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Homecoming Week festivities on Saturday, Oct. 13 included a parade of floats and the homecoming game against Middle Tennessee State University. The University also crowned Leo Martinez and Ferry Gonzalez as homecoming King and Queen, respectively.

Rubio and Craig Romney speak at FIU

KRISTINA CORONEL
Staff Writer

“Young Americans for Romney” was the theme for the event held at the University’s College of Law atrium on Friday, Oct. 12.

Sen. Marco Rubio and Mitt Romney’s youngest son, Craig Romney, joined the University and the community to talk about the presidential candidate and what he is offering the United States.

“Since Senator Rubio teaches at the University, it wasn’t hard at all to have him come in and speak,” said Jessie Browning, a junior and chair of recruitment for the College Republicans in an interview with Student Media.

Rubio, a University faculty member who teaches political science in the School of International Relations and Public Affairs, opened with a few jokes to lead into his talk about the upcoming election, which he regards as important to the youth.

“Most elections are a choice between two candi-

dates and two parties, but this election is a referendum [on] something that is more meaningful, and that is our identity as a nation,” Rubio said.

He said he will be joining the presidential candidate at next week’s debate in New York and is looking forward to the rest of this election.

Rubio then went on to introduce Romney.

This was not Romney’s

first time here; he was at the University back in 2008 for his father’s campaign to run for president.

He stated that this campaign is a wonderful privilege for him and his family to get out across the country to get to know issues that are important to people.

His favorite part, he said, is “going to college campuses.”

One thing he pointed out is

that votes from young voters typically go to Democratic candidates.

“It is a given,” Romney said, adding that in this year’s election, there has been a shift in those votes to Republicans.

He believes the reason this is happening is because many of today’s college graduates are unable to find a job.

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Craig Romney, son of presidential candidate Mitt Romney, speaks to supporters at the University on Friday.

New director leads Cuban research

STEPHAN USECHE
Staff Writer

Following four years of uncertainty, the Cuban Research Institute now has a director to take the lead.

Appointed in September, the new CRI Director Jorge Duany has organized his plans and ideas to put the program in full gear.

Born in Cuba and raised in Puerto Rico, Duany is no stranger to the research of Cuba and Cuban-Americans.

He received his Ph.D. in Latin American Studies from the University of California and based his thesis research on Cuba and Puerto Rico.

“I’ve always been fascinated by questions of movement and how those movements impact people’s sense of who they are, which is an academic way to answer my question of who I am,” Duany said.

Duany has also conducted research for short periods of time in schools such as Harvard University and the University of

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Klock to keep College of Business ticking

STEPHAN USECHE
Staff Writer

Two weeks after the beginning of his term, David Klock, dean of the College of Business and Administration, now heads business at the University.

On Oct. 1, Klock succeeded Joyce Elam, former executive dean of the University’s College of Business and Administration. Elam remains working at the University as dean of University College.

Klock grew up in New England, but has worked in different places, such as Atlanta, Los Angeles, Dallas and Florida.

“Miami is even a more dynamic community than those places,” Klock said.

He has experience as an entrepreneur and a faculty member of other institutions.

His previous position was dean of the School of Business at the University of Alabama-Birmingham, a nationally-ranked teaching and research center.

“The business school was very involved in health care and management activities and very involved with dealing with training and developing with things related to health care,” Klock said.

Klock compared both business schools, FIU and UAB, in their social diversity characteristics; although UAB’s School of Business doesn’t have a large percentage of Hispanics, it has a diverse African-American student population from different economic backgrounds.

“Lifting up students that were new to higher education was a very important thing,” Klock said.

Before working at UAB, Klock served as the chief executive officer of a company called CompBenefits, that was later sold to Humana.

“My wife, Phillis Klock, and myself were blessed to be one of the original people that started the company and helped [it] grow

from nothing to 5 million members,” Klock said.

CompBenefits is an insurance company that specializes in dental and vision; it has six acquisitions, one of them in Miami, giving Klock the opportunity to experience the area.

“We became very aware of the dynamic, global, culturally diverse nature of Miami,” Klock said.

Klock is no stranger to the rest of Florida. Klock has a son and a daughter living in Gainesville. Both are nurses at Shands Hospital. He has had a home in Winter Park for over 30 years and his wife is also very active in the Florida community.

Phillis Klock is part of the Board of Trustees of the University of Central Florida and volunteers at the institution, according to Klock.

Nevertheless, Klock said he and his wife are very enthusiastic about FIU athletics, such as basketball, football and volleyball.

“As long as FIU isn’t

HAND UP ON YA HIP



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Asian Student Union members Kimberly Carrasco and Justin Lacson perform a traditional Tinikling Filipino dance.

playing against UCF, my wife will be cheering for the Panthers,” Klock said. “We love the campus life, so you’ll see us around in sporting events.”

His goals for the College of Business are to implement global international

activity, health care and entrepreneurship.

“Those three things have been very important in my life, particularly the health care and the entrepreneurship,” Klock said.

He also said that the school has “exceptional

faculty” and students have to work hard.

“In life, to succeed, 90 percent is perspiration and 10 percent is inspiration,” Klock said.

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Duany set goals for Cuban research program

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Florida.

“That’s the interesting thing about doing these kinds of studies. Wherever you go, you find different places and a different mix of people,” Duany said.

He also said Miami is the perfect place to conduct research because of its ethnic diversity,

immigration, race and culture.

“Miami is an ideal laboratory to study these things,” he said.

According to Public Affairs Manager Aymee Correa, FIU is the perfect place to conduct research because it has a large Hispanic community and a large percentage of Cubans.

“I’m happy Duany is here,” Correa said. “He has an amazing

background and has set good goals for the program.”

With the director position open since 2008, the program was “hanging in the air” since then, according to Correa.

Lisandro Perez, CRI founding director and sociology professor at the University, founded CRI in 1991. Later, he proceeded to leave both positions to go work for the

Latin American and Latino Center in John Jay College in New York.

When Perez stepped down from the director’s position, Damian Fernandez, who was an international relations professor at the University, vice provost and head of the Biscayne Bay Campus, replaced him and led CRI.

In 2008, Fernandez was appointed provost of Purchase College of the State University of New York, leaving CRI without a director for the following years.

In the absence of a director, Cristina Eguizabal, former Latin American and Caribbean Center

reach out to students and graduate programs.

He plans on strengthening the graduate programs’ community aspect and continue to have a presence at a national level as well as internationally with other Latin research centers, which they already have with Mexico, Spain, Dominican Republic and Cuba.

“We want to create an advisement board that will represent different sectors of the community so we can keep in touch with what people want to talk about, read and want to do research about,” Duany said.

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I’ve always been fascinated by questions of movement and how those movements impact people’s sense of who they are, which is an academic way to answer my question of who I am.

Jorge Duany,
Director
Cuban Research Institute

director, oversaw CRI with Uva De Aragon, former associate director of CRI, since 2008.

“They would make sure that the CRI was properly running,” Correa said.


Some of the goals Duany has set for the program are to create activities, bring back the graduate certificate program for Cuban and Cuban American studies, and

goals, others appreciate his presence in CRI.


“Now we have Mr. Duany as director, who is already leaving his mark,” said Marifeli Perez-Stable, interim director of the Latin American and Caribbean Center.

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Obama and the C-word

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This was not the first time I’ve heard someone call President Barack Obama a communist, and it certainly will not be the last.

The morning following the first presidential debate, my mother asked me who I thought had given the strongest performance. I told her that, as much as I dislike Governor Mitt Romney, I thought he did very well.

And, with that, the tone of the conversation changed dramatically. She was disappointed, naturally, as a long line of conservative republicans had just bred their first democrat.

However, in an attempt to sway my vote – as everyone else has been trying to do through Facebook – she started arguing with me about Romney’s strengths, Obama’s weaknesses; hitting me, finally, with the following: “You know why I don’t like Obama? *El es un comunista.*”

Translated: He’s a communist.

I asked her why she thought so. Her response: “Because that’s what I think.”

That is the most popular explanation I hear when a classmate or peer is challenged on the same claim, but I’d like to say that is not sufficient. Saying, “just ‘cause” and shrugging your shoulders is not an argument, nor is it persuasive in any way.

If you’re going to attack a candidate, I expect you to give me some facts to support your stance.

But what I get instead are explanations like, “I heard Rush Limbaugh say it;” or my favorite, “I saw it on a GIF.”

GIF, by the way, stands for Graphics Interchange Format; it’s essentially a looping clip from a movie or TV show, usually with a witty caption.

For the most part, I hear nothing but a bunch of malarkey.

Neither a GIF nor a meme are a credible source for your political rhetoric. Reading the news, watching debates, and doing research: those are credible sources. Facts are what give your accusations of communism some credibility.

And here I use the word “some” very carefully.

Comparing Obama to a communist or socialist also lessens the shock value of actual communism.

The plights that actual victims of communism have withstood are diminished in the public eye, if not directly insulted, when you compare Obama to Hitler, Stalin, or Castro; it makes communism seem like a cakewalk.

So I’m simply asking you to do your research and back up your arguments. Communism is not a topic to take lightly, nor is it an accusation to be thrown around.

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Sub the Subway subs with these

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Contributing Writer

Like many FIU students, I’m usually stuck on campus for lunch. Also like many FIU students, I can build up a good appetite in spite of my budget.

So when I’m hungry for good food at low prices, I make a beeline for Subway. There I can get a good sub sandwich that hits the spot without breaking the bank.

When it comes to a good sub, the competition simply can’t beat the \$5 footlong. Or can they?

As many FIU students have found, if you try getting a sub on campus anytime between noon and 2 p.m., you’re going to have a bad time. The lines stretch at least 15 people long, even with three separate

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windows and nine employees working at a time.

I spend half my time trying to decide which line to stand in.

Even the service can leave something to be desired. The last time I was at Subway, the first server seemed more concerned with the next person

than she was in putting my order together. The second server looked like he had lost all hope in humanity, much less in my sandwich. The cashier refused to speak to me in English.

None of this provides reason enough to keep me from getting my sub, but if there’s a better

option I’d certainly like to know about it.

It just so happens there is.

For instance, simply cross the street to the Subway on 107th Avenue. There you’ll find smiling faces and great service in addition to an FIU student discount not found on our campus branch. Not to mention the unlimited refills and the servers’ occasional generosity with portioning, which always brightens my day.

Or perhaps you’re in the market for a little more quality in your deli meats. If so, try the Publix deli, also directly across the street from the 107th Avenue entrance. They are a little pricier than Subway, but their ingredients are always fresh, and their subs are always packed full.

The only downside to a deli is the wait. Lines aren’t usually as long as the other options on campus, but for good quality one must be patient. Grab a ticket.

Maybe, however, you would like to try something different. In this case, go with option number three: Subrageous, just two doors to the right of Publix. As a matter of fact, I would recommend trying this place at least once in your time at FIU.

Their unique taste leaves nothing to be desired. Their sandwiches are sliced, grilled, and created right in front of you, leaving your mouth watering all over the counter before you’ve even paid. Their subs are homestyle and superb, with a taste that separates them from the competition.

The lines are usually minimal, and the wait not very long. Their servers are upbeat, friendly, and even smiling. They also give an FIU discount, with the exception of the bargain deal of a footlong and medium drink for under five bucks!

Beat that, Subway.

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WOMEN'S CENTER

Girl talk is more than just gossip on Love Your Body Day

JODIANN JACKSON
Staff Writer

Calling all ladies.

Mark your calendars for this Wednesday, Oct. 17. It is National Love Your Body Day, and the “Love Your Vagina” event will take place in 243 of the Graham Center from 7 to 9 p.m.

The event is geared toward educating young women about their reproductive system and how to have a healthy body image.

The event is exclusively for women so there can be a more open and comfortable conversation space.

University Health Services, the Women’s Center, National Organization for Women and SGA are sponsors of the event.

“National Body [Day] is important, especially for women at FIU, because we are a very diverse university. We would like to embrace positive body images for all shapes and sizes,” said Juanita Louis, senior anthropology major and student health coordinator for the Student Government Council at the Modesto Maidique

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Juanita Louis
Student Health Coordinator
SGC-MMC

Campus.

“I am extremely happy that a lot of organizations are collaborating with this event because it is bringing awareness across the FIU community,” said Louis. “Women need to be educated on this particular topic, no matter the age, because it’s never really focused on.”

The event won’t be all lecture. The first hour will engage young women in “girl

talk” and fun activities, with food and refreshments for the participants.

One of the activities, “Paint Your Orgasm,” allows students to paint an artistic representation of the female orgasm.

There will be stations set up where students can get information about resources on campus that can help women learn about their bodies and how to take care of themselves.

“We pay for UHS services and the Women’s Center services through the activity and service fee, therefore taking advantage of these wonderful services they have to offer,” Louis said.

UHS and the Women’s Center will lead a seminar in the second hour, where they will discuss the female orgasm and how it plays a part in female sexuality, self esteem and self confidence.

“It is important for women to attend because this will be a chance that may not arise again for a while. It provides important information for women and everyone needs to be informed,” said Cheryl Bean, psychology major and president of the FIU chapter of Voices for Planned Parenthood

Bean said she has high expectations for the event.

“I think the event will be an amazing opportunity for females to explore their sexuality in a safe environment,” she said.

To find out more information on this event, you can visit the Women’s Center at MMC in GC 2200 or at BBC in UHS.

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CAMPUS LIFE!

The University celebrates National Coming Out Day



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Freshman Justin Santoli, a GLBT advocate, recruits Denielle Alto as a supporter on ‘National Coming Out Day.’

DANIEL URIA
Staff Writer

Oct. 11 commemorates the 1987 march on Washington, D.C. for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender rights. The day, later known as National Coming Out Day, serves as an opportunity to promote awareness for the LGBT community and its allies.

This year’s National Coming Out Day at FIU involved the Multicultural Programs and Services department teaming up with various on-campus LGBT organizations to “take over” the Graham Center for the day, according to LGBT Advocacy Coalition President Geoffrey Vancol.

Charkivia Lovett, graduate assistant for the LGBT initiatives division of MPAS was in charge of organizing National Coming Out Day 2012. She expressed that her focus for this year was making sure that not only the event but the presence of the LGBT community on campus was seen.

“The main purpose of us today is our visibility and that’s our tabling,” said Lovett, referring to the rows of tables set up by various different LGBT organizations, such as the Advocacy Coalition and Stonewall, in GC.

Many of these organizations sought to use the visibility of being set up in

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How to deal with breakups

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Dear Nick,

How should I break up with my boyfriend? He will be devastated!

B.J.
Senior
Biology Major



Nick Scheidt, M.S. is a Doctoral Psychology Intern at FIU Counseling and Psychological Services. He is a Clinical Psychology Doctoral Candidate from Carlos Albizu University. Once he completes his internship at FIU, Nick plans to work as a Psychologist, Writer, and Professor.

Do you have questions you would like to Ask Nick? Send an email to: Nscheidt@fiu.edu

Dear B.J.,

A. Breakups are hard; there are no simple or easy answers other than to be clear and honest with yourself and your boyfriend. The end of a relationship ranks almost at the top of the list of life stressors.

I would ask you to carefully consider your reasons for deciding to end the relationship, be sure about your decision and if you are still certain, proceed with caution. When you have to deliver news that is negative, I would recommend going to a tranquil, quiet, and public place.

This gives you a chance to talk privately but also gives you a chance to leave if you find it necessary. I do not suggest you break up over text message, email, facebook or by phone. This is just too impersonal for such

an emotional message. You should consider your values when making this decision and I recommend ending things honorably and with a clean break. Take responsibility and speak your truth in a respectful and honest manner. I would avoid discussing the small details and focus on the big picture. Thank your boyfriend for the wonderful time you had the opportunity to spend together.

This will be a difficult time for both of you, surround yourself with friends and loved ones and seek professional help if you feel its necessary to deal with the grief. Life is full of change, if we learn better ways to adjust to change, we can learn to live life more fully! I wish you both the best in this difficult transition.

Be Well,

Nick

FIU raises awareness for LGBT community

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the often busy, pit area of GC to raise awareness about what they have to offer. Tyler Wasson, a postdoctoral fellow at Counseling and Psychological Services wants students to be aware of the referral services offered by the department that allow LGBT students to get in contact with organizations and clubs within the community saying.

“We’re just trying to get our names out there, get more connected to the LGBT community and make our presence known as allies,” Wasson said.

David Buechel, grad student and secretary/recruitment director, for

Delta Lambda Phi, FIU’s gay fraternity also seeks to spread awareness for his organization.

“A lot of people don’t know that there’s a gay fraternity at FIU,” Buechel said. “You can have a close connection to people who are going through the same thing as you.”

Andrew Becerra, president of the Stonewall Pride Alliance, was also present and gave a few details about the organization and its Tuesday meetings.

“We basically try to make that a safe place for people who are just coming out and identifying in the LGBT community and bring them to a place where they can feel comfortable and safe and find people who are

accepting of them,” said Becerra.

Aside from providing important information about the various LGBT organizations, the tables in GC offered various goodies such as pens, rainbow colored pins and other paraphernalia regarding National Coming Out Day.

MPAS provided free pizza and their table featured a spin wheel that gave students the opportunity to win prizes for answering questions.

“All the questions have to do with LGBT trivia,” said junior MPAS member Alexis Barcelo. Categories on the wheel included: symbols, resources, “out” celebrities, history and culture and issues in the community. The purpose of the wheel served not only to tests students’ knowledge

but also to inform them.

“We’re doing this to educate everyone on these issues,” Barcelo said.

With the purpose of raising awareness for the LGBT community, this year’s event had many students stopping by to learn more about LGBT presence on campus.

Erin Berry, a freshman international relations major, was pleased to see the LGBT community on display.

“I hadn’t seen them have another event,” Berry said, “so this is really good at bringing out awareness today.”

Sophomore Andrea Alarcon also expressed that she would like to see more events like this one

“I feel every group should do fun activities on campus so everyone can be involved,” said Alarcon.

As the event came to a close, Lovett felt confident in proclaiming the day had been a “complete success.”

“We had so many different groups, and students had an opportunity to really learn more about LGBT,” Lovett.

“The best part of the day for us was the voting, and the trivia. Students really got to learn more about the issues. For us as a department it was really successful because we got to reach out to a lot of students.”

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MONDAY, OCT. 15

KNOW YOUR LIMITS

WHEN: 10:30 am-1:30 pm
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: MMC Graham Center in front of Pit table 7

TO GO OR NOT TO GO: DECIDING ON GRADUATE SCHOOL AND PROGRAMS

WHEN: 12:00-1:00 pm
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: MMC Graham Center 230

SGA BBC SENATE MEETING

WHEN: 3:30-5:00 pm
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: BBC WUC 221

INTERNSHIPS 101 WORKSHOP

WHEN: 4:00-5:00 pm
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: MMC Graham Center 230

TUESDAY, OCT. 16

DIVERSITY DAY @ BBC

WHEN: 8:30 am-4:00 pm
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: BBC WUC Ballrooms

SUBVERSIVE FIBER, THREADS OF THOUGHT: CREATIVE WEAVING

WHEN: 10:00 am-12:00 pm
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: College of Architecture + The Arts Miami Beach Urban Studios 420 Lincoln Road, Suite 440, Miami Beach, 33139

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HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: General Audience Presents 769 NE 125th St. Miami, FL 33161

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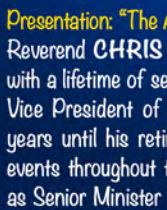
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12:15PM - 1:00PM Reverend **CHRIS JACKSON** and **LUNCH** WUC Ballroom
1:00PM - 1:45PM “So, you think you know me...” **Activity** WUC 221 / 223
2:00PM - 3:15PM **MISHNA WOLFF**, Author of “I’m Down” WUC 221 / 223

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Presentation: “Honest Dialogue about Race”

Rev. Dr. **JAMIE WASHINGTON** serves as the President and Founder of the Washington Consulting Group, a firm based in Baltimore. He has served as an educator and administrator in higher education for over 20 years. He served as the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs at the University of Maryland Baltimore County. He has been an instructor in Sociology, American Studies and Education. Dr. Washington sees himself as an instrument of change. He works everyday to help people find the best in themselves and others.



Presentation: “The Advantage of Oppression: The Spiritual Significance of Minorities”

Reverend **CHRIS JACKSON** is a third-generation student of Unity teachings, with a lifetime of service in the worldwide Unity movement. He is former Executive Vice President of Unity’s World Headquarters, where he served for twenty-six years until his retirement in 2001. Chris has been a keynote speaker at Unity events throughout the United States and in Europe and Mexico. Currently serves as Senior Minister at Unity on the Bay in Miami, Florida.



Presentation: “Me Too: How Our Different Experiences Bring Us Together”

MISHNA WOLFF is a writer and humorist originally from Seattle, where she was raised in a blended African American family in a poor minority neighborhood. Growing up she constantly wrestled with her own whiteness clashing with her family’s values. When she was sent to upper middle class white school, she found that just because she shared race with her classmates didn’t mean she belonged. I’M DOWN, a national bestseller, is her first book and her hilarious dysfunctional family story about growing up in an all-black neighborhood and her struggles to fit in.



GOLF

Freshman golfer inspired by father to continue career

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It didn't take long for freshman Meghan MacLaren to turn heads in the collegiate golf scene. Only a month in, she's already earned Sun Belt Golfer of the Month and for her, it's only the beginning.

MacLaren, a native of the United Kingdom, grew up in a family where everyone played golf. At age four, she took up the sport.

"It was my dad that really helped me get into golf," MacLaren said. "He would push me, but not force me. He would know when and when not to push me. He would take me to practice even when I didn't want to."

While growing up in the U.K., MacLaren competed in many different regional and national competitions.

Her competition experiences include helping secure the Stroyan Cup for her England squad in the Girls' Home Inter-

national Championship last summer in Radyr, Wales. She was a member of County Girls Golf Team (2007-12), County Ladies Golf Team (2008-12), England Schools Team (2009-10), England Under-18 Squad (2010-12), and England Under-16 Girls Team (2010).

In 2010, MacLaren finished in third place in the British Strokeplay competition, was a runner-up at the Faldo Series Grand Final, and was named Upper School Sportsperson of the Year while attending The Fferrers Specialist Arts College.

This experience helped MacLaren for when she would come to play golf at FIU.

"It definitely helped because I have been in the team situation before and so playing in the tournaments here [in the United States]. I'm used to the kind of format," MacLaren said.

A company in England that helps athletes get recruited by colleges contacted her and

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Freshman
Women's Golf Team

sent her information out to many different schools. FIU was the one that really pursued MacLaren.

Head Coach Joe Vogel was on a trip to see the European Girls Championship and that's where he noticed her talent and potential.

"When I saw her, I realized I wanted her. I really thought she is going to be a great player someday and I really wanted to see her come here [FIU]," Vogel said.

"I never really considered

visiting any other schools. Coach [Vogel] made me feel like this was the place for me," MacLaren added.

When MacLaren came to FIU, it meant a big transition was in store for her, going from the United Kingdom all the way to the United States.

"It was hard at first because I didn't know anyone, but once I got to know my teammates and got used to everything, it became easier," MacLaren said.

The transition of moving to a different country was not the

only one MacLaren had coming her way; she had to adjust to some new things on the course as well, including being more team-oriented and the style of courses.

"The thing here is that it is much more team oriented and I like it. It's not so much people playing for themselves and everyone wants to do well for the team," MacLaren said. "The courses here in Florida are pretty different. The grass is different. It takes awhile to get used to. The two tournaments we have played so far have been more like English courses, which is maybe why I played better on them."

So far MacLaren has shown that she could be in for a great career as a Panther.

"I think she is going to be near the top every time she tees it off because she is a consistent player," Vogel said, "and I expect big things from her."

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Team has turned from laughing stock into contender

Kenny Arena, take a bow.

In almost exactly two months, the head coach of the men's soccer team has transformed how every single person views this team.

With a 6-3-2 record, the team is already one win away from tying their most wins in a year since 2006. Oh yeah, and they still have seven games left to play.

Sometimes it's still hard to wrap my head around it. This team had been in the bottom of the Conference-USA pile for the last few years. They had a combined 27-63 record since 2006 and if there was a sure thing heading into each season, it was that FIU had a snug little place in the cellar in all the pre-season polls.

And coming into 2012, it was no different. After a tumultuous tenure under former Head Coach Munga Eketebi for five years, FIU was once again picked last in Arena's first year.

And then they won their first game against Bryant. And North Florida. And Jacksonville.

After topping University of Illinois Chicago

and Wisconsin, two games that senior defender Joseph Dawkins called the loudest road games of the year, men's soccer had the attention of everyone with a 5-0 record.

No longer was FIU just a practice game for opposing teams. The dialogue whenever the team was mentioned was no longer, "Men's soccer? Eh, they suck". Now it's "Men's soccer? I heard they're pretty good."

And that's the most important thing this season has accomplished for the team. For the first time since the heyday of former Head Coach Karl Kremser in the early 1980's where anything less than 15 wins a season was a failure, students are at least aware of the team.

The team is averaging 476 fans in three games this year. While that's not the sell out Arena and the team wants, it's about a hundred more fans than last season.

Are games packed with students? No, not yet. One season isn't going to change that. If Arena wants to get anywhere near Kremser's legacy here at FIU, he has a long way to go. We're talking 312 wins and 26 years of being FIU's coach. Can he get to those marks? Sure. But let's not get ahead of ourselves just yet. The



JASEN DELGADO/THE BEACON

Head Coach Kenny Arena deserves a lot of credit for turnnig around a program that won only five games last season into a legitimate Conference USA contender in just one season.

point is they're talking about the squad in a good way.

Recently, however, the team has fallen into a bit of a rough patch. Since Sept. 14, they're 1-3-2 and facing the toughest part of their schedule. After a game against Howard, which is a must-win because they're about the worst soccer team FIU plays this season (1-11

record), five of the last six games are against Southern Methodist University, Kentucky, Marshall, Memphis and Tulsa.

The Panthers' combined record against those five teams is 11-40. And FIU has never beat Tulsa and is 3-15 against SMU. Despite the six wins in the overall win column, this team has zero in conference play,

and technically, and sadly, sits in last place.

The final slate of games is going to be tough. The games have terrible timing too, as the 0-2-1 conference record can easily be 1-6-1 a month from now.

But let's say they do finish in the bottom of the conference again. This time it'll be a different reaction. There will be genuine disappointment,

not a nonchalant "What else is new?" attitude.

The men's soccer team has given us joy and expectations this season, things this program had been lacking.

But we can't forget the most important thing Arena infused this thing with in 2012: hope.

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Gordon hoping for elusive first cap with US

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Alan Gordon celebrates his 31st birthday Tuesday. Maybe U.S. Soccer will give him a cap.

Gordon is the fifth-oldest player currently in camp with the U.S. national team, which is prepping for two matches that will essentially decide if the Americans will continue having a chance to qualify for the 2014 World Cup. Of the 24 players originally picked by U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann for these games, Gordon is younger than only defenders Steve Cherundolo and Carlos Bocanegra, along with goalkeepers Tim Howard and Nick Rimando.

Combined, those four players have 279 appearances — caps, in soccer vernacular — for the U.S.

Gordon has zero.

But he's having a breakout season with the San Jose Earthquakes: His 13 goals in 23 games translate to a 0.9-goal-per-90-minute ratio, the best in Major League Soccer. So Gordon got the call to be part of the U.S. side for these qualifiers, first on Friday on the road against Antigua and Barbuda, then in Kansas City, Kan., on Oct. 16 against Guatemala, the match that coincides with his birthday.

"I'm happy to be here," Gordon said. "It doesn't matter what age I am. I'm playing good soccer right now. The coaches here feel that I can be of some help, and I hope I can prove them right."

Klinsmann said Gordon earned his chance.

"I think it's great to see," Klinsmann said. "He's a guy that went through ups and downs. He saw it all. He struggled physically. He had a lot of injuries. But he always had the right spirit toward his job. He never took things for granted. He worked always hard and he's a giver."

The U.S., Guatemala and Jamaica each has seven points after the first four matches in this qualifying round, while Antigua and Barbuda has one. For the U.S. to reach next year's regional finals, four points — which the Americans would get with a win and a tie — would seem to be the most probable requirement.

Dogged by injuries in recent years — including hip surgery last year — Gordon acknowledges that he thought his window of having a chance with the national team had closed. But he was summoned to join the Americans for their friendly at Mexico over the summer (the U.S. pulled off a 1-0 victory, though Gordon did not play), and Klinsmann apparently kept watching him in the weeks that followed.

When the Americans opened training in Miami on Tuesday, Gordon seemed to fit right in, even though he's the only player on the roster without a cap and is nearly nine years older than the team's youngest member.

"Some guys are just late bloomers and I see that all over the place," Howard said. "He's been good. He's come in and he's really got his head down, and he's been a good guy to be around off the field. He works hard on the field. He knows what his strengths are and what his abilities are and he plays to them."

It's not just luck, either. Or the fact that he's putting the ball in the net for the Earthquakes.

There simply was a point when Gordon got tired of being hurt. So he changed his ways, working harder and trying to take advantage of whatever time is left in his career.

"I had to spend some extra time, be a better professional and take it a lot more serious and do a lot more work than other guys do," Gordon said. "Come early, stay late — that's what I've been doing."

Gordon may still be a long shot to actually play — only Klinsmann knows where he sits on the depth chart for certain — though his odds figure to have improved by default in recent days. The U.S. ruled Landon Donovan and Brek Shea out of these two qualifiers earlier this week because of injuries, meaning what was a 24-man roster is down to 22.

So there might be need for a goal-scorer who's playing well right now, like Gordon.

"I'm blessed to be here," Gordon said. "And I'm just going to enjoy it and do the best I can and try to help the team, if I can."

Klinsmann points to Gordon as an example that, as he said, "the door is always open" for players who keep working.

"It's another opportunity again for Alan Gordon after he came with us to Mexico," Klinsmann said. "It shows them that if they stay focused and work hard and give everything they have, there are chances for 2014 in Brazil."



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Alan Gordon is having a tremendous year in the MLS, scoring 13 goals in 23 games. But he is yet to score for the USMNT.

COLEMAN SCORES



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Shane Coleman catches a 25-yard touchdown pass from Jake Medlock in the first quarter against Middle Tennessee.



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As their numbers grow, Hispanic journalists take action

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Hispanics are the second largest and fastest growing minority group in the United States.

According to the latest US census, they make up 16.7 percent of the total population.

It is no surprise then that Hispanic associations have sprouted all throughout the country. One such example is the National Association of Hispanic in Journalism established in 1984.

The association's mission is to be "dedicated to the recognition and professional advancement of Hispanics in the news industry," a mission the University chapter takes to heart but with an adaptation relevant to students.

The association meets every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in Academic II, room 255.

Mercedes Vigon, the adviser to the association's University chapter, founded the chapter in 2001, with the idea of allowing students a space to start publishing stories interesting to them before they went out into the work field.

"I want the students to be leaders for tomorrow, to be able to change things that don't work and become more proactive in thinking you don't have to do exactly what you are told," said



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Katarina Diquez, president of FIU chapter of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists (center), interviewed Pulitzer Prize winner and journalist Jose Antonio Vargas on Oct. 1.

Vigon. "Journalism is a space of rebellion, of questioning everybody and everything. The association can help in finding what your passions are and to define what you really want to do."

Katarina Diquez is a junior majoring in journalism and the chapter's president. Diquez believes that it is important for Hispanic journalists in the United States to consolidate their pres-

ence in the country through the association.

"Although we are not a minority in Miami, we are a minority in the country but we don't seek to exclude ourselves. We want to show that our reports are not only important for Hispanics, but that they seek to include the rest of the country as well as the world," said Diquez.

She also added that in order

for journalism graduates to improve their chances of being hired, they must be able to show a portfolio of broadcasts as well as publications.

The association gives students a chance to make a report about whatever they like. The School of Journalism and Mass Communication supplies all the necessary equipment such as microphones, cameras and editing software.

"We work on the project together, learning from each other and then we upload it to our website," said Diquez.

Constanza Gallardo, a junior in journalism and the association's vice president, feels that aside from providing students opportunities for practice, the association also provides networking opportunities for its members.

"Networking is very important, especially in our field where the people you know and the people you work with could benefit you at any time," said Gallardo. "There are many opportunities to network. The association holds yearly conferences, training and classes, and they even offer scholarships," added Gallardo.

Alejandra Giraldo, junior in journalism and the secretary for the chapter, believes the association can benefit any student.

"They will have a chance to practice what they learn as well as having material to show for it at the same time," Giraldo said.

There is no membership fee to join the association.

"We are just getting started this semester and we want to reach out to all students, not only journalism students to join our association if they feel there is something they want to publish," she said.

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Taste of diversity from bay coast to bay coast

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Although students may have their heads in their books, it's still difficult not to notice that cultural diversity exists on campus.

"Every day is 'Diversity Day,'" said Diann Newman, assistant dean of Student Services.

Valerie Morgan, assistant dean of the Undergraduate Education office at Biscayne Bay Campus, feels that the amount of diversity on campus is a definite "bonus to education."

However, diversity is not always celebrated, and it's nearly impossible to do so with so many different students on campus. Diversity Day is a day set aside to celebrate diversity on campus and throughout the world.

The event will take place in the Wolfe University Center on Oct. 16 from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

The Student Government Council at BBC promises the event will host speakers and topics unique to each year's theme.

Speakers will include Reverend Jamie Wash-

ington, the president and founder of Washington Consulting Group, a program which creates workshops to help people see the best of themselves and others.

Reverend Chris Jackson, a key note speaker of Unity teachings, serving in Europe, Mexico, and the United States will also be a speaker alongside Mishna Wolff, author of the common reading book, "I'm Down."

Lunch will be provided for attendees.

The panel discussion will let students come together to discuss stereotypes. In this round-about discussion, students will identify and explain what group they believe they represent.

"Get out of your comfort zone. Have an open mind set towards others. You don't have to like or agree with someone else's customs, but be open to them and maybe you'll learn something new that will benefit you," said Shadaina Dessalines, freshman biology major.

The event will end with an "I'm Down"

book signing and Wolff's lecture "Me Too: How Our Different Experiences Bring Us Together" which will address her struggles

of fitting into an allblack neighborhood.

According to Kayla Johnson, sophomore criminal justice major, it's

crucial that all races feel comfortable in the presence of one another.

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GENTLY DOWN THE BAY



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The Recreation center participated in the Kick Off by the Bay homecoming event. They provided kayaking gear for all students and staff. According to Jonathan Torrey, Recreation Specialist, 60 students from both Modesto Maidique Campus and Biscayne Bay Campus were present. Francisco Bolado, lifeguard and certified kayaking instructor was one of four staff members present. Future BBC Recreation Center Kayak Day on the Bay events will take place on Oct. 19, Oct. 27 and Nov. 16. It is free for students and \$10 for guests.

DIVERSITY DAY SCHEDULE

- **9:30-10:45 a.m.** Diversity Fair - Panther Square
- **11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.** Keynote speaker Jamie Washington WUC 221/223
- **12:15- 1 p.m.** Reverend Chris Jackson & Lunch - WUC ballroom
- **1-1:45 p.m.** Panel Discussion "you think you know me?" - WUC 221/223
- **2-3:15 p.m.** - Mishna Wolff, author - WUC 221/223