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Occupation of University stalled for now



IGOR MELLO/THE BEACON

On Nov. 16, Occupy FIU protestors gathered on the GC lawn on what would have been their first overnight occupation.

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The Occupy FIU movement shares a similar belief with one of the nation's founding fathers Thomas Jefferson: a little rebellion every now and then was a good thing.

Occupy FIU had origi-

nally planned to start their protests on Wednesday, Nov. 16, but their permit was still being processed. They were granted permission, though, to protest while the permit was being processed. However, they were not allowed to set up tents and protest past 9 p.m. on that day.

The protesters were set up on the western entrance of the Graham Center at the Modesto Maidique Campus. They plan to retry their occupation efforts once their permit has been processed and plan to occupy "indefinitely."

The University does not restrict students from

protesting, however.

"As long as they [Occupy FIU] don't break any rules or disturb class or traffic flow, everybody is welcome here; it's an open forum for people to express their beliefs," said Lt. Frank Tomassini of FIU Police in a previous interview Student Media.

"Non-University speakers, however, must register for a time and area in order to lecture."

One protester said although FIU Police gave them a grace period after 9 p.m., they were never told why they couldn't stay.

"We couldn't stay past 9 p.m. but he [a police officer] said if you want to stay a bit past that it's OK," said Cindy Ariza a freshman at the University. "They didn't explain why we couldn't stay past 9 p.m., even though the University is open way past that time."

Ariza noted that they looked for answers from the "legal department" as to why they were being restricted from bringing in tents and the time they were allotted, but got few answers.

However, FIU Police insisted that restrictions are put in place for safety reasons.

"We give them the opportunity to have those events until things take a turn for the worst, but that hasn't happened yet," said Capt. Alphonse Ianniello in a previous interview Student Media in reference to an Occupy FIU event that took place on Nov. 3. "We have officers there to make sure the peace is kept."

Occupy FIU was inspired by the Occupy protests that are occurring around the world. The international Occupy movement seeks to bring about changes to what they see as an unjust economic structure, and the Occupy FIU movement is much more localized.

They seek to bring an end to rising tuition costs, online fees, and other things that affect the student body.

"To me Occupy is all about fighting corporate greed, but Occupy FIU is more about student rights," said Israel Bae, an engineering student at the University.

The Occupy movement has garnered a lot of publicity because it is a leaderless movement. But as one protester, freshman Cindy Ariza put it, "There is no leader because we are all equal."

While there were only two students left protesting by 7 p.m., University student Laura Lopez said that shouldn't lead people to underestimate the movement.

"Oh they [the Occupy movement] are plenty big," Lopez said. "The problem is the people in power don't seem to care."

Additional reporting by Patrik Simmons.

COLLEGE OF LAW

Citizenship Drive opens doors to naturalization for locals

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Students at the College of Law are making the path to citizenship easier for immigrants by dropping the price tag on the naturalization process.

The students, with the supervision of practicing attorneys and faculty, led the College of Law's Citizenship Drive and their mission was to facilitate the naturalization process at no cost to individuals in the community seeking aid.

Appointments were made prior to the day of the drive; a large turnout was anticipated. The one-day event operated from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and had more than 100 attendants whose intent was to fill out the necessary paperwork to begin their appli-

cations for U.S. citizenship.

While the professionals looked over the final paperwork, the work was executed by the students. They helped attendees review the application line by line, explained parts of the application that were difficult to understand, and filed fee waivers for those who could not afford to pay.

The event was organized by the Carlos A. Costa Immigration and Human Rights clinic, one of eight clinics who offer legal counseling to those who can't afford help from firms.

The other seven clinics are the Community Development Clinic, the Consumer Bankruptcy Clinic, the Environmental Law Clinic, the Investor Advocacy Clinic, the Health, Ethics, Law, and Policy Clinic, the Family and Children Law Clinic and

the Pedro Pan Immigrant Children's Justice Clinic.

According to Nnamdi Jackson, third-year law student of the Investor Advocacy Clinic, many of their clients seek help from the clinic as their final option after having attempted firms. While they want professional advice, affordability is an issue as well.

The incentive for students working in the clinics is the application of their knowledge in professional environments, interacting with the clients they are working for, working on cases they've spent time learning how to handle in the classroom.

They see the cases through from beginning to end. What differentiates this from classroom learning is the tangible experience these students do not get from text-

books. The students handle the cases, choosing the best courses of action to with which to proceed. Students who have met a certain number of hours are sometimes allowed to speak on record in court. In addition, the students receive class credit depending on the time commitment necessary and how demanding the clinics are.

Maria Olis, third-year law student of the Carlos A. Costa Immigration and Human Rights Clinic, is both working for the clinic and being helped by it. As she has been undergoing her own process and being advised by Juan Gomez, a clinical professor, she has been developing her own skills and applying them to her work.

Because Olis participated in the Citizen-

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Check out the Nov. 23 issue for commentary on the Penn State scandal in *Class Dismissed* by Jasmyn Elliott, a column about all things education.

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NEWS FLASH

LOCAL

US Justice Dept. to probe Miami police shootings

The U.S. Justice Department launched a civil rights investigation Thursday into whether Miami police officers engaged in a pattern of excessive use of deadly force in the fatal shootings of seven African-American suspects over an eight-month span.

Thomas Perez, assistant attorney general for civil rights, and Miami U.S. Attorney Wifredo Ferrer said the probe will focus not on the individual officers but on whether the Miami Police Department’s policies and practices on use of force led to violations of constitutional rights. The investigation is not criminal in nature.

“We’re looking at systems. We’re not looking at individual culpability,” Perez told reporters. “We will follow the facts where the facts lead us.”

NATIONAL

Idaho man charged with trying to assassinate Obama

An Idaho man accused of firing an assault rifle at the White House believed he was Jesus and thought President Barack Obama was the Antichrist, according to court documents and those who knew him. At one point, he even suggested to an acquaintance the president was planning to implant computer tracking chips into children.

Oscar Ramiro Ortega-Hernandez, 21, was charged Thursday with attempting to assassinate the president or his staff. He is accused of firing nine rounds at the White House last Friday night — one of them cracking a window of the first family’s living quarters — when Obama and the first lady were away. If convicted, Ortega faces up to life in prison.

WORLD

Gadhafi demise revives Libya’s Olympic dreams

Athletes and sports programs in Libya were woefully neglected during Moammar Gadhafi’s four-decade rule. With Gadhafi’s regime toppled last month, Libya’s athletes and sports officials are hoping for a better future.

Oil-rich Libya has never won an Olympic medal and ranks near the bottom in sports competition with other Mediterranean countries that had far fewer resources, including neighboring Tunisia and Egypt.

“Sport, as a social activity, must be for the masses,” Gadhafi said in his treatise, “The Green Book.”

– Compiled by Melissa Caceres

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Stronger factories lift US economy

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U.S. manufacturing is recovering from a slump, and inflation may be peaking. The latest government reports suggest businesses and consumers may be seeing some relief after the economy stumbled earlier this year.

Industrial production rose in October at the fastest pace in three months. Factories made more trucks, electronics and business equipment.

At the same time, Americans paid less for gas, cars and computers last month as overall prices fell for the first time since June.

The data follow a strong report on retail sales in October and point to an economy that is growing at a solid pace in the October-December quarter. Still, the resurgence in the price of oil and a possible recession in Europe threaten to drain the economy’s momentum.

“The continued resilience of manufacturing is encouraging, since this should be the sector most exposed to the global economic slowdown,” said Paul Ashworth, chief U.S. economist with Capital Economics.

Output at the nation’s factories, utilities and mines rose 0.7 percent last month, the Federal Reserve said Wednesday.

Factory output, the largest component of industrial production, increased a solid 0.5 percent. It was the fourth

straight monthly gain.

Production of autos and auto parts surged. Business equipment rose for the sixth straight month. Electrical equipment, appliances and transportation equipment all climbed.

Manufacturers “are benefiting from the strong growth in emerging markets, and domestic businesses are confident enough in the future to continue expanding purchases of capital equipment,” said Daniel Meckstroth, chief economist for the Manufacturers Alliance/MAPI, a trade group.

Production was dragged down this spring after the Japanese earthquake and tsunami disrupted key supply chains for automakers and other manufacturers. Rising food and gas costs and shaky financial markets caused consumers to cut back on big purchases.

The auto industry has rebounded to drive most of the growth in factory output. Many U.S. auto plants, which depend upon parts from Japan to produce various models, are seeing supply chains flow more freely.

Higher output at auto plants has allowed dealers to stock popular models that were in demand this spring. As a result, October sales were 7 percent higher than the same month last year. Light trucks were the biggest contributor.

A steep drop in gas prices was a key reason the Consumer Price Index dropped 0.1 percent in October, the

Labor Department said. Food prices did rise, but at the slowest pace this year.

Excluding volatile food and energy costs, so-called “core” prices, rose 0.1 percent.

Slower inflation could give the Federal Reserve more leeway to lower long-term interest rates to help the economy.

Still, oil prices have been climbing in recent weeks and hit \$100 a barrel Wednesday for the first time in four months. They have been rising as the economy improves while tensions rise in countries that hold some of the world’s major sources of crude.

If those prices translate into higher gas prices, consumers could pull back on spending and slow economic growth.

Strong consumer spending helped the economy grow at an annual rate of 2.5 percent in the July-September quarter. The October gain in retail sales suggests similar growth in the final three months of the year.

Instability in Europe might also hurt the U.S. economy. A shaky euro would likely strengthen the dollar, making U.S. goods appear more expensive to overseas buyers. And exports to Europe already account for about one-fourth of U.S. corporate revenue, analysts say.

Europe’s economy is barely growing, and sharp government spending cuts might tip it back into recession. If that happens, slowing output by U.S. manufacturers could hinder the broader economic recovery.

New dean attracted to FIU’s diversity

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and learn about the culture but now it’s more specific,” he said.

Most recently, students visited Balém in the Brazilian Amazon and were asked to focus on science and environmental journalism. Reis says he hopes

to bring a similar program to FIU in collaboration with the School of Environment, Arts and Society.

In a world where everything goes viral, journalists must not only write articles, but they must also be able to shoot, produce and edit video, according to Reis. This is where he hopes to prepare students for the future.

The self-proclaimed “pioneer of multi-media” said he wants to focus on becoming even more digital, something Associate Dean of SJMC Allan Richards agrees with.

“I started the multi-media program in 2002, and I think we are both like-minded in that sense,” said Richards, who has spoken with Reis briefly on several occasions and believes he is a good fit for SJMC.

Richards went on to say he is pleased to hear Reis say he has plans for both departments of SJMC — Journalism and Advertising/Public Relations — to become multi-media savvy.

“I am looking forward to doing all this work. There is a lot we can accomplish and I am very excited about it,” Reis said.

At CSULB, Reis helped the student-run magazine and newspaper win several California College Media Association awards in 2010.

The newspaper became the first college publication in the country to offer daily podcast through iTunes.

Aware of SJMC’s

collaborations with major South Florida publications through programs such as the South Florida News Service and Liberty City Link that allow students to get their articles in an array of South Florida newspapers, Reis simply said “my goal is to take it a step beyond.”

Seemingly enthusiastic about becoming a Panther, Reis said the diverse student body is one of the factors that caught his attention.

“One of the things that attracted me to FIU is the diversity of the student body. The school has students from over 70 countries and that’s a big attraction for me,” he said.

“I might even meet a few students who speak Portuguese.”

Law students hone skills

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ship Drive in two ways, she does her work with those two perspectives in mind.

“I understood more where they were coming from and I was able to jump into their thought process,” Olis said.

Zamir Cruz, third-year law student working with family and children advocacy, said he and his peers have found that they are gaining the head start that other law students can’t.

“The clinic is a great experience for community service and we have opportunities that aren’t common in law schools.”

The clinics operate on an academic schedule; they are currently wrapping up the fall semester in order for the students to prepare for their final exams. During this time, the cases are put on hold.

The clinics will resume in the spring and pick up the cases once again, conducting regular operations. For clients, this is the trade-off that has to be made having access to this free service.

“It’s a nice alternative to classroom experience, or a good supplement,” said Phillip Colesanti, third-year law student working with family and children advocacy.



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2011 SUN BELT VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

COMING UP SHORT

WKU defeats FIU, goes on to win SBC championship



LUIS MARCELLO CARDUCCI/THE BEACON

Despite defeating the Denver Pioneers in the opening round, the Panthers were unable to handle Western Kentucky, which defeated FIU in the semifinals for the second year in a row.

FIU 3, DENVER 1

Round One

EDUARDO ALMAGUER
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Western Kentucky players, fresh off their win against Troy, sat in the bleachers for the FIU-Denver match on Nov. 17, eyeing their possible opponents for the semi-finals. As the first set came to a close, they had seen enough and walked out of the U.S. Century Bank Arena.

They had no doubt that FIU would walk out of the match the eventual victor. They were right.

FIU (20-9) eliminated Denver (13-16) in the first round of the Sun Belt Tournament with a 3-1 win over the Pioneers, (25-21, 23-25, 25-21, 25-18). The Panthers have now reached the 20-win plateau for the seventh consecutive season and have advanced to the semi-finals for the second season in a row. They will now face WKU in the semi-final round of the Sun Belt Tournament.

Three Panthers, setter Jessica Egan and outside hitters Jovana Bjelica and Marija Prsa achieved double doubles in the match. Though FIU committed 21 errors and hit for only .225 as a team, they managed to piece together kills at the perfect moment to capitalize on Denver errors.

The home crowd helped too.

“That’s the part I liked,” laughed Bjelica.

As the first set opened up, FIU and Denver battled back and forth, neither team able to build a big lead. Pioneer Faime Kingsley found a hole

on FIU’s side of the net as Denver closed the gap to 19-17. The Panthers then rattled off four straight kills to widen the distance and eventually capture the set 25-21.

FIU struggled to block incoming Denver attacks in the second stanza, and it eventually ended up costing them the set. Though an attack error brought FIU to within one point, 24-23, Libero Chanel Araujo committed a service error to end the set.

“They were fighting harder than us in that second set,” said senior middle blocker Andrea Lakovic.

The Panthers fought from behind for the first half of the third set, but a 6-0 run gave them all the momentum they needed as they went on to capture the set 25-21.

Knowing that their season was in danger, Denver came out swinging in the fourth set, jumping out to a 6-3 lead. It was close until FIU busted it open again with the help of freshman Silivia Carli coming up big multiple times with blocks toward the end of the set.

“I feel that’s my strength and that’s what I emphasize when I play,” said Carli.

She helped propel her team to a 25-18 win as the crowd went absolutely wild after freshman Carolyn Fouts laid down the final score with a service ace to win the match.

“This was a fun match to coach, a fun match to watch, and a fun match to play,” said head coach Danijela Tomic after the game. “I’m glad we won.”

WKU 3, FIU 0

Round Two

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Jovana Bjelica hit a ball that sailed out of bounds for the final point of her team’s semifinal match against Western Kentucky, officially closing the book on FIU’s season.

After both teams shook hands under the nets, senior Andrea Lakovic could not hold back her tears any longer. She broke out into sobs as her teammates hugged her, effectively saying goodbye to their longtime teammate.

Lakovic was just one of four Panthers who played her final match in an FIU uniform after being swept by WKU (30-3), eliminating the Panthers from the Sun Belt Conference Tournament, 25-22, 25-12, 25-19. It was the second year in a row that the Hilltoppers have knocked FIU (20-10) out of the tournament in the second round.

Not a single Panther had more than eight kills. Of those who qualified for hitting percentage with five kills, Lakovic had the highest with a paltry .208 mark. Setter Jessica Egan, who left the arena with tears in her eyes almost immediately following the match, recorded only 25 assists. Suffice to say, WKU shut down every facet of FIU’s game.

“They are a top 25 [team] for a reason,” said head coach Danijela Tomic of WKU. “They are number one in conference for a reason.”

The most competitive set of the match was the first, as the biggest lead was only

four points. Down 11-9, the Panthers battled back to take a 12-11 lead on two WKU errors and a Lakovic kill. The fierce tug of war continued until the Hilltoppers pulled away at 18-14 thanks in part to a ball-handling error by Egan.

Though FIU cut the lead down to 24-22 after a kill by junior Marija Prsa, Melanie Stutsman returned the favor and captured the set for WKU. After that, FIU suffered its most embarrassing set of the tournament as WKU jumped out to a mammoth 18-5 lead.

“It was a punch in the stomach. We didn’t know how to respond back from losing the first set,” said Gonzalez.

“We were overwhelmed,” added a puffy-eyed Egan who had her usual bubble demeanor replaced by a somber, glum one. “We beat ourselves.”

The deficit was much too large for the Panthers to overcome, as they lost 25-12. With WKU leading 20-13 in the third set, the crowd at the U.S. Century Bank Arena knew what was over the horizon.

The Panthers, however, were determined to give the Hilltoppers one final challenge.

They rattled off five consecutive points to bring the score to 20-18, as the crowd roared in excitement and WKU scrambled to a timeout.

The excitement was short-lived though, as Bjelica committed an error to end the match and lose the set 25-19.

WKU 3, MTSU 1

Championship

EDUARDO ALMAGUER
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From day one of the regular season, when the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers swept Sacramento State, the Hilltoppers never stopped the win parade.

After Nov. 19, that parade will be charging full speed ahead onto the national stage.

WKU beat rival Middle Tennessee in the Sun Belt Conference Championship match on Saturday afternoon in four sets (25-22, 12-25, 25-18, 25-18) to gain an automatic bid into the 2011 Women’s NCAA Volleyball Tournament. It is the first time WKU won the SBC championship in three years.

“We’d been waiting for this match the whole year,” said senior Lindsay Williams, fresh out of a dog pile of cheering teammates. “It’d been something we’ve been trying to work for and it’s been something that’s been our goal.”

Both teams had very unusual numbers that simply was not the norm for either squad.

While a .175 hitting percentage is usually a mark that a losing team carries, that is exactly what WKU had, which edged out the Blue Raider’s .162. Hilltopper Jordyn Skinner, usually an offensive powerhouse, notched only 13 kills, though she did achieve a match-high 17 digs to complete a double-double.

Only one Blue Raider, Ashley Adams, eclipsed six kills in the match as Western Kentucky’s defense became impenetrable in the third and fourth sets.

The Hilltoppers will have to wait until Nov. 27 for the NCAA selection show to find out whom they will face. WKU has never won a match in the NCAA Tournament.

“This is a team that somebody will have to beat because we won’t beat ourselves,” said Hudson.

PLAYER *of the* TOURNAMENT



Jordyn Skinner

Named the tournament’s Most Outstanding Player, the WKU outside hitter compiled 40 kills for the Hilltoppers throughout the tourney.

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FIU picks up road win

Carroll fills in for injured Medlock to lift Panthers

JACKSON WOLEK
Staff Writer

After being benched just a week before in favor of redshirt freshmen Jake Medlock, Wesley Carroll returned under center following a right shoulder injury to Medlock on the second play of the game to throw three touchdowns and lead the Panthers to a 28-17 win on the road to increase their bowl hopes.

"I've been in football long enough to know it is any given play and you have to be ready. Auburn my freshmen year our quarterback hurt his hand, so maybe that prepared me for a situation like this," said Carroll.

Carroll passed for 213 yards in relief-duty to lead the way for the Panthers.

FIU (7-4, 4-3 SBC) is on a two-game winning streak and has scored the most points over a two-game span this season.

After Medlock's injury, Carroll picked up things right where he left off. On his second drive of the game, the senior signal caller found tight end Colt Anderson for a 13-yard touchdown pass to give FIU an opening 7-0 lead.

Early in the second quarter, Carroll got his second touchdown of the game, throwing a pass up the middle to Glenn

Coleman, who made a shoe-string catch and took it into the endzone for a 27-yard score, making it 14-0 FIU with 9:22 left in the first half.

The excitement was short lived though, as it was immediately followed by a 98-yard kickoff return from ULM's Luther Ambrose, marking the first kick-return for a touchdown against the Panthers in school history.

Carroll answered right back on the next drive to make it back-to-back touchdowns, finding T.Y. Hilton this time for his first receiving touchdown since Oct. 18 against Arkansas State on a 58-yard pass. It was Hilton's 23rd touchdown catch in his collegiate career, a Sun Belt and school record.

"We felt good coming out of the empty [formation]. Knowing the way they play was getting them nervous and I took them inside and just used my speed to do the rest," said Hilton.

The Panther defense capped off the scoring barrage that the offense had put up in the second quarter by pinning ULM back on their own eight yard line, and getting an interception from Jonathan Cyprien, taking the score to 28-10 at the half. It was Cyprien's first touchdown of his collegiate career.

Both sides went scoreless in the third quarter, but ULM cut the lead to 28-17 with 9:34 in the game on a 1-yard run by quarterback Kolton Browning. The Warhawks came close to scoring again on their next drive, until Ricard Leonard intercepted Browning in the endzone to avoid any chances of a Warhawk turnaround.

Medlock was knocked out of the game after scrambling out of the pocket. Instead of sliding on the ground to avoid getting hit, the redshirt quarterback braced for impact.

"I talked to Jake [Medlock] later on in the game and I said, 'Come on, you cant play like this, you've got to start sliding. Every quarterback is sliding.' Sometimes you've got to know when to drop [your shoulder] it and sometimes you got to know when to slide," said Hilton.

The Panthers have one more game to impress bowl committees, a road game against Middle Tennessee on Nov. 26. Medlock's status for the season finale is still uncertain.

"We're going to have to do some testing when we get home ... We all know he likes to run ... So were going to have to examine him when we get back ... he was hurt enough that we had to keep him out of football," said coach Mario Cristobal.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Foul trouble hurts Panthers late in road loss to UTSA

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Staff Writer

The FIU women's basketball team record dropped to 1-2 as they fell to UTSA 61-54 at the Convocation Center on Nov. 18.

Learning from their previous game, the Panthers did a great job containing the three pointer as UTSA shot 0-7 from the three-point line. While both teams were struggling most of the night to find a rhythm from beyond the arc, Zsafia Labady made the game's only three-pointer which gave FIU a 51-50 lead with less than four minutes in action.

The Roadrunners though would respond quickly. Soon after UTSA went on a 10-4 run to close out the game.

While the Panthers shot 42.3 percent from the floor, they held UTSA to 32.6 percent, making five of 25 shots in the second half. But UTSA didn't need to shoot well, attempting 28 of their 44 free throw attempts in the second half. FIU found themselves in a tight bind because they could not keep their opponent in from the free throw line.

UTSA scored 31 points from the charity stripe, which gave the Roadrunners a huge advantage over FIU. The Panthers only took 11 shots from the free throw line, making nine of them.

Senior Fanni Hutlassa was the leading scorer for FIU with 18 points and nine rebounds despite only playing in limited minutes. Hutlassa and teammate Jerica Coley, who scored

14 points, would both foul out.

Also plagued by foul trouble was center Finda Mansare who had eight points and only five rebounds.

Once again leading in the turnover category with 22, FIU continually shot themselves in the foot while the Roadrunners forced twelve steals and capitalized off the Panthers turnovers scoring 25 points.

UTSA was more aggressive as they also doubled FIU in second-chance opportunities, scoring 12 points on those chances compared to FIU's six.

The Panthers will return to some home cooking inside of the U.S. Century Bank Arena on Monday, Nov. 21 when they match up against the Florida A&M Rattlers. Tipoff is set for 6 p.m.

SPOTLIGHT ON...

Inspired by travel

Alumni art featured in “Voyageurs” exhibit at Frost

SANDY ZAPATA
Staff Writer

Jorge Fernandez and Andrea Lahoz are University alumni who exhibited their artwork at the Frost Art Museum on Nov. 16 at 2 p.m. The event was hosted by Le Cerle Francais and Pi Delta Phi.

The exhibition is aptly entitled “Voyageurs” because Lahoz and Fernandez have traveled to several destinations including Europe, Asia and the Caribbean.

Fernandez graduated in 2009 with a bachelor’s degree in international business and marketing with a minor in French. He is currently pursuing a master’s degree in international business through the Chapman Graduate School of Business and Fernandez is expected to graduate August 2012.

As a currently enrolled full-time student, his biggest struggle is finding time to dedicate to his hobby: painting.

“Whenever I have time to paint, it’s a miracle,” said Fernandez.

Fernandez recalled his first encounter with the arts and his family’s reaction to his decision of being an artist.

“My family was kind of discouraging. To them, it was an unstable career and not very realistic.”

Yet despite his family’s dispiriting outlook, Fernandez continued to paint. With the guidance of his high school teacher, he learned the technicalities of the materials and the results that they would produce.

Fernandez uses oils to paint landscapes, portraits and architecture. He describes his work as classical and compares it to 18th and 19th century work.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDREA LAHOZ

Through the University’s Semester At Sea program, alumna Andrea Lahoz was able to visit Asia. [Above] A photo Lahoz took in Thailand.

“I paint what I see and what I like — things that are beautiful to me,” said Fernandez.

In 2009, before graduating, Fernandez decided to take a trip that he’s always wanted to go experience. He went backpacking through Europe with a set budget of \$20 a day, which included meals and transportation.

Fernandez traveled to London, Spain, Portugal, Paris, Florence, Venice, Jamaica, the Dominican Republic and many more interlinear cities and towns he never expected to encounter.

“The experience was extremely enriching,” said Fernandez.

His 45-day trip changed his perspective about life more than he

had expected.

The most important thing he gained from his experience is to always expect the unexpected, never settle for the first answer and be very resourceful.

“The only thing I want is to have a decent job in my field, live decently and be happy with whatever I do, which will always include painting,” shared Fernandez.

Lahoz graduated with a degree in international relations and, in 2010, earned a minor in French, Portuguese and Art History.

She considers herself an amateur photographer and says her motivation to stay interested in photography is a direct result of her travels.

In 2006, she traveled along with the Modern Languages Department to France.

She toured Belo Horizonte, Brazil in 2008 with the Modern Languages Department and in 2009 she went to Italy with the Honors College.

During her last semester in 2010, she voyaged with the University’s Semester At Sea program and travelled around the world.

Lahoz said she shared her travels with her family and friends through photography. They were quick to compliment and encourage her.

“They would tell me I have a good eye for photography, which encouraged me to continue taking pictures” recounted Lahoz.

Presently, Lahoz is interning at the David Castillo Gallery in the Wynwood area of Miami and aspires to continue working with the arts as she continues her education.

She is planning on returning to school during the fall 2012 to pursue her master’s degree in a program called Creative and Cultural Industries at the London Metropolitan University.

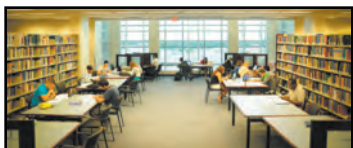
This is her first exhibit and she is “super excited, thrilled and honored to be able to present my work at The Frost Art Museum.”

Both Fernandez and Lahoz said their experiences acquired through traveling have affected their lives.

“Do not be a tourist, be a traveler,” said Fernandez.

TOP 5: Places to study

1



Any “quiet study floor” in *Green Library*. The rule of thumb: the higher up you go, the quieter it gets. If you’re lucky you might even find a comfortable chair with a view.

2



The *SIPA cafe*. This open, sunlit room in SIPA is distant from the busier parts of campus, making it an ideal place to lounge while reviewing for a final. Plus, drinks and snacks are readily available.

3

Residence hall lounges are rooms designed specifically for residents to study and socialize. Make sure to buddy up with an on-campus resident so you can work together on group projects in these comfortable rooms.

4

The benches outside the *Bistro by the Bay*. The less congested campus already makes finding quiet study spots easy, but the beautiful scenery of Biscayne Bay definitely makes studying less of a chore.

5



The *swinging benches outside of GC*. For nature lovers, these benches are comfortable and provide an outdoor alternative to studying, especially if the weather allows it.

Here are the top five places around campus where you can study peacefully, increasing your chances at acing that exam.

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CHANNEL SURFING

Poor acting on “A Gifted Man” negates interesting plot line

Supernatural Drama: “A Gifted Man”
CBS, Fridays
8 p.m.

Director Jonathan Demme and creator Susannah Grant did a great job assembling a cast that has either been featured in notable films, such as Jennifer Ehle in “The King’s Speech,” Emmy winner Margo Martindale and one of the most

watched actors on television, Patrick Wilson.
Regardless, you would think that, with such a cast, the acting wouldn’t be totally atrocious; I was wrong before I came to that assumption — my first mistake was feeding this show to my DVR.
“A Gifted Man” has the premise of an ingenious, arrogant doctor named Michael Holt (Wilson) who is accustomed to his upscale lifestyle. He gets an unexpected visit from his dead ex-wife, Anna Paul, who he claims to still love — you don’t see that very often.
Anna lives in the in-between zone because she has “unfinished busi-

ness.” She melts Michael’s heart of stone and twists his arm to be more humanitarian toward the less wealthy and to tend to the free clinic she left behind by hiring Dr. Kate Sykora, played by Rachele Lefevre (Twilight saga).
This show seems like it would be amazing, but there are too many sappy one-liners that make me question why I began watching the show in the first place.
The acting, regardless of renowned prestige, is not genuine and comes off as a melodrama that needs to be put to rest — hey Dr. Holt, you can handle that, right? I’ve been looking for a glimpse of hope for the show

and, although it is impressive what Dr. Holt can do when his patients can’t afford to live without his help, I can definitely live without watching the show.
In the last episode, viewers were shocked when Michael encounters a man in need of surgery, but comes to find that this man could have been behind Anna’s hit-and-run.
Although we realize that this patient was not the murderer, I wish he was because it would have been the answer to Anna’s questionable killing and it would have also been the highlight of the show.
Producers definitely left room for chemistry between Dr. Holt and

Dr. Sykora and this would really encourage more viewers to tune in.
I’d like to see the grinch of a doctor with a heart two sizes too small grow a little as a person without the help of his dead ex-wife and explore a life outside the doctor scene; it’s just what a show like this needs.
I advise producers not to follow the steps taken by “Hart of Dixie.” Rachel Bilson as a doctor would probably look for cancer, get distracted and pull out something else — maybe another cheesy line.
Channel Surfing is a weekly TV review column. Look for it every Monday.

COLUMNIST



SANAH FAROQE

New addition to biggest shopping weekend of year

ESRA ERDOGAN
Life! Editor

Thanksgiving is one of the few holidays that families make time to see each other.
But this year, instead of enjoying a relaxing evening after dinner with family and friends, many will be gearing up for Black Friday shopping.
Stores are opening earlier than ever and many stores anticipate large crowds and lots of spending.
“I hate it. I prefer online shopping where there’s no crowd to fight through,” said Bianca Khan, a sophomore studying international relations.
Fortunately, those who hate crowds have Cyber Monday, the online Black Friday. Consumers now have more options than ever about how they choose to do their holiday shop-

ping because companies are now offering deals both online and in stores.
However, the companies that can offer deals in stores and online are often huge corporations that advertise frequently, unlike small businesses.
Stores like Target and Best Buy offer almost unbeatable deals during the holiday season, but some argue that buying from small businesses supports the nation’s economy.
According to President Obama, small businesses “are the backbone of our economy and critical to job creation and sustained economic growth.”
This is the second year that American Express has urged Americans to support Small Business Saturday.
The new addition to the biggest shopping weekend of the year is supposed to urge consumers to buy from small businesses instead of

the typical big-box stores.
“It’s a great idea. All these corporations have all year to make profit and a lot of times they undermine small businesses. It’s a great opportunity for small businesses to put themselves out there in the community so they can continue to grow and expand,” said senior Katherine Borgen, who is studying international relations and political science.
According to Professor Louis Melbourne of the College of Business Administration, small businesses do play an important role in the American economy. “The [U.S. Small Business Administration] Office of Advocacy estimates that in 2008, there were 27.3 million small businesses in the U.S., contributing approximately 22 percent to the U.S. gross domestic product. Six million of these businesses were

employers. These statistics provide convincing evidence of the crucial role that small businesses play in the U.S. economy,” said Melbourne.
One problem consumers have with small businesses is that they tend to be much more expensive than big-box stores.
However, supporters counter the price difference by citing that small businesses provide unique products and personalized service.
“I feel like small businesses are more passionate about what they’re doing and big corporations are more about the money than the product. Small businesses give a more personal experience and variation to companies,” said Rachel

Small businesses are more passionate about what they’re doing and big corporations are more about the money than the product.

Rachel Miller
Senior, Biology

Miller, a senior and biology major.
Some may be put off by this campaign being spearheaded by a corporation like American Express, but it seems like the credit card company is using its capital to help expose small businesses.
The Facebook page for the event provides small business owners the tools to make a short commercial and a listing organized by zip code so consumers can find businesses to support in their area.
“Smaller businesses look more at quality and support that other local businesses and large corporations outsource from sweatshops to get the cheapest product possible; that makes them special. I do and will continue to support them,” said Miller.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, NOV. 21

- **On Learning to Die in Miami:** 1-2 p.m., MMC, GC 140
- **FIU Women’s Basketball vs. Maryland:** 6-7 p.m., U.S. Century Bank Arena
- **FIU Women’s Basketball vs. Florida A&M:** 6-9 p.m., U.S. Century Bank Arena
- **7th Annual Karaoke Night:** 7-10 p.m., Law Kitchen/Café.
- **FASA Art Talk:** 7-9 p.m., MBUS Gallery, 420 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach
- **COM 2011-2012 Interviews:** 12-5 p.m., Lot 33
- **Miami Jazz Co-Op Rent Party:** 8 p.m., The Stage
- **Manchester Orchestra, White Denim, The Dear Hunter:** 6 p.m., Revolution Live, \$15.50
- **Adult Beginner Freerunning Course:** 6 p.m., Miami Freerunning Academy, \$140 for 12 sessions

TUESDAY, NOV. 22

- **BOT Academic Policy & Student Affairs Committee:** 12-1 p.m., MMC GC Ballrooms
- **Search and Screen Committee Meeting - Notice of Public Meeting:** 3-4 p.m., MMC AHC2 690
- **Chamber Music Series: FIU Collegium Musicum:** 7:30-9:30 p.m., \$15.00 General Admission, \$10.00 Seniors and FIU Faculty/Staff, \$5.00 FIU Students and FIU Alumni Association Members, Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center Concert Hall
- **Santa’s Enchanted Forest:** 5 p.m.-Midnight, Ticket prices include: Adults (ages 10 - 64) \$43.46 + Tax, Senior Citizens (ages 65+) \$32.71 + Tax, Children (ages 3 to 9) \$32.71 + Tax, Children (ages 2 and under) Free, Tropical Park

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BORDERLESS WITH BROOKLYN

Increased security measures crucial to combat abuse

The exact number of people who live in the squalid conditions in the tent city of Port Au Prince, Haiti is difficult to calculate.

COLUMNIST



BROOKLYN
MIDDLETON

Nearly a year ago, the Daily Mail estimated the figure to be about 1.2 million. Now, the Voice of America estimates the number to be around 600,000. This current figure, of course, does not take into account those who have been illegally evicted from the tents.

Despite the difficulty in giving an exact number, one thing is absolute: far too many Haitians are living in conditions that jeopardize their lives.

In January 2010, Haiti was hit with the catastrophic earthquake that crumbled its already shaky infrastructure. In the nearly two years

since, an ongoing cholera outbreak has killed over 6,500 Haitians, a video of UN peacekeepers gang-raping a young Haitian man with laughter bouncing around in the background has been released and the political system endured a chaotic presidential election.

The background provided helps to explain the current landscape that has created what is perhaps the greatest growing humanitarian crisis in Haiti: the rape epidemic.

According to a report in January 2011 by Amnesty International, “Sexual and other forms of gender-based violence were widespread in Haiti before, but the earthquake shattered what few protection mechanisms did exist. Since the earthquake, the specific needs of girls and women living in camps relating to the prevention of and response to gender-based violence have been inadequate. The risk of rape and other forms of gender-based violence in Haiti’s

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camps has increased dramatically in the past year. Perpetrators are often members of youth gangs who operate after dark. Women and girls, already struggling to come to terms with the grief and trauma of losing their loved ones, homes and livelihoods in the earthquake, are living in camps in tents that cannot be made secure, with the constant threat of sexual violence.”

Worldwide, rapists feed on chaos and instability, leaving masses of young girls and women

unprotected and endangered.

The rape epidemic occurring in Haiti must be responded to by the new president. As the commander in chief, he has the utmost duty to protect his citizens.

Increasing security and armed patrols in the tent city is crucial to combating the abuse of young girls and women.

“Borderless with Brooklyn” is a biweekly column examining world events.

Students treated as customers

ANTHONY PEREIRA
Contributing Writer

Students have many options for education these days, but while there are many great options, there are also many schools out there behaving more like businesses than actual learning institutions.

Profits are the motivation behind business. To attain the highest profits possible, the business needs to constantly cut their budgets. This is the model for every business, and is the reason why education should not be a business.

Each state has its publicly-funded schools and private institutions. Among the private institutions are the smaller, for-profit schools. Everest and Keiser are two examples of this business model in Florida.

These schools spend the majority of their beginnings trying to become accredited by the state, as this is the only way its students will be able to receive state funds such as financial aid.

Many of these schools are online-only, which means they have no physical campus or faculty, which is a clear indication of just how profitable they can be.

According to hackededucation.com, University of Phoenix’s profits rose \$1.33 billion in one quarter, despite a disappointing 42 percent drop in student enrollment.

Another outrageous number is the amount that these schools spend on the marketing of their brand, which is often more than what they spend on the curriculum or actual teaching that goes on in the school.

According to adage.com,

University of Phoenix spends over \$100 million on ad campaigns alone.

These schools, while having the benefit of flexible scheduling, which is more of a marketing tool than anything else because of the fact that most major institutions offer the same thing, are the subject of much scrutiny because of the many negative allegations made by its students.

A “PBS Frontline” documentary titled “College Inc.” discusses that very matter. In this documentary, former students of major for-profit institutions give candid interviews on the subject of the faulty education they received at these schools.

Now, this is not to say that all the students had terrible experiences, but it is to say that all that glitters is not gold. A perfect example of this is in the nursing industry.

Many of these for-profit schools that offer nursing programs have a clause in their enrollment contracts that states that the locations of their training are subject to change at any time. The moment students sign these contracts, there is nothing they can do after graduating if they feel that the school did not give proper schooling.

According to Nora, Martha and Susan, graduates of Everest College, if they were to apply for a hospital job, it would be very difficult to get that job if the employer sees that the perspective student has never practiced in an actual hospital, which is exactly what happened during their respective job searches.

In their cases, the college claimed they would have the training at a hospital, but because of that clause on the contract,

they were not legally obligated to do so and are safe from legal action.

That is a simple technique used by every company to maximize profits: do anything and everything to trick the customer into paying. Clauses are something that do not belong in school contracts. They belong in businesses, which is precisely what these institutions are.

The main objective of these colleges is to make money, just like any other business. They are not wrong in how they run their schools; they are simply doing what is best for their pockets.

Their ultimate responsibility is to please their shareholders and CEO, not their students, which is why they should be seen more as companies with clients instead of schools with students. The student at these schools pays for the services that should ultimately lead to an end, such as a meaningful learning experience, but the college is not concerned with that end as much as they are with the means.

Here at the University, the school is funded by the state, which means the government oversees financial affairs and has a invested interest in the students and the college not taking advantage of its funds. That is the way it should work.

There is no negative accusation that can honestly be made to the for-profit schools, as they are only doing what every single business should do, which is to make as much money as possible.

What students need to decide is whether or not they are comfortable going to an institution that sees them as a customer, and not as a student.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Proposed activity tax an asinine ploy to swindle paying students

One of the principal roles of CSO is to fairly allocate funds to the various student organizations. However, as revealed in the November 4 SGA University Wide Meeting, CSO wants to take those funds back, in what it calls an “activity charge.” What I call an “involvement tax.”

Essentially, members of clubs would be charged a fee to host events. I have never heard anything more asinine.

For starters, the SGA and CSO constitutions only give them the authority to allocate funds, not impose fees. Second, it is explicitly illegal under Florida Law to charge students to participate in an event funded by A&S fees.

According to Sanjeev Udhvani, the “involvement tax” would save SGA money during the budget deliberations in the Spring semester. He also stated that USF and FSU allow their clubs to charge fees.

However when I contacted the CSO equivalents at USF (Center for Student Involvement) and FSU (Student Activities Center), I was told that in no uncertain terms were Udhvani’s statements true. I checked the statutes of both universities – they clearly say that clubs funded in part or whole by A&S Fees could not charge students for entry into events or for membership in the club. Also, neither council charges any kind of an “involvement tax.”

In addition, if there were funds leftover in the CSO budget, it would be put into the ACB account managed by Student Affairs Vice President Rosa Jones, which is difficult for SGA to use. So I can only assume Udhvani was mistaken

when he spoke at the November 4 meeting.

More alarming however, is the extreme secrecy in which CSO advisor Ayana Wilson and President Elizabeth Fava have taken in planning this proposal. If you examine the CSO executive minutes, which are more accurately called agendas due to their inexcusable lack of information, you will not find any mention of this proposal. (The “minutes” simply list the topics each executive member spoke about, but do not give any information about what was actually said.)

I demand to know why CSO is purposefully omitting information about such a drastic policy from their minutes. If this “involvement tax” proposal was being discussed in other meetings, why were they not advertised and made open to the public as required by Sunshine Law?

I don’t know why CSO wants to start charging students to host events, nor do I care why. CSO is a unique organization in that its budget can never be affected by the budget cuts facing education in Florida. Its budget comes solely from the A&S fees, which come out of student tuition. No matter how many budget cuts there are, CSO cannot be affected.

I salute SGA for tabling the vote on the proposal until their next meeting and beg them to vote NO on this “involvement tax.” And I strongly encourage the CSO clubs to stand up to the CSO executive board on this issue. Students already pay A&S fees; they should not have to pay again.

-Ben F. Badger Jr. / CSR Director of Alumni Relations

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Raul Reis appointed as SJMC dean

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Staff Writer

The School of Journalism and Mass Communication is adding some West Coast flair to its program with the appointment of its new dean.

Raul Reis, currently a professor of Journalism and Mass Communication at California State University, Long Beach, is set to begin his tenure as dean of SJMC on Dec. 1.



RAUL REIS

During his time at CSULB, Reis implemented several curriculum changes consisting of progressive and innovative courses that better prepared students for today's multi-media world of journalism.

According to a press release from FIU's Provost and Executive Vice President Douglas Wartzok, the curriculum changes brought forth by Reis resulted in his journalism department becoming one of the most respected and sought after mass media programs in Southern California.

Expanding CSULB's journalism department by creating and co-creating close to a dozen courses such as the Introduction to Online Media, Advanced Online Media and Writing Across the Media, Reis said he hopes to take SJMC to another level as he did his department at CSULB.

"The school itself is great already as it is, and it is very successful and well known in the country," Reis said in an interview with Student Media. "I'm hoping to bring the school to a different level in the sense of looking to the future and looking on how to put the school in the level of top schools in the country."

Reis began his professional and academic career in Belém, Brazil where he obtained his bachelor's degree from Universidade Federal do Pará, Belém and worked as a reporter, copy editor and writer for several publications. Reis then went on to earn a Master of Science in Journalism and Mass Communication from Kansas State University.

He obtained his doctorate in Communications and Society from the University of Oregon.

As a professor, Reis has worked to bring real life experience to students both in and out of the classroom. In 2002, he created the Global News Media course where students visit Brazil during the summer to put their course work to practice.

"I have been doing it since 2002; at the beginning it was like let's go to a different country and be journalists

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Soccer tournament draws students

JOSHUA SEEMUNGAL
Contributing Writer

The Biscayne Bay Campus Recreation Center collaborated with the BBC Futbol Club and International Student Scholar Services to host the inaugural FIU BBC World Cup Futbol Tournament at the North Miami Athletic Stadium on Nov. 18.

"Events like these allow us to build greater relationships with students like those with the BBC Futbol Club," said Val Butler, Recreational Center general assistant and organizer of the FIU BBC World Cup Futbol Tournament.

The event is the first of its kind, and consisted of five teams: Uruguay, Haiti, Ukraine, Cambodia and Catalonia, going along with the international theme, was held in celebration of the University's International Education Week, which featured guest speakers, lectures, demonstrations, and a study abroad fair.

Ukraine defeated Cambodia in the final 1-0 to win the tournament.

"There are always people who play basketball and soccer in their own time, but we wanted something connected to FIU," said BBC Futbol Club president Maria N. Reynaga.

Despite the inclement weather, the first game kicked off at 11 a.m. and saw Catalonia emerge victorious against



ANDRES BEDOYA/THE BEACON

Shelby Printemps dodges Ruben Calderon to lead Ukraine to a victory in the first ever FIU BBC World Cup Futbol Tournament at North Miami Stadium on Nov. 18. The tournament included five teams.

Uruguay thanks in part to an audacious back-heeled goal by team captain Carlos Forero.

This moment of inspiration set the tone for a tournament that proved competitive and entertaining.

"I haven't played soccer in months, so every time I play I appreciate it," said Nick Kalf, sophomore student from the Netherlands.

As the games progressed at a high tempo, the tackles and shots came in from everywhere, leaving little time for rest.

Played in a round robin tournament, every team had the opportunity to test themselves against the other four teams.

After the first few games no team dominated procedures, and it all came down to the final first round matches to determine who would meet in the World Cup Final. At the end of two closely fought semi-final games, Cambodia and Ukraine emerged.

The two teams would take on each other one last time in a 20-minute game.

Shelby Printemps, from team Ukraine, raced down the right wing and shot from distance into the roof of the net to score the game winning goal. It was a fitting end to a tournament held in celebration of International Education Week, Printemps, a Haitian, had won the World Cup for Ukraine.

And with the tournament having proven to be a success, Butler revealed that the event would be held annually

"We definitely intend to do this every year," said Butler.

SOC to thank members with Fall Feast

FU ZHOU WU
Contributing Writer

The idea of giving thanks, is one that is ingrained in American society and celebrated every year through Thanksgiving feasts.

To give thanks to members of the Biscayne Bay Campus' diverse group of student organization members, the Student Organization Council is throwing their annual Fall Feast on Nov. 21 at the Wolfe University Center Ballroom from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

At the event, participants will be able take part in a variety of craft activities such as making hand turkeys and decorating different Thanksgiving themed items.

Every year, SOC hosts a social event for all members of its organization.

"It is a get-together with our clubs. [The Fall Feast] is not about Thanksgiving, but it has the same idea of giving thanks to our clubs for their involvement and their hard work through out the semester" said Mais Kayyali, president of SOC.



BARBARA CORBELLINI DUARTE/THE BEACON

The Student Organization Council at the Biscayne Bay Campus is holding its annual Fall Feast on Nov. 21 featuring a variety of crafts and activities for students to partake in. The event is held as a means for SOC to thank the different organizations that fall under its purview and have taken an active role throughout the semester