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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

# SGA reforms elections code

**MELHOR LEONOR**  
*News Director*

Following a partly inactive summer, the Student Government Council at the Modesto Maidique Campus has begun to lay down the law.

In the senate's first session of the year, SB 1209 and SB 1210 were presented to the senators and passed unanimously without much debate.

Both SB 1209 and SB 1210 are part of a 12-bill series designated to revamp the elections code known as the "Elections Code Reformation Act of 2012." The first item was SB 1208, an amendment that outlines the new index for the elections code.

SB 1209, also known as 'The Elections Code Definitions Act of 2012', outlines

44 new definitions added to section 6.02 of the SGC-MMC elections code.

Previously, the elections code only contained nine definitions. Among the additions are "ballot," "beyond reasonable doubt" and "third party violations."

According to Alex Castro, vice president of SGC-MMC, the reason for the additions is to eliminate "vagueness." He also added that many of these definitions were compiled from other Student Government Associations across the state.

Another addition is "Political Party," a source of debate during the 2012 elections.

"I see nothing wrong with it, so there's nothing I would

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## KNIGHT, KNIGHT FIU



ANDRES BEDOYA/THE BEACON

Quarterback Jake Medlock was harassed all day by the UCF defense.

## RESEARCH

# FIU partners with other schools in breakthrough technology

**JACQUELINE ROSADO**  
*Contributing Writer*

Monitoring your health and environment may be as easy as wearing a wristband or tooth cap.

According to Shekhar Bhansali, chairman for electrical and computer engineering, an upcoming small device will monitor health, detect any

changes within the person's body and manage wellness.

Although the creation of such a small monitoring device is still in progress, FIU is going to be involved in this device's invention.

FIU is collaborating with North Carolina State University, Pennsylvania State University and the University of Virginia.

This project originated at NCSU, where the National Science Foundation Nanosystems Engineering Research Center for Advanced Self-Powered Systems of Integrated Sensors and Technologies is located. Although talks of building a sensor composed of communication chips started as an idea, it became a work in progress when the NSF decided to

fund the proposal in March.

The sensors will be composed of the smallest of materials to create sensors, micropower generators, advanced next-generation electronics and communication. The size of these sensors will be 10 mm, which is about 10,000 times smaller than a human hair. Depending on the type of research or data that doctors or researchers

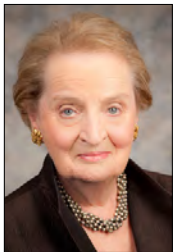
intend to collect, these devices will be created to wear as a tooth cap, wristband or anything else that is easy for the patient to move in.

As for FIU's role in this research, the University will create sensors that gather analytical data from the body and then

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# Former Secretary of State weighs in on Middle East

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MADELEINE ALBRIGHT

**FIUSM** - Do you think the government of the United States should have a position in the film that was made by a particular citizen?

**Albright** - I think it has been said that this is the kind of film that, in fact, is inside the violence.

We believe in freedom of speech, but it has

to be responsible. I think they're trying to figure out who exactly made it, but I think that our embassies and various officials who are saying this is not the official position of the United States are trying to deliver an important message [addressing] that we need to and do respect other religions.

**FIUSM** - It took three days to react to what was going on in Cairo. Do you think it was too much time? That they should've reacted sooner?

**Albright** - Well, I do. As I understand it, it's that President Obama had a conver-

sation with President Morsy. It's that one would wish that they would've reacted to it earlier... but it's clearly a very difficult situation.

As I said, these are new governments that are trying to get themselves organized, but they have not made [it] very clear that violence is not acceptable.

**FIUSM** - What do you think about the Deferred Action for Child Arrivals policy? Is it something that will benefit them in the long run?

**Albright** - I think it's a very important

action because President Obama has made it very clear that the children that came to the United States need to have availability of having an education and living a good American life.

However, it is only a part of what has to happen on immigration policy. President Obama has said that there needs to be a complete immigration plan and I think that's something he wants to work on [during] his second term.

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## SPANISH VALENTINE



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Junior Alexandra Osorio, physical therapy major, hands out a club flyer for the FIU Columbian Club during “Dia del Amor y la Amistad” also known as Columbian Valentines.

# Campaign to eliminate distractions

ALEXANDER SUAREZ  
*Contributing Writer*

Texting captures the attention of a driver’s eyes for an average of 4.6 seconds, according to research released in 2009 by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute.

According to this research, this “equates to a driver traveling the length of a football field at 55 mph without looking at the roadway.”

The Florida Department of Transportation District Six will prompt young drivers to reconsider their use of cellphones while driving in their revamped “Put It Down” Distracted Driving campaign.

In past events, Community Traffic Safety Program Coordinator Carlos Sarmiento asked students to close their

eyes for about eight seconds and then open them. He follows this exercise by asking students if that time is worth losing their life or someone else’s.

This local initiative targets students ages 16 to 24. The campaign’s purpose is to present the dangers of distracted driving, especially due to cell phone usage while driving.

According to a study released April 2012 by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, young 18-year-old to 20-year-old drivers “have the highest incidence of self-reported crash or near-crash experiences compared to all other age groups and the highest incidence of phone involvement at the time of the crash or near-crash.”

Drivers under 25 are “much more likely to text while driving than all other

age groups,” according to the NHTSA study.

According to Sarmiento, representatives of partnering organizations— such as AAA, Miami Dade County and Florida Highway Patrol— will attend the event and manage individual tables with informational and interactive material to bring distracted driving awareness to students.

The University will open up the floor for two “Put It Down” events. The first of these events will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 31 at the field east of the library at the Biscayne Bay Campus. The next event will take place at Modesto Maidique Campus at the Graham Center lawns, across the GC ballrooms on Thursday, Nov. 1.

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# Bill puts elections one month closer

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particularly change,” said William-Jose Velez, president of Coalition of Students for Reform. “That said, the issue at hand with political parties is not whether there should be, but how they will be registered.”

“Voting Booth” is another definition that will now be relevant with SB 1210.

Also known as The Elections Commission Reform Act of 2012, SB 1210 designates seven polling locations with two to five volunteers to oversee the voting process.

According to Castro, this bill also puts elections one month sooner to create a longer transition period.

The next three bills of the series will be brought

before the senate Monday, Sept. 17.

The proviso language for the 12-bill series specifies that these bills won’t go into effect until they are all approved by the senate.

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# Good things come in small packages

### NANO, PAGE 1

couple those results with FIU-developed nano energy storage systems joined with other contributions from the partnering universities. Doctors, patients and researchers will have easy access to health data collected by the sensors. The data can then be transferred to computers, phones and other devices.

The device’s main purpose is to make it easier for the doctor or researcher to conduct a more detailed analysis on how a patient or subject reacts to certain environments instead of just relying on the patient or subject’s oral account of how they feel or what they are experiencing.

“This program could have the ability of doing more than just monitoring wellness and health. Maybe with time, it could help save lives,” said Erin Muro, senior and biology major.

Bhansali said that this research will give FIU students a chance to work in large semi-industrial environments filled with limitless possibilities.

“Many of these students have no idea what research is and have probably never stepped into a research lab. With this project, we will be able to expose our students to science and nanotech-

nology, creating a new generation of researchers,” Bhansali said.

According to Bhansali, these FIU graduate and undergraduate students will be the key players in determining what will come out this project. For FIU, the main goal is to get students more involved in researching.

ASSIST is partnering with 11 secondary schools within the relative area of the partnering universities. FIU will work with schools like Miami Coral Park Senior High School and Rockway Middle School to give these students the opportunity to be a part of this project.

The purpose of ASSIST’s partnership with these secondary schools is to create a new generation of researchers who are aware of science technology and the impact it can have on society. According to Bhansali, the students will understand how they can use these resources to benefit society.

Valerie Aleman, sophomore in journalism and mass communications, said, “This outreach program will help open up the children’s minds to whole a new realm of countless possibilities.”

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## Bike shop has merits, but needs its own tune ups

**MARC RAPPAPORT**  
*Contributing Writer*

While parking seems to top the list of problems toward which FIU needs to point its attention, those that choose to ride their bikes to and around school will be pleased with the University's most recent addition of a bike shop.

The conveniently titled FIU Bike Shop, which employs students to make repairs, is, in some ways, a promising venture. Encouraging students and faculty to ride their bikes to school would not only lessen the University's traffic, but ultimately open up more parking spots on campus.

However, most of the students I have met who ride their bikes on campus tend to live in the dorms. In my three years at this University, I have never once seen someone park their car, take a bike off the top and continue along their way. Thus, the shop will most likely cater only, or at least predominantly, to those who live on campus.

While this is not a bad thing, I don't feel that now, because there is a bike shop on campus, someone from Homestead will be any more inclined to ride their bike to school. So, would the bike shop ultimately pave way for a better parking situation?

No, probably not.

With the school creating bike paths all throughout campus, as well as the county's installation of bike lanes along 8th Street and 79th Avenue, it seems as though bikers are having their needs met.

Prices at the bike shop are quite reasonable. A standard tune-up for students runs at \$25 – \$30 for non-students. While other services ranging from brake and wheel adjustments, tube installations, or a mere inspection, inspections are actually free for students, will cost you anywhere from \$5 to \$15 and up to \$20 for non-students.

Recreation services and the Office of Sustainability, those who fund the Bike Shop, have actually begun installing air pumps on bicycle racks around the Modesto Maidique and Biscayne Bay campuses.

The shop's only real shortcoming, so far as I can see, is its strange hours of operation: Monday from noon to 4 p.m. and Tuesday 9 a.m. to noon.

All in all, the shop is a great and economical resource to anybody in search of nearby bike maintenance. My only concern is whether it has much of a customer base; and, to that extent, any purpose.

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## Dos and don'ts: the decorum forum

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Imagine rushing to get to the shuttle in the morning, panting while your card is swiped for the fare, then looking for a seat and finally, by some stroke of luck, finding one; only to see bags on it.

I have noticed a few things that make me wonder if decorum is a foreign concept here at FIU.

So for those who need a little help in that area, embrace the following.

Annoying and rude as it is to set your bag down in an empty seat, some people take the back row for themselves, even carrying a blanket and making the back seats into a little bed. Really, you only paid \$2.50 which I think is good enough to include your one seat and free wi-fi.

Another thing, I know freedom of expression is protected by the First Amendment, but excessive kissing in the shuttle is just too much. Imagine

trying to get a nap and you're greeted by the sound of wet smacking lips and, of course, the sound that follows.

“ And please, people, wait your turn when boarding the shuttle. Shoving and squirming won't get you to class any faster. ”

And please, people, wait your turn when boarding the shuttle. Shoving and squirming won't get you to class any faster.

Now we all know a library is supposed to be the most quiet place on earth, and yet some people walk into a quiet floor talking chatting and laughing on their phones. People do try to study in the library, in case you didn't know.

In class, it is always a good idea to participate in the lesson, but keep it to a minimum. I just hate to be in a class where there is always one person who tries to take over. Asking and answering every question, interrupting the teacher with some odd fact, its obscurity is matched only by its irrelevance. Please, put a lid on it. I came to hear the professor, not you.

And please, do not pick your nose before getting salsa from Moe's.

And ladies, when you leave the restroom, remember to wash your hands. It makes no sense that you do your business, come to the mirror, fix your face, look and act cute, and then walk right out. Sanitizers don't cut it every time. Wash your hands.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### RE: SMOKING BAN

Your editorial on the campus smoking ban compares the deleterious effects of nicotine to that of soda consumption. You are missing the point. Those who drink soda are harming themselves.

Those who smoke in public are harming themselves and others. I am an asthmatic and my number one asthma trigger is cigarette smoke.

I shouldn't have to endanger myself by the simple act of coming to work. You can drink all the soda you want and I'll still be able to breathe.

-Mike Rosenthal, senior instructor, Department of Mathematics & Statistics



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FISTFULL OF TECH

# With tight budgets, students debate whether the new iPhone5 is worth the money

We live in a nation of consumers. Every new gadget or device receives wide attention, with people going to incredible lengths to get their hands on the latest technology. On Wednesday, Sept. 12, Apple's new iPhone five was announced, but with college students' tight budgets how many will take the plunge and upgrade?

COLUMNIST



JORGE MENDEZ

To Apple fanatics everywhere, the new iPhone doesn't bring any surprises, instead the phone is just a sleek new update to the phone everybody already loves. The screen is taller, and with its new "Retina Display," it is the brightest and highest definition iPhone screen to date.

The old connector is out and in its place Apple introduced a smaller and faster one called Lightning.

The Lightning connector is 80 percent smaller and is also reversible, meaning you will never again have to go through the hassle of figuring out which is the right way to plug it in. However, this new cable is also one of the phone's biggest drawbacks; any previous acces-

sory like speakers, external batteries, or car chargers, will no longer work. Apple is offering an adapter, but it's clunky and inconvenient.

Other changes include a new operating system in iOS6, an improved camera, newly designed ear buds, and finally and perhaps more importantly LTE. This form of wireless Internet has actually been around in other phones for a while, but is a first for Apple's phone line.

When asked whether or not he was going to buy Apple's newest phone, junior advertising major Ryan Thail answered, "To make an extremely long answer short, no. There are Android and Windows phones that are both faster and more powerful phones than the iPhone5."

With the release of the new iPad, the Retina Display Macbook Pro, and now the iPhone5 it is becoming increasingly clear that Apple is relying more on its loyal fan base than innovation to sell its products.

"I know iPhone users who were left disappointed with the lack of major improvements in the iPhone5, but they will still buy it just because it's an iPhone," said Thail.

So who exactly is going to buy this phone? Senior French language major Melissa Morim-

otto said, "I'm going to buy it because I need more memory, more speed and a better camera. I have a 3GS."

In Morimotto's case, everything the iPhone5 has to offer is new. But with other great smart phones on the market, why wait to buy this one? "I'm going to get the iPhone5 because I like Mac products, also because I like Apple's customer service," said Morimotto.

And it is this preference for Apple's brand that will make the difference for potential buyers.

iPhone users do not choose to buy this particular product only because it is faster or more powerful. Other qualities make the iPhone stand out.

Ultimately those qualities are ease of use, reliability, and "the cool" factor, which matter more than the size of the processor or the camera's megapixels.

In the end, those most likely to buy this new phone are those who like the brand, regardless of whether or not the iPhone5 is "the biggest thing to happen to iPhone since iPhone," as Apple is claiming.

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# FARMER'S CLUB MEETS



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Senior environmental studies major Trisha Callahan (center) holds a Farmer's Club discussion on alternative food options.

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# LIFE!

THE FROST

# New exhibits at the Frost "demand your attention"



EDWIVE SEME/THE BEACON

With everything from large-scale pieces to aluminum sculptures, The Frost Art Museum brings new exhibits to the University, prompting positive feedback from students.

EDWIVE SEME  
Staff Writer

When it comes to art, it isn't always about what's visible, but beyond what the naked eye can see and a deeper meaning.

Instead of looking with the eyes, feel the art instead of trying to see what sometimes isn't even there. Artists tend to create an outside world where the audience can visit and have their own experiences.

That's exactly what the Frost Art Museum provided to its audience when it opened its new shows.

The museum had other ongoing exhibits, such as "This and That." It consists of sculptures and paintings from the permanent collection "Shared Threads," which shows the culture and tradition of Per through textile. Another

ongoing exhibit is the Jamaican Intuitive Art, which focuses on the spiritual level of the nation.

The museum started two new shows, the "Out of the Ordinary Geometry" by Lydia Azout, and the "Faculty Show," which featured two collections of artworks by two professors from the College of Architecture + the Arts.

On Wednesday, Sept. 12 the museum satisfied students' hunger for more after the Frost's mini Target Wednesday last summer. This was their first Target Wednesday for the new academic year.

The event lasted from 6-9 p.m., and consisted of a series of sculptural pieces created by Azout in the "Out of the Ordinary Geometry" exhibit.

The pieces made of steel illustrated different shapes to create extraordinary results and

a projection. Those pieces were not only interesting to look at, but also to connect with.

Melissa Guanch, a senior art education major, attended the event. "It's impressive because it's so large-scale," said Guanch. "You're kind of forced to interact with it. They definitely demand your attention," said Guanch.

The "Feminine Forces" sculpture was made of steel with Rust Patina and built as a cave. Attendees sat in the chair-like structure of the Major Temple.

"This exhibit is about the cosmos, Sacred Geometry, the unknown, and the magical," said Azout.

Azout was inspired by the "Twilight Zone" TV series as a child.

"The 'what if' opened a huge amount of possibilities

and my perception of ordinary was never ordinary again," explained Azout.

Two professors from the College of Architecture + the Arts contributed concentration pieces in the "Faculty Show." Tori Arpad-Cotta's exhibition "Long, Lovely Portage" consisted of a projection, hand-bound books and cast Egyptian paste. Her works focus on place and practice and meditation.

Professor Ralph Buckley is another professor who participated with his group of sculptures, "Reflections on Water." He uses aluminum to create sculptures reflecting the movements of water from small bodies of water to large bodies like the ocean.

Students like Juan Jugo, junior B.F.A. major, were amazed by his craftsmanship.

"He can make metal look

like fabric," said Jugo. "He has an awesome ability with the materials he works with."

Jugo also likes the feeling of thinking and reflecting that the pieces bring.

"I find [them] very meditative, but I also I find them very sad," said B.F.A. senior Adria Llerana. "I didn't learn how to swim until I was 13, so I had a fear of drowning for a long time."

Besides connecting to them on a personal level, Llerana describes the pieces as beautiful.

The event was successful, having many staff members and students attend while grooving to the smooth and entertaining music provided by Student Media's Radiate FM. The exhibitions will run until Oct. 21.

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ORGANIC GARDEN

# Organic Garden brings to light the value of worms

KATHERINE LEPRI  
Contributing Writer

Worms are gross and slimy. They slither in dirt by our feet and squirm on fishing hooks. Earthworms often generate the same reaction: Gross! But don't let their appearance disguise their importance in our planet's ecosystem.

Despite their reputation, earthworms have been cleaning up debris and recycling it as fertilizer for the last 120 million years.

The burrowing annelids are indigenous to Europe and now abundantly populate the soil of North America and western Asia.

Greek philosopher Aristotle characterized earthworms as the "intestines of the earth." Ancient Egyptians celebrated them as the unheralded champs of soil restoration.

In 1881, Charles Darwin wrote, "It may be doubted whether there are

many other animals which have played so important a part in the history of the world, as have these lowly organized creatures."

On Friday, Sept. 21, the Organic Garden, part of the Agroecology Program on the Modesto Maidique Campus, will host a free event on vermiculture led by Miami permaculture celebrity Marcus Thompson. Worms, which will be the focus of the event, are vital for any agroecosystem.

Studies show that in just one acre, there can be a million or more worms eating 10 tons of leaves, stems and dead roots, turning over 40 tons of soil. They burrow tunnels in the soil and help aerate the upper layer of the ground and improve drainage for better soil structure.

At the University's Organic Garden, earthworms are not only found living throughout the grounds, but are also maintained in a vermiculture, or worm

composting unit.

"The vermiculture unit is another aspect of sustainable agriculture that students can learn about," says Miles Medina, the current manager of the University's garden. "It allows us to turn food scraps into valuable organic fertilizer and pesticide."

Since the Garden opened in 2008, it has expanded into an invaluable part of the FIU community.

This process of vermicomposting, uses worms to decompose food, yard, and paper waste, into rich by-products such as worm castings and worm tea.

Worm castings, or worm poop, are a rich soil amendment and offers benefits that regular "hot composting" does not.

Multiple studies show that gardens with soil that is host to a burgeoning earthworm population is likely to promote faster growth of plants, increase crop yield with less irrigation, reduce soil erosion, and produce crops with a

better taste without toxic residues.

The demonstration at the Garden on Friday will demonstrate how to construct and maintain a vermiculture unit and how to effectively use worm castings.

The presentation will take place in the Organic Garden at MMC from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The garden is located between the FIU Nature Preserve and the baseball stadium on the southwest side of campus, near the campus entrance at Southwest 117th Avenue and 17th Street.

There will be a lecture, Q&A session, and time for hands-on work. University students and the public are invited to the event. However, there will be limited capacity.

For more information about the FIU's Organic Garden and a list of future events, visit their website at [agroecology.fiu.edu/FIUOrganicGarden.htm](http://agroecology.fiu.edu/FIUOrganicGarden.htm).

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MEN'S SOCCER

Forward adjusts to American lifestyle, thrives in new system

FRANCISCO RIVERO  
Staff Writer

A 4-year-old Quentin Albrecht approached his mother and told her that his dream was to play soccer. She was surprised, to say the least.

"She was quite shocked because I was the only son, I have three more sisters, and she never asked me if I wanted to play any sports," Albrecht said.

Ever since that day, Albrecht worked hard to become the best soccer player he could be, even if that involved playing against kids that were twice his age and size.

"On the streets, I played with a lot of my friends after school, on a little field that wasn't even a soccer field. It was more like a track field but we played there every day," Albrecht said. "You can learn the most when you play against older people. I was like 6 and the other kids were between 15, 16 and 17."

Albrecht, a native of Hessen, Germany, currently leads FIU men's soccer in goals this year

with five which matches his total goals from last season.

Albrecht also has a number of favorite players ranging from Zinedine Zidane to Mario Gomez. But when it comes to the forward position for Albrecht, there's only one guy he can pick.

"From my position, I really like Wayne Rooney because he's a really strong player, he tries to keep the ball and creates a lot of chances," said Albrecht.

As Albrecht got older, he got the chance to play for a university. It required him to leave his friends and family in Germany, but he decided to accept FIU's offer given for one simple reason.

"The good opportunity I could have to get a degree and play soccer, I always wanted to get a degree but I never wanted to quit soccer," Albrecht said. "You have to choose either between studying or playing soccer [in Germany] and here I can combine both and that's really important to me."

During Albrecht's freshman

year, the young forward had problems off the field. Albrecht had to adjust to the social change of life.

"The language was the hardest challenge, at the beginning I was a very quiet guy because of the language," Albrecht said. "Normally, I like to talk and joke around with my teammates but at the beginning it was tough, because I couldn't say jokes and stuff because of the language."

As Albrecht steps into his second year, already having adjusted to the social change and having learned the language, fans and teammates can already see the change.

With Albrecht's five team-leading goals, he has become a main point in the Panther offense. That's something Albrecht's teammate, sophomore forward Colby Burdette, has taken notice.

"He's been big, the way we play our game we need someone who can finish our chances that we have," Burdette said. "Our style of play is really good for

attacking so having him up top being able to finish the plays is really a big deal."

Burdette has also been able to see the changes in Albrecht's game from the very beginning when they both played for FIU as freshmen.

"The team chemistry has to be the biggest change," Burdette said. "He's brought all of us together as one team and we've been able to play with each other, we know each other's instincts like we're one solid team instead of separate groups."

As FIU looks to continue its great season Albrecht's message to the Panther fans is quite simple.

"I hope that all of them are coming to our games because I think we are doing something great this season," Albrecht said. "There's a change, everyone can feel the change and I hope everyone is coming out to see us play because we love to play in front of a big crowd."



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Albrecht has a team-high five goals so far this season.

SAND VOLLEYBALL

Construction of new courts marks new era for sand volleyball



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The construction of the new sand volleyball courts signifies the beginning of a new era at FIU.

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It was not long ago that FIU added women's Sand Volleyball as part of Division I. In January of this year, sand volleyball was introduced to FIU and it was announced that it would become a sport for the school in spring 2013.

In anticipation of the sport, new courts are being built near the FIU tennis courts just west of the Panther garage adjacent to the U.S. Century Bank Arena.

Kenneth Jessell, chief financial officer and senior vice presi-

dent of Finance and Administration, explained the process of construction of the sand volleyball court.

Construction began on Aug. 14 after the addition of women's sand volleyball. The project should be completed by the end of September.

According to Jessell, Athletics asked FIU Facilities Management to assist with the design and construction. The cost of the new sand volleyball court is \$99,387 and is paid for by Athletics.

The court is 11,213 square feet and runs north to south to mini-







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WEEKEND GAMES



ANDRES BEDOYA/THE BEACON

Brynn Harvey of UCF runs into for a touchdown in the first half against FIU.

FOOTBALL	WOMEN'S SOCCER	MEN'S SOCCER
 UCF 33	 FIU 0	 FIU 1
 FIU 20	 Ari. 2	 Fur. 2
Team Records		
UCF (2-1) FIU (1-2)	FIU (3-3-1) Ari. (4-3-0)	FIU (5-1-0) Fur. (5-1-1)



## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# New schedule highlighted by road tests

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This season, FIU men's basketball schedule is daunting. Going against five postseason teams from a year ago, the Panthers will face the tough task of rebuilding an 8-21 record from last year.

The quality of opponents is not the only thing working against the Panthers this season. The team plays 29 games this year, with 16 of those on the road.

The 13 home games are by no means easy either. Seven of the 13 opponents coming into the U.S. Century Bank Arena had winning records last year.

Change is another challenge FIU must overcome this season.

Only six players from the 2011-2012 roster are making their way back this year, along with 12 new additions.

New Head Coach Richard Pitino's experience and non-conference knowledge is the fresh change FIU needs.

"We are going to face a lot of good programs this year and we look forward to the challenge," Pitino said in a press release. "Our non-conference portion of the schedule should get us prepared for what I expect to be a very competitive Sun Belt Conference."

The Panthers begin their season on the road Nov. 11 at Boston College. The Eagles lost 11 of their last 13 regular season games, finishing with a record of 9-22.

The Panther's home opener on Nov. 17 is against Stephen F. Austin, a team that has put together four 20-plus winning seasons in the last five years.

The Panthers will go on the road for one game, but come back for two home games against conference opponents. They first take on Arkansas State Nov. 29 followed by South Alabama on Dec. 1.

Following the small home stand, the Panthers go on a seven-game road trip facing some quality opponents.

The most notable game happens on Dec. 19 versus Rick Pitino, Richard Pitino's father, and his Louisville Cardinals team.

This will test FIU considering that the Cardinals not

only finished 26-9 in the regular season, but tacked on four more postseason wins in the NCAA Tournament to reach the Final Four.

The last time Louisville and FIU matched up was in 2010 when the Cardinals defeated the Panthers 92-55.

The road trip ends at Middle Tennessee State on Dec. 29, where FIU will have to face their toughest conference opponent. Not only did Middle Tennessee finish 27-7, but they are bringing back 11 players from last year.

In January, FIU faces off against eight conference opponents, with an even split of four games at home and four on the road.

The harder games will be on Jan. 12 at the University of

Arkansas at Little Rock and against Louisiana-Lafayette on Jan. 5 at home and then Jan. 24 on the road, capped off by a home game against Middle Tennessee on Jan. 30.

All the teams mentioned had winning percentages above .625 last year.

In February, FIU will have five games against teams with losing records.

The Panthers take on Louisiana Monroe twice, then Florida Atlantic, Troy and Western Kentucky.

Those four teams combined for a 21-43 record last season. The final game of the season will be on March 2 at Florida Atlantic.

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# New facility will be 11,213 square feet

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mize the sun glare. Athletics hired four contractors for the project. The first step was to dig up a pit inside the perimeter area, and then covered the pit with a layer of gravel.

The next step was to install the drainage pipe in a winding pattern to allow water to flow and exit.

An edge guard was installed to keep dirt or grass from mixing with the court and help prevent injuries. The last step was to lay the sand.

Seating is not included in the project, but bleachers will be built before the start of the sand volleyball season. Other universities have sand volleyball courts. In fact, there are 38 sand volleyball teams in Florida. "We are very excited about the

new courts," said Rita Buck-Crockett, head sand volleyball coach. "It's our home."

Currently, the team is practicing at Tamiami Park.

The sand volleyball team trains eight hours a week, but in October will begin training for up to 20 hours a week.

The team will have a Blue vs. Gold scrimmage in their new court on Nov. 30.

The team will practice from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The first game of sand volleyball will begin in the spring 2013 season.

Going into the inaugural season, the team has one goal in mind and that is to win. They want to bring a national title to FIU.

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**MONDAY, SEPT. 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
**SPC Fall Fest Kick-Off** - 12:00PM - 3:00PM | Panther Square  
 Start of SPC Fall Fest Festivities  
**Dancing with the Wolfe Series: Bachata** - 6:30PM - 7:30PM | Panther Square  
 Dancing series with professional Bachata instructor Mambo Yoli

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 18<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Tom Deluca** - 12:00PM - 2:00PM | WUC Theater  
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 Dancing series with professional Salsa instructor Mambo Yoli

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
**"Snow White and the Huntsman"** - 12:00PM & 5:00PM SHOWING | WUC Theater  
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**Dancing with the Wolfe Series: Belly Dancing** - 6:30PM - 7:30PM | Recreation Center  
 Dancing series with professional Belly Dancing instructor Kira

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 20<sup>TH</sup>**  
**More Money with Peter Bielagus** - 2:00PM - 3:15PM | WUC Theater  
 Entertaining and informative lecture with the go to guy for young people and their money  
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**Dancing with the Wolfe Series: Argentine Tango** - 7:30PM - 8:30PM | Panther Square  
 Dancing series with professional Argentine Tango instructors Radu Jianu and Erika Latham

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 21<sup>ST</sup>**  
**SPC Comedy Show** - 7:00PM - 9:30PM | WUC Theater  
 Nationally renowned comedians Chello Davis, Raneir Pollard and A.G. White

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## VICTIM ADVOCACY CENTER

# Abortion: a cause of ‘legitimate’ debate

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*Contributing Writer*

Abortion has been a controversial issue for many years and while this election year is no different, Rep. Todd Akin has added a new and controversial wrinkle to the debate.

Akin, Missouri’s Republican candidate for U.S. Senate, caught the attention of some students when he made comments about the issue in an interview broadcast on St. Louis television station KTVI on August 19.

“It seems to me first of all, from what I understand from doctors, that’s really rare,” Akin said, “If it’s a legitimate rape, the female body has ways to try to shut that whole thing down.”

Grace Ingabire, a junior studying biology, was outraged by his comments.

“I don’t know what is going on with him but, I mean every woman knows nobody wants to be raped you know and to tell somebody, ‘Oh your body is going to automatically shut down if the conception wasn’t right.’ That doesn’t make sense.”

She said that rape victims who decide to abort shouldn’t be judged.

“I mean for women it’s

a hard choice especially if you’ve been raped...it’s not the kids fault but you’ve been through this really, really bad experience.”

The source to Akin’s statement was John C. Willke, a general physician who wrote an article published in Life Issues Connector on April 1999 titled “Rape Pregnancies Are Rare.” In the article, he explained how rare it is for a woman who is sexually assaulted to become pregnant.

“To get and stay pregnant, a woman’s body must produce a very sophisticated mix of hormones,” Willke wrote. “Hormone production is controlled by a part of the brain that is easily influenced by emotions. There’s no greater emotional trauma that can be experienced by a woman than an assault rape. This can radically upset her possibility of ovulation, fertilization, implantation and even nurturing of a pregnancy.”

According to an article published in The New York Times on Aug. 20, experts on reproductive health dismissed this logic.

Nathaly Ossa, senior studying biology, psychology and criminal justice, agrees that Akin’s comments did not make sense.

“You don’t need to be educated to know that our body can’t know whether or not it’s...a legitimate pregnancy or not,” she said.

Ossa said that girls as young as 9 or 10 years old can be victims of rape. These young girls may not be physically or emotionally capable of giving birth to the child.

Other students believe abortion isn’t the answer.

Jimmy Pertil, junior studying biology and president of the Impact Movement, said that Akin was “totally wrong because it offends women around the world.”

But Pertil is against abortion even in the case of rape.

“I’m a Christian and...I truly believe that if you do get raped and get pregnant, abortion is not the option,” he said. “Instead, you can give your child up for adoption.”

Sharon Aaron, licensed clinical social worker and director of the Victim Advocacy Center at the University, said that what was most distressing about Akin’s comments was that it gave the idea that women are responsible for being raped.

“‘Legitimate rape’ is only seen as this stranger jumping out of the bushes with a weapon. And it’s also still only

## LIFE ROLLS ON



BARBARA CORBELLINI DUARTE/THE BEACON

Modesto Maidique Campus is not the only place where students roll from A to B. Jonathan Brunache, freshman and chemistry major, and Randy Brunache, freshman and biology major, skateboard in front of the Glenn Hubert Library.

seen as, if a woman puts up a fight,” she said.

Aaron said that according to Florida law the victim does not need to prove that she or he fought back. The victim needs only to prove lack of consent.

The VAC helps students who have “experienced actual or threatened violence.”

Students don’t need to pay for the service at the center

because it is covered by the health fee. The center keeps the identity of students who look for help confidential.

Aaron said that the center does “whatever it takes to get that person re-stabilized. So they can regain and recover their normal functioning.”

Akin later clarified that he “misspoke” during the interview and it didn’t reveal his

true feelings on the matter, but the damage was already done. His words offended many victims of rape.

Aaron said that only when people are informed about issues like abortion and rape society will “stop re-traumatizing people and restricting their access to care.”

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## Q&A

# A talk with Madeleine K. Albright

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Madeleine K. Albright, former secretary of state, spoke to Student Media about recent attack to the United States consulate in Libya and immigration policy.

**FIUSM** - What’s your position on what’s happening in the Middle East?

**Madeleine K. Albright** - Well it’s obviously a difficult situation and I think that we have to recognize that this is being carried out by a small group of people who are just abounded and determined to destroy things when in fact most of the people in these countries are working very hard to develop new governments for themselves to get away from authoritarian dictators and to develop institutions that will allow people to have a voice.

There are some people who don’t want progress; those are the ones that are creating the violence, but I think we need to remember that the majority of people in these countries want to live a normal life.

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## CHAPLIN SCHOOL OF HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT

# Have some hospitality with a glass of wine

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Students will take on the roles of chefs and slice, chop, saute, and serve food to understand how to manage a restaurant.

The first dining event will be on Tuesday, Sept. 18, at the Kovens Conference Center at Biscayne Bay Campus.

Lunch and dinner will be served on Tuesdays through Fridays. Lunch begins at noon and dinner begins at 6 p.m.

Mark D’Alessandro, a visiting instructor, believes that the events are crucial to help students gain the necessary experience.

“Our job in teaching these courses is to prepare students to be managers in the hospitality industry,” said D’Alessandro. “As such, there is no better way to expose our students to management than to actually have them manage a live restaurant.”

The Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management is hosting events to help students of the Advanced Food Service Management Classes.

Anna Renteria, hospitality major and participant in the dining events, at first questioned how this would help her as she worked toward her degree but then realized that it helped her build leadership skills.

While the University does not have a culinary program, CSHTM offers culinary courses to teach students so they can have a well-rounded education in the hospitality and tourism industries.

“I am getting pretty excited about my group luncheon event where I will be playing the role of General Manager for my group,” said Renteria. “Knowing that I am managing my colleagues to succeed in our common goal of having a great event has helped me build

my leadership skills and taught me more lessons on working with others in a professional environment.”

The cuisine for the events will vary between Mexican, Italian bistro, and Spanish Tapas. The cost for dining is \$18, which includes an appetizer or salad, your choice of an entree, dessert, coffee, and

a glass of wine.

“I am hoping for the best outcome possible for our event” said Renteria. “I am also excited to see how the rest of our class delivers on this major project.”

Business-casual attire is recommended for the events.

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## DINING EVENTS SCHEDULE

- Tuesday Lunch: Sept. 18, Oct. 9, Oct. 30, and Nov. 20.
- Wednesday Dinner: Sept. 26, Oct. 17, Nov. 7, and Nov. 28.
- Thursday Lunch: Sept. 27, Oct. 18, Nov. 8, and Nov. 29.
- Friday Lunch: Oct. 5, Oct. 26, and Nov. 16.

Reservations are suggested and can be made in advance. To make reservations, call 305-919-4526.