students have many commitments outside the University, but attending school is a commitment in its own right.

Jennifer Hanlon, a junior majoring in Liberal Arts, takes a class at the Pines Center and for her, that sense of community is the least of her worries.

"I don't care about camaraderie. I just want to do my thing and go home." Then she added, "But you know, if they at least had a little coffee shop or something, I'd probably hang around more. I go to Starbucks and get a cup of coffee and sit in the Pines Center parking lot in my car and drink my coffee and that's not very much fun."