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## Obama proposes two-year law school, College considers options

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The issue of finding solutions to reduce the cost of higher education has been a heated topic in the past few years.

On August 23, President Obama suggested that law schools should consider eliminating their third year to reduce the cost of earning a law degree.

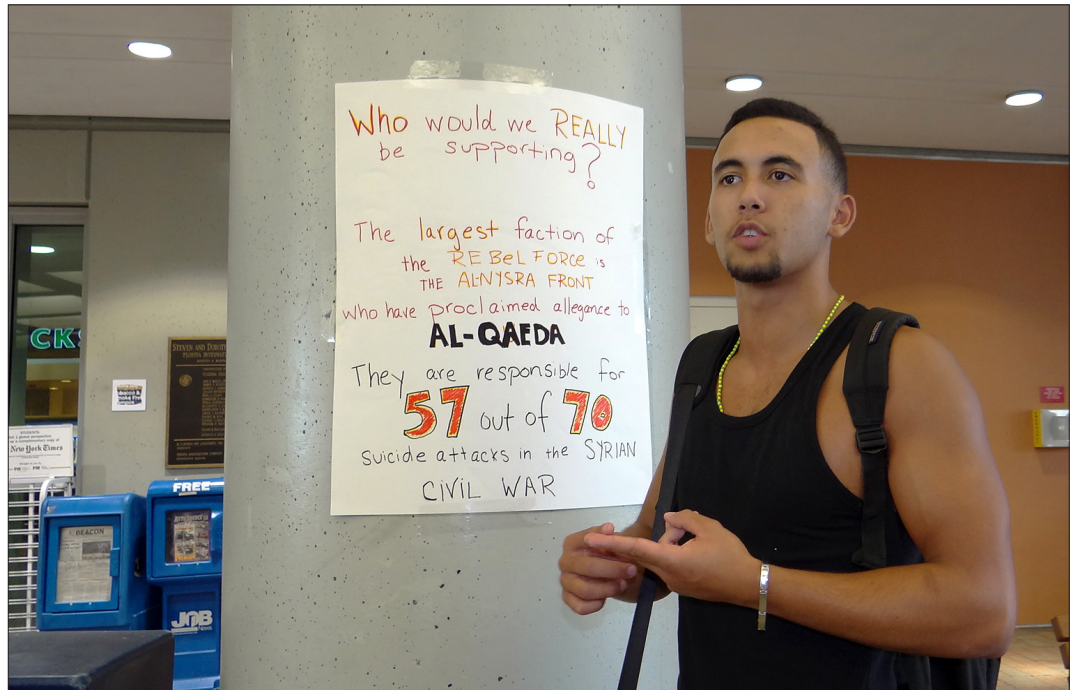
Professor Margaret Maisel,

the director of the FIU College of Law Clinical Program, said “I think President Obama’s comment, raising the issue of should the third year of law school be eliminated, has surface appeal largely because we know that so many law students are graduating with tremendous debt.”

Eros Miranda, a junior political science and international rela-

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## STUDENTS TALK ABOUT SYRIA



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Students from YAL, Young Americans for Liberty, take on global issues by trying to raise awareness for the ongoing issues in the Middle East.

## Financial stress: Not only a burden on your wallet

**MARISOL MEDINA**  
*Staff Writer*

Not being able to pay your bills may affect more than just your credit, a new study suggests.

According to a new study led by Harvard, Princeton and Warwick University scientists, financial hardship may directly influence a person’s cognitive ability.

The study followed Indian farmers that are paid once a year upon selling off their harvest and found the farmers’ cognitive abilities to be compromised significantly before receiving their pay.

The farmers were tested at a moment of accumulating debt before selling their harvest and once again after receiving a lump sum for the year.

The results were that once their financial worries had been resolved, the same farmers scored much higher than they had previously.

The study connects poverty to

low cognitive ability and concludes that financial stress affects a poor individual’s IQ more than a well-off individual’s.

Valentina Lee, assistant professor of psychology at FIU, studies stress and its effects. Lee refers to two different types of stress: stressors and strains. Stressors are the conditions that require some sort of adaptation from the individual and strains are the consequences of facing those stressors.

“Financial stress is, like many others, a significant stressor, not only among students but also working professionals. We would expect it to have similar psychological, physical, and behavioral strains to that of many other commonly studied stressors such as workload or conflict at work,” wrote Lee in an email.

Lee refers to commonly experienced strains, such as depression, and affirms that any form of stressor can have an impact on a person’s cognitive resources.

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I understand that people who walk in late to class, leave early or even fall asleep are not always doing so out of being disrespectful. Many times, there are students who are working full time and are doing the best they can.

Valentina Lee  
Assistant Professor  
Psychology

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She cites sleeplessness as a common strain experienced among many as a stressor that can leave someone unable to function at full mental capacity at work or school.

As a professor, Lee sees that some students appear tired and have difficulty with time flexibility, something she tries to accommodate by offering plentiful opportunities for extra credit

points and exam reviews.

“I understand that people who walk in late to class, leave early or even fall asleep are not always doing so out of being disrespectful. Many times, there are students who are working full time and are doing the best they can,” said Lee.

Meagan Tarantelli is a junior and communication arts major working

part-time and going to school full-time.

“You don’t sleep very much,” said Tarantelli when asked how she manages to perform well in school while working part-time.

She remembers the start of her college career, when she wasn’t worried about her finances and didn’t have the stress of having to work.

“During that time I took four to five classes, I was vice president of my campus and I was involved in many clubs. That stress is nothing compared to what it is like having to work,” said Tarantelli.

Now, Tarantelli takes half of her classes online, to accommodate her schedule, and admits that juggling online, in-person classes and a work schedule can be difficult and may affect IQ.

“I absolutely agree that financial stress affects cognitive ability because it affects your ability to focus

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## Parking meters now accepting credit cards

**ROGIHANNE AVIN**  
*Contributing Writer*

When in a hurry and facing the difficult task of parking, students may opt to use the meter parking spaces, however, a second challenge may arise: being short on change.

Parking and Transportation has given students the option to swipe their cards, replacing old meters in time for the fall semester.

These new meters

have a rate of \$1 per hour or \$8 for the day, which is valid until midnight.

The new meters can be found at both the Modesto A. Maidique Campus and Biscayne Bay Campus, with 94 meters at BBC and 256 at MMC.

According to Mohamed Ghumrawi, the fiscal assistant at Parking and Transportation, the new meters are from a company called Digital.

“We live in a world where

we’re technologically advanced. More people have more credit cards than cash,” said Ghumrawi.

Now that they accept cash, coins and credit cards, these meters will accommodate the University community, guests and students by having all types of payment options available.

“I feel like it’s an upgrade for FIU, doing something different. I don’t carry cash on me as much as I used to. It is a good alter-

native for students and visitors,” said Joshua Carrasco, a senior psychology major.

Even with the new meters in place, the previous meters on campus are still in use.

These meters will also undergo some changes where they will add a section in order to swipe a credit card.

Jennifer Sans, a sophomore majoring in hospitality management said, “it’s a good idea for students

when they have no change.”

When someone uses these meters, they won’t need to go back to their cars to put a receipt on the dashboard.

The ticket is automatically uploaded into the Parking and Transportation office system.

Additionally, the University will have security go and check whether or not used spaces have been paid.

If they find expired

meters, they will write a parking ticket and leave it on the car’s windshield.

For students that park at MMC and take the bus to BBC, you can use the meter parking without worrying about the meter running out.

Students can input the space number on a BBC meter and pay for additional time for the meter at MMC; same goes for students at BBC for spaces at MMC.

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## WORLD NEWS

### Shipwrecked Concordia Wrested Off Italian Reef

In an unprecedented maritime salvage operation, engineers on Monday gingerly wrestled the hull of the shipwrecked Costa Concordia off the Italian reef where the cruise ship has been stuck since January 2012. But progress was much slower than predicted and the delicate operation to rotate the luxury liner from its capsized position to upright appeared likely to stretch into Tuesday. Never before has such an enormous cruise ship been righted, and the crippled Concordia didn't budge for the first three hours after the operation began, engineer Sergio Giroto told reporters.

### 13-Year-Old Girl Begins Microbiology Master's

In a country where many girls are still discouraged from going to school, Sushma Verma is having anything but a typical childhood. The 13-year-old girl from a poor family in north India has enrolled in a master's degree in microbiology, after her father sold his land to pay for some of his daughter's tuition in the hope of catapulting her into India's growing middle class. Verma finished high school at 7 and earned an undergraduate degree at age 13 - milestones she said were possible only with the sacrifices and encouragement of her uneducated and impoverished parents.

### Big Storms Hit Mexico On Opposite Coasts; 33 Dead

Tropical Storm Ingrid and the remnants of Tropical Storm Manuel drenched Mexico's Pacific and Gulf coasts with torrential rains Monday, flooding towns and cities, cutting off highways and setting off deadly landslides in a national emergency that federal authorities said had caused at least 33 deaths. The governor of the Gulf Coast state of Veracruz announced Monday afternoon that 12 people had been killed when a landslide hit a bus traveling through the town of Altotonga, about 40 miles northwest of the state capital.

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# Lecture to spark discussion about Cuban Revolution

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*Contributing Writer*

Luis Martinez-Fernandez, a professor of history at University of Central Florida, is hosting a lecture based on his studied interpretation of the Cuban Revolution. The difference between this interpretation and others, however, is its perspective.

He will discuss seven windows of analysis and interpretation: "many Cubas," "an island on horseback," "the longest ninety miles," "the pendular revolution," "the art of triangulation," "the revolution's third man," and "the persistent plantation."

His latest book on the history of the Cuban Revolution, "Frontiers, Plantations, and Walled Cities: Essays on Society, Culture, and Politics in the Hispanic Caribbean (1800-1945)," discusses the seven windows of analysis he will talk about in his lecture on Sept. 20 at Green Library at 1:30 p.m.

"This book has been a labor of love to which I have given eight years of my life," said Martinez-Fernandez. Martinez-Fernandez was born in Havana, Cuba, but was raised in both Lima, Peru and San Juan, Puerto Rico and has long been a force of change within the Latin-American community.

He has written on the topics of Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic, publishing academic articles in journals such as Cuban Studies, Latin American Research Review, and Revista Mexicana del Caribe.

He has written five books. He was also senior editor of the multiple award-winning, two-volume Encyclopedia of Cuba: People, History,

Culture. "I use a Cuban voice and it is likely to be attacked by 'viva Castro' US and European academics, as well as by the most conservative anti-Castro voices," said Martinez-Fernandez.

The lecture will cover the general history of the Cuban Revolution with a critical approach toward the Castro regime. At the same time, Martinez-Fernandez said it will be critical of US policy toward Cuba and extremist exile organizations.

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# College of Law says it will keep all options open for two-year school

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tions double major and president of FIU Phi Alpha Delta Prelaw, said that although it would relieve the financial burden, he would prefer having three years' preparation.

"The law field is not only very competitive, but extremely demanding," said Miranda, "having a third year of preparation can be highly beneficial.

According to Dean Alexander Acosta, of the FIU College of Law, some law schools have become so expensive that they are inaccessible to students. However, FIU College of Law is not nearly as expensive as other schools.

"FIU, for example, has a much lower tuition and so the students don't graduate with nearly that amount of debt," said Acosta.

In the New York Times, President Obama said that the third year of law school is mostly spent gaining work experience, which students could go out and do as graduates with a two-year law degree.

However, according to Maisel, three years of law

school may be too long, but with two years, students are not prepared enough.

Law students at FIU have the option to do externships, which give them the opportunity to receive practical experience outside of the University and FIU has eight in-house law clinics, which allow students to practice on behalf of the law school.

Maisel, who runs the Health Law clinic, said, "students who take law school clinics are involved in what President Obama was talking about—they are involved in practical training."

According to Maisel, law clinics allow students the opportunity to handle real clients with real cases, but under faculty supervision.

"Overall, we had more than 200 students providing more than 50,000 hours of legal services to the community and in the process getting practical, hands-on experience," said Acosta.

According to Acosta, if law schools did opt for a two-year degree, then there would be a distinction among lawyers who finished three years and those that finished two.

"On one hand, some people have said to make third year optional and have two kinds of lawyers—a

law schools, not all schools spend as much or cost as much, which is the case for FIU.

I believe this is a difficult decision that FIU should really analyze before making.

Margaret Maisel  
Director  
FIU College of Law Clinical Program

limited license lawyer and regular lawyer," said Acosta, "on the other hand, do we want to start making these distinctions?"

Professor Maisel, considered that if law students graduated in two years, a students would go back to school to earn a more specialized master's of law degree, thus still paying for a third year of school.

"I believe this is a difficult decision that FIU should really analyze before making," said Miranda.

Although President Obama's suggestion has been made before and has gained support in some

I think at FIU we are lucky, because tuition is lower than other law schools around the country," said Maisel.

According to Dean Acosta, it is important to keep our options open.

"Bottom line, these are all good ideas. We need to think about how to reduce the cost of legal education—part of that can be more experiential learning, part of that may be reducing the number of credits—and it's important to not take anything off the table," said Acosta.

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# Student finances creating mental stress, affecting school work

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if you are worried about more pressing issues," said Tarantelli.

Daniel Fonseca, a junior majoring in international relations, is an exclusively online student, taking five classes while working full-time.

"Having to work is an added distraction that is always on the back of your mind and doesn't facilitate learning," said Fonseca.

Fonseca has forced himself to prioritize with school and work, allowing other obligations to take a backseat.

He has had to become extremely organized to keep track of due dates, but admits that working affects his ability to

perform.

"I work on projects and if something goes wrong, it stays with me after the clock ends, so that preoccupation of not having enough money is replaced by the preoccupation of the problems at work," said Fonseca.

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## Inconvenient rise in population

LAUREN BANA  
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Since the beginning of the semester, the lines to purchase our favorite brain foods have been seemingly longer than last semester.

Even places that other students wouldn't normally frequent are busier. Every single parking garage on campus is always filled at any time of the day.

My only understanding of why this would consistently occur is the obvious rise in student population.

According to the Sun Sentinel, the University "expects to have an enrollment of 52,000 this fall and is nearly a third larger than it was in 2009, when its population was just over 40,000." That means about 12,000 students have been added to the school's population since 2009.

The Sun Sentinel stated that President Mark B. Rosenberg increased the enrollment limit after hearing complaints from many qualified students that were rejected due simply

to limited spaces at the university.

The State University System had instructed schools to cap their enrollment just a few years prior since the tuition fees were too low to serve more students.

FIU was able to adjust the cap after they

received permission to charge 15 percent more in yearly tuition allowing for about 40 percent of the university's 15,000 to 16,000 yearly applicants to be granted acceptance.

In my opinion, it is truly a wonderful thing that our university's president has done. There is

a multitude of talented high school graduates in need of an exceptional education, and he has provided that opportunity for many new students.

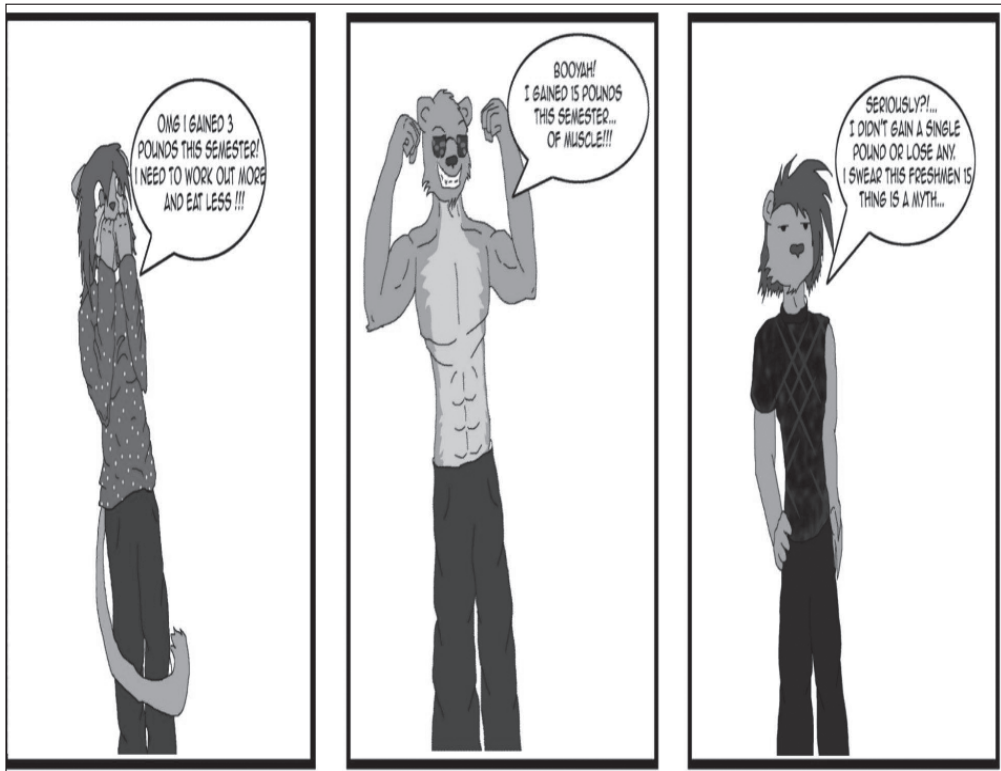
However, I do feel that there is going to be a continuing need for more space on the college grounds. New students

and current students alike are stressing over parking spaces and eateries.

Chris Moffett, senior English major, felt as though there was a definite need for more parking on campus.

*-For the full column, go to fiusm.com*

### THE FRESHMAN FIFTEEN



## The nature of chemical warfare

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Wilfred Owens, a poet and a soldier, vividly described the effects chemical weapons have on people in his poem, "Dulce et Decorum." "If you could hear, at every jolt, the blood/ Come gargling from the froth-corrupted lungs/ obscene as cancer, bitter as the cud..."

But what is chemical warfare? And why does it strike more terror into the hearts of citizens than the use of nuclear or biological warfare?

The Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons defines chemical warfare as the use of toxic properties used to cause death, injury, temporary incapacitation or sensory irritation through non-living chemicals. According to GlobalSecurity.org, anthrax is considered biological warfare because it is a disease that

is shared by animals and humans which is caused by an organism. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention qualify ricin as both chemical and biological warfare because it is derived from the oil of castor beans.

Initially, I wondered why this type of warfare was treated with such gravity, especially in a world where atomic bombs have been deployed and diseases have been used to decimate entire nations. However, with closer examination, the nature of chemical warfare is truly horrifying.

Chemical warfare is indiscriminate. It treats the innocent and guilty equally. In 1988, during the Iran-Iraq war, a myriad of chemical agents including sarin nerve gas, mustard gas and hydrogen cyanide gas were released into the town of Halabja. The attack killed 3200-5000 instantly and injured 7,000-10,000 people, the majority being civilians.

Chemical warfare is also insidious. Instead of blunting, maiming an appendage or creating a visible incendiary attack, it infects from within. For instance, nerve agents may inhibit the brain from sending signals to other parts of the body. Symptoms that may follow an initial attack are vomiting, severe burning of the eyes and lungs, epileptic spasms and asphyxiation from pulmonary depression. Antidotes do exist but they have to be administered immediately, but are not available in all countries. And after the initial dispersal of a chemical weapon, the toxin is still able to spread through the contamination of clothes and skin. For instance, several nurses and doctors who have assisted victims of chemical weapons attacks have experienced mild to severe poisoning.

Even after a conflict or war is resolved, the weapons used in battle continue harming and

damaging the lives of people. These chemicals stay in a state of perpetual war, ravaging everything, including the future. Several studies and reports done years after the Vietnam War claim that a large percentage of North Vietnamese children were born with birth defects and deformities due to the dioxins.

As I searched for answers regarding the nature and differences of chemical warfare, the research responded with deformed visages, blind gazes, blistered bodies, mutated appendages and young deaths – all reminders that chemical weapons were used. It is important as students and human beings to not view words as "chemical warfare" as abstractions, but rather to see the tangible long term effects it has on a populace.

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### THE BEACON | Editorial

## The importance of the Stand Your Ground law

Florida Atlantic University has dedicated a course to Florida Statute 776 with the objective to answer whether or not we really need the Stand Your Ground law.

Our University should consider such a class that would serve as a forum of organized debate about the law and the controversy that surrounds it. It would initiate an educated discussion amongst the student body, driven (hopefully) by the facts rather than sensationalism or hearsay.

While the University has only joined the conversation through roundtable discussions, a more in-depth approach to the controversy, its complications and overall uncertainty seems like an appropriate action for the University to take in educating its students.

Most of our peers may not know that in the case of George Zimmerman, Stand Your Ground was not used in defense, although this case has taught the public most of what it knows about the law.

Even more shocking is the fact that since the law was enacted in 2005, justifiable homicides in Florida have tripled, according to Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

And for those that think Stand Your Ground is too young or uncertain to devote an entire semester's worth of course material, the Tampa Bay Times identified 130+ cases in Florida where shooters cited the Stand Your Ground law to defend their actions.

In the seven years since it was enacted, the law has not only become an effective defense, but a hot topic of discussion and debate in the community.

FAU officials said they saw a need for the course after the Zimmerman case created so much publicity about Stand Your Ground.

And it is true that the law has become a trending topic--whether on Twitter, in our neighborhoods or within the University.

It only seems appropriate for universities to facilitate conversations about such hot-button issues. Without such courses, what we know about topics like Stand Your Ground is merely what we seen on TV.

Instead, it is important for universities to evolve their curriculums based on these topics and serve as a forum for discussion and debate.

And for those who protest, you are not forced to participate in such an elective course. It would, however, benefit students to have the option; not only law students, but those of any major.

The topic itself is of great importance, but courses that facilitate respectful, organized debate are a great learning experience for all students.

If our University does decide to take on the Stand Your Ground curriculum, let's just hope it is not during FAU's unruly hours from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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## University alumna working with Ms. Foundation for Women to create change

MARIA GIL  
*Contributing Writer*

FIU alumna Lindsay Rosenthal has become the next in a line of great leaders for female equality.

Rosenthal, who graduated in the class of 2007 with a bachelor's degree in English, has been honored with an opportunity to be part of the Ms. Foundation for Women 2013-2014 fellowship, chosen from a pool of over 160 applications.

This foundation was created to fight back in the war against women by "promoting and defending laws and policies that protect women's rights, safety and well-being."

Rosenthal will be aiding the foundation by identifying the best

strategies for increasing access to health care services for girls currently in the transition from the juvenile justice to the foster care system.

Rosenthal has always had a commitment to justice and has wanted to work to empower women.

This commitment to help women's justice has been a part of her since the days she roamed the halls of the University.

During her time at FIU, Rosenthal was a women's studies major and very active with women's issues.

Alongside being an activist for women's issues, Rosenthal enjoys literature and writing, which led her to become an English major.

"There was as good a chance that I'd end up on the path to

becoming an English professor as there was that I'd end up doing policy work," said Rosenthal. Becoming an English professor was not in the cards, however, because right after graduating from FIU, Rosenthal dove into the most challenging work she would ever do. Rosenthal tackled the field of child welfare for two years, working with children and families engrossed in the child welfare system in our own Miami-Dade County. There she had to confront, in-depth, the crisis produced by poverty in the lives of people in our own community.

Rosenthal's goals are not about changing women in need, but rather creating change for women in need.

That is why, through the Fellowship, she is advocating

for policies that boost access to health care for girls in the foster care and juvenile justice systems. Through Obamacare, new opportunities have arrived that will permit the expansion of access to health services for young people and groups struggling with health discrepancies.

Rosenthal will be taking advantage of these newly opened opportunities to better serve girls in both the foster care and juvenile systems-- girls who have greater need for health care access than most of the other teens and adolescents.

By helping eliminate the informal practices that have restricted access to crucial health care services, Rosenthal aims to expand the range of care that these girls and young women can

acquire.

This is just a short term goal for the 2013-2014 year.

"[The] longer term goals for my career include working towards the development of a broad base of policies focused on empowering whole communities, rather than policies structured around changing the behavior of individuals, which is often more punitive than helpful," Rosenthal said.

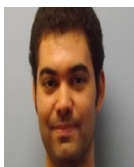
Eventually she wants to change the injustice that is seen throughout the world.

Rosenthal is set to embark on a path to make a difference in the lives of many young women, and soon she aims to make a difference in the world as a whole.

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## Album Review: *Bosnian Rainbows'* self titled album

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The El Paso, Texas based group consists of Mars Volta guitarist Omar Rodriguez-Lopez and Drummer Deantoni Parks with vocals by The Butcherettes lead singer Teri Gender Bender, the stage name for Teresa Suarez and Nicci Kasper on Synthesizers/Keyboards.

Two minutes in and the kick of the bass drum enters into play to combine with the filtered wailing of an electric guitar.

By three minutes in all elements come into play to form a colorful, harder hitting chorus.

The same themes are present for tracks "Worthless", "Dig Right in Me," "Turtle Neck," and especially "The Eye Fell in Love".

Slow ambient experimental sounds that pick up in complexity, speed and volume and mesh into a blend of head bobbing rock and roll goodness.

"I cry for you" contains one of the album's best psychedelic guitar solos starting at minute 2:15 and abruptly ending to transition into an eruption of sound at three minutes.

Another guitar solo worth noting is on track "Turtle Necks," distinct for

its fast paced strumming and aggressive indie rock tone.

The album as a whole become less psychedelic as the tracks progress. "Torn Maps" is the turning point in which the experimental and trippy guitar solos are faded out and instead start to gain aggressive garage/punk aesthetic tones.

The same holds true for the synthesizers, as their use is modified to produce deeper darker sounds if not put aside all together.

Tracks with copious amounts of in your face, crowd moving garage rock sounds are "Always on the Run" "Torn Maps" and "Turtle Neck".

Slowed down drum beats, the return of psychedelic guitars and synths



STEVE APPLEFORD/CREATIVE COMMONS

Bosnian Rainbows' album was released June 25, 2013.

are what close the album. Volume and speed come down to a simmer towards the end of the album with "Red" and "Mother Father,

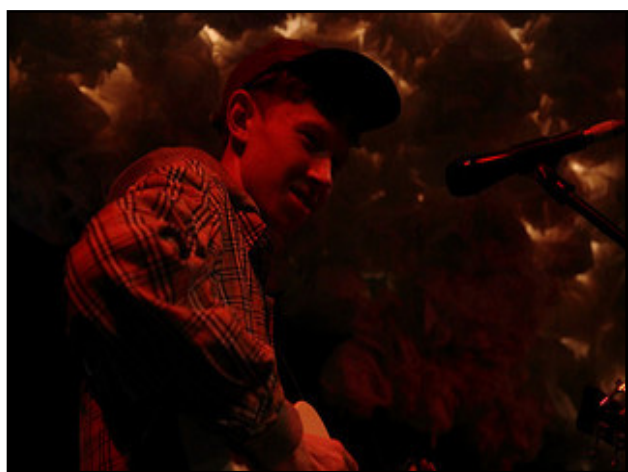
Set us Free."

Best suited for fans of indie rock, prog rock, art rock and acts like The Mars Volta, The Silversun

Pickups and Yeah Yeah Yeahs vocalist Karen O.

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## Album Review: *King Krule's 6 Feet Beneath the Moon*



MURAKAMI READER/CREATIVE COMMONS

King Krule's album "6 Feet Beneath the Moon" was released August 24, 2013.

COLUMNIST



RAQUEL AYANA

British musician King Krule, formerly known as Zoo Kid, is 19-year-old Archy Marshall of London.

Marshall first released his track Out Getting Ribs in 2010 when he was only 16 years old under the name Zoo Kid. Out Getting Ribs was a suitable introduction to the young artist's talent.

Recorded and mixed in his bedroom in the company of a few friends, Out Getting Ribs let the world into his grimy intimacy – a place where you can hear Marshall's

throat clear or his muttered "I'm sorry" laced around his own strained vocals.

This description of the track may seem simple but in actuality its minimalism at its best.

Marshall does more with his bedroom, his own vocals and a few lines of honest lyricism than many artists do with an army of producers behind them. King Krule's debut album then, a platform built with just such resources, was hoped for by many to be enough space for him to finally stretch his legs. His new album, "6 Feet Beneath the Moon," was released stateside at the end of August 2013 and features five previ-

ously released tracks. Out Getting Ribs, Easy Easy, A Lizard State, Ocean Bed and Baby Blue are mixed in with 11 new songs flowing seamlessly throughout with King Krule's stark yet warm signature sound with only minor alterations.

New material or not, it's these original five which stand strong on their own to this reviewer. "6 Feet Beneath the Moon" seems to me to be more of what I already consider to be a very good thing, but I trust that a young man with Marshall's talent can go further, and I'm already looking forward to it.

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# Drug-resistant bacteria are common killers

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For the first time, the government is estimating how many people die from drug-resistant bacteria each year — more than 23,000, or about as many as those killed annually by flu.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released the number Monday to spotlight the growing threat of germs that are hard to treat because they've become resistant to drugs.

Finally estimating the problem sends “a very powerful message,” said Dr. Helen Boucher, a Tufts University expert and spokeswoman for the Infectious Diseases Society of America. “We’re facing a catastrophe.”

Antibiotics like peni-

cillin and streptomycin first became widely available in the 1940s, and today dozens are used to kill or suppress the bacteria behind illnesses ranging from strep throat to the plague. The drugs are considered one of the greatest advances in the history of medicine, and have saved countless lives.

But as decades passed, some antibiotics stopped working against the bugs they previously vanquished. Experts say their overuse and misuse have helped make them less effective.

In a new report, the CDC tallied the toll of the 17 most worrisome drug-resistant bacteria. The result: Each year, more than 2 million people develop serious infections and at least 23,000 die.

Of those, the staph infection MRSA, or methicillin-resistant Staphylo-

coccus aureus, kills about 11,000, and a new superbug kills about 600. That bacteria withstand treatment with antibiotics called carbapenems — considered one of the last lines of defense against hard-to-treat bugs.

Germs like those have prompted health officials to warn that if the situation gets much worse, it could make doctors reluctant to do surgery or treat cancer patients if antibiotics won't protect their patients from getting infections.

“If we're not careful, the medicine chest will be empty” when doctors need infection-fighting drugs, said CDC Director Dr. Tom Frieden.

It's not clear that the problem is uniformly growing worse for all bugs. Some research suggests, for example, that MRSA

rates may have plateaued and a separate CDC report released Monday in JAMA Internal Medicine found that serious MRSA infections declined 30 percent between 2005 and 2011.

MRSA bacteria have been the target of many hospital infection control efforts. These germs often live without symptoms on the skin, but also can cause skin or tissue infections, and become more dangerous when they enter the bloodstream.

Serious, invasive MRSA declined in all settings for a total of 80,461 infections in 2011, the journal report found. Most were linked with health care in people who'd recently been hospitalized or received other medical treatment. But for the first time, the more than 16,000 infections picked up in community settings

outnumbered the 14,000 infections that began in the hospital.

A 2005-2010 study in the same journal suggests that pig manure might be a cause of some mostly less serious MRSA infections in people living near fertilized farm fields.

The study is based on patients from Danville, Pa.-based Geisinger Health System. It offers only circumstantial evidence, but the authors said the MRSA link is plausible because antibiotics are widely used on pig farms and other livestock operations to enhance animal growth, and the drugs are found in pig manure.

The study involved nearly 3,000 MRSA cases, about half of them not linked with health-care. The authors estimated that living near pig manure-fer-

tilized fields may have accounted for about 11 percent of MRSA not linked with health care.

But how the germs might spread from pig manure to people with no close animal contact is uncertain, the study authors said. Close contact with an infected person or sharing personal items used by an infected person is the usual way MRSA spreads.

Dr. William Schaffner, a Vanderbilt University infectious disease specialist, called the report “very provocative” but inconclusive.

Asked generally about antibiotic use in farm animals, the CDC's Frieden said it's an important problem, but he added, “Right now the most acute problem is in hospitals and the most resistant organisms are in hospitals.”

# Gunman in Navy Yard shooting was in Navy Reserves

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Aaron Alexis seems a study in contradictions: a former Navy reservist, a recent Defense Department contractor, a convert to Buddhism who was taking an online course in aeronautics. But he also had flashes of temper that led to run-ins with police over shootings in Fort Worth, Texas, and Seattle.

A profile began to emerge Monday of the man authorities identified as the gunman in a mass shooting at the Navy Yard in Washington, D.C., that left 13 people dead, including the 34-year-old man. While some neighbors and acquaintances described him as “nice,” his father once told detectives in Seattle that his son had anger management problems related to post-traumatic stress brought on by the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

His life over the past decade has been checkered.

Alexis lived in Seattle in 2004 and 2005, according to public documents. In

2004, Seattle police said, Alexis was arrested in 2004 for shooting out the tires of another man's vehicle in what he later described to detectives as an anger-fueled “blackout.” According to an account on the department's website, two construction workers had parked their Honda Accord in the driveway of their worksite, next to a home where Alexis was staying. The workers reported seeing a man, later identified by police as Alexis, walk out of the home next to their worksite, pull a gun from his waistband and fire three shots into the rear tires of their Honda before he walked slowly back to his home.

When detectives interviewed workers at the construction site, they told police Alexis had stared at construction workers at the job site daily for several weeks prior to the shooting. The owner of the construction business told police he believed Alexis was angry over the parking situation around the site.

Police eventually arrested

Alexis, searched his home, found a gun and ammunition in his room, and booked him into the King County Jail for malicious mischief.

According to the police

Then, on May 5, 2007, he enlisted in the Navy reserves, serving through 2011, according to Navy spokeswoman Lt. Megan Shutka.

Shutka said he received

“His life over the past decade has been checkered.”

account, Alexis told detectives he perceived he had been “mocked” by construction workers the morning of the incident. Alexis also claimed he had an anger-fueled “blackout,” and could not remember firing his gun at the Honda until an hour after the incident.

Alexis also told police he was present during “the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001” and described “how those events had disturbed him.”

the National Defense Service Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal during his stint in the reserves. Both are medals issued to large numbers of service members who served abroad and in the United States since the 9/11 attacks. Alexis' last assignment was as aviation electricians mate 3rd class at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base in Fort Worth, Shutka said.

It was while he was still in

the reserves that a neighbor in Fort Worth reported she had been nearly struck by a bullet shot from his downstairs apartment.

In September 2010, Fort Worth police questioned Alexis about the neighbor's report; he admitted to firing his weapon but said he was cleaning his gun when it accidentally discharged. He said he didn't call the police because he didn't think the bullet went through to the other apartment. The neighbor told police she was scared of Alexis and felt he fired intentionally because he had complained about her making too much noise.

Alexis was arrested on suspicion of discharging a firearm within city limits but Tarrant County district attorney's spokeswoman Melody McDonald Lanier said the case was not pursued after it was determined the gun discharged accidentally.

After leaving the reserves, Alexis worked as a waiter and delivery driver at the Happy Bowl Thai restaurant in White Settlement, a suburb of Fort Worth, according to Afton

Bradley, a former co-worker. The two overlapped for about eight months before Alexis left in May, Bradley said.

“He was a very nice person,” she said in a phone interview. “It kind of blows my mind away. I wouldn't think anything bad at all.”

A former acquaintance, Oui Suthametawakul, said Alexis lived with him and his wife from August 2012 to May 2013 in Fort Worth, but that they had to part ways because he wasn't paying his bills. He described Alexis as a “nice guy” but said they had some differences.

Suthametawakul said Alexis had converted to Buddhism and was prayed at a local Buddhist temple.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, which offers online courses in aviation and aerospace, confirmed that Alexis was enrolled as an online student via its Fort Worth campus, started classes in July 2012 and pursuing a bachelor's of science in aeronautics.

“We are cooperating fully with investigating officials,” the university said.

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## Panthers struggle to 0-3 start, working on discipline for Louisville

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University of Maryland quarterback C.J. Brown and Bethune-Cookman running back Anthony Jordan have something in common within the first three weeks of the 2013 college football season.

Each of the two players alone rushed for over 100 yards on the Panthers defense.

Brown had 105 in week one in College Park, MD and Jordan had 150 yards on 21 carries on Saturday in Miami.

These coming before what will possibly be the toughest running back the Panthers will face in Michael Dyer, a transfer into the University of Louisville from Auburn University.

Dyer previously was

the most valuable player in the Bowl Championship Series National Championship game.

“We need to get back to the fundamentals. There were a lot of missed tackles and bad eyes against Bethune-Cookman,” Senior Markeith Russell said.

The team will also see Teddy Bridgewater, a Heisman candidate this season and former teammate of FIU quarterback E.J. Hilliard at Northwestern High School in Miami.

***Kicking game changed in attempt to help Panthers***

Going into Saturday, the coaching staff knew that the Wildcats would be rushing on every punt.

Attempting to prevent this from being an issue, Jake Medlock, starting quarterback for the Panthers, took a majority of the punts.

The style of punting that was used is called a rugby style, in which the punter runs to a side of the field before kicking the ball.

“He (Medlock), is better at that style and we thought that it would give us an advantage,” Head Coach Ron Turner said.

As for the placekicking, that was handled by true freshman Austin Taylor. Taylor made his first career start over Redshirt freshman Sergio Sroka.

“He competed in practice this week and was the one who came out on top,” Turner said.

Taylor went one for two on extra point attempts and neither team attempted a field goal on the night.

The average yards per kickoff was higher for the Panthers from Taylor than the Wildcats, but neither kicker had a touchback on the day.



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After losing its third straight game, the FIU Football team looks to be having some difficulties adjusting to the coaching style and conference.

***Discipline still an issue after turmoil filled offseason***

“A lot of the guys have bought in and do what we tell them to do,” Turner said. “It just takes a few to derail it and we have a few guys who still have some discipline issues. Isame Faciane, who was a captain in our first game, did not play in the first quarter against the Wildcats due to

disciplinary issues.”

The team has lost two running backs due to disciplinary issues during the preseason; Kedrick Rhodes, who was arrested over the summer for shooting a firearm on campus while intoxicated and Jakhari Gore, who was arrested with multiple charges, are just a couple of the athletes gone for the Panthers.

The Panthers will come off of that bye week and

go into Conference USA play for the first time at Southern Mississippi University against the Golden Eagles.

The Eagles go into week four of the season with a 0-3 record, which is the same as the Panthers.

Going into the game, the Eagles will be coming off of a game with Boise State University.

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## LOWDER EXPLOSION



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Even though the Panthers fell to the Wildcats 34-13, wide receiver T.J. Lowder had 125 yards receiving with one touchdown.

## Volleyball holding tight as season marches on

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The Panthers wrapped up the FIU Invitational on the Lime Court this past weekend with two convincing wins to pull the team back to a solid 5-4 record for the season.

After taking the University of Jacksonville Dolphins to a nail biting five set match, the Panthers faltered in the opening game of the weekend at the U.S Century Bank Arena.

FIU registered a season-high 18.0 blocks in the loss, led by Junior Silvia Carli's season-high eight blocks.

Senior Kimberly Smith helped close up the middle of the net by adding six blocks as the Panthers out-blocked the Dolphins 18-10 for the match.

Four Panthers put up double-digit digs, as FIU registered a season-best 73 digs on the night while redshirt Junior Ksenia Sukhareva notched a career-high 15 digs to go along with a career-high-tying 20 kills, marking her second double-double of the season.

The Panthers would put the loss behind them quickly and come together the rest of the weekend to string together consecutive wins and help boost

team morale.

“I’m happy about the progress and I’m confident in the team. There are still some positions to be figured out but we have solid point makers and we’re trying to assemble a winning team now,” Head Coach Rita Buck-Crockett said.

Sophomores would pace the offense in the opening match of the second day with Adriana McLamb posting a career-high and team-leading two service aces while Ashlee Hodgskin led the Panthers with 14 assists in their win against the Chattanooga Mocs.

Sukhareva would once again lead the team in kills and register her second-straight and third-career double-double, with 10 kills and 10 digs.

“Our serves and passes were great from the start and once we got ahead, we really let go and played well together, but it’s just another step in the direction of where we want to go,” Hodgskin said.

Senior Jessica Mendoza led the Panthers defense, recording 14 digs while Smith directed the FIU blocking corps with three stops on the day.

Playing for the second time in one day, the volleyball team would not give up another set

before the night was done. Led by dominant performances out of Sophomore Lucia Castro and Kim Smith, the Panthers would dismiss South Dakota State in three sets.

Castro would post 13 kills against one error in 21 attempts for a career-high hitting percentage of .571.

As a unit, the Panther offense hit .263 while the defense held the Jack Rabbits to a dreary hitting percentage of -.020.

“We established the middle early because there were a lot of one on one matchups which opened up our antennas and allowed us to get our passing right and play a smooth game,” Castro said.

The Panthers are very optimistic and ready to take on the rest of their schedule. They will be in action next w

hen they travel to West Lafayette, Indiana for the Active Ankle Challenge, hosted by Purdue University.

On Friday, Sept. 20, FIU faces Northern Kentucky (4 p.m. ET) before going up against Syracuse (10 a.m. ET) and the host Boilermakers (7:30 p.m. ET) on Saturday, Sept. 21.

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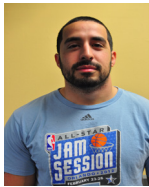
# Panthers bulldozed by Bethune Cookman duo, Wildcats rack up 300 rushing yards



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FIU couldn't stop the Wildcats' running attack as they went on to collect over 300 yards on the ground.

## COLUMNIST



PATRICK CHALVIRE

Alfonso Field Stadium. Blue skies, sun in full effect, fans from both teams enjoying the tailgate festivities. But a 34-13 route of the Panthers would erase all of that off the board.

In came the matchup between the Panthers and the Wildcats of Bethune-Cookman. A Division I-AA team, but a highly talented one at that. The 22nd ranked team in the Football Championship Subdivision, the Wildcats came into Alfonso Field with the offensive prowess to run the table Saturday night.

The Wildcats did just that, to the tune of 311 yards rushing on 52 attempts. Compared to the 11 pass attempts by the Wildcats all night.

Consistency was going to be key for the Panthers defense if they hoped to stop the Wildcats, but it just wasn't there. Allowing rushing touchdowns from running backs Anthony Jordan and Cary White, as well as quarterback Quentin

Williams, the games second leading rusher.

Yes, even the opponent's quarterback had more rushing yards, 84, than the Panthers three running backs combined, 69.

Mental errors also hurt the Panthers, as the shifty Williams and Jordan tandem were able to elude the defense like they were going up against friends in the backyard.

Jordan finished the game with 150 yards, including a 58-yard touchdown run in the first quarter.

Senior middle linebacker Markeith Russell seemed to come into his own during Saturday's matchup. Leading the team with 14 tackles, six ahead of big man Greg Hickman.

Though the stats may seem nice to some, Russell didn't seem impressed.

"Obviously we didn't step up to the plate defensively," Russell said. "We did some great things but not being consistent pretty much told the story."

The line for Saturday's game was a mere three and a half points, with the Panthers as the underdog in their own stadium. But there was abso-

lutely no way anyone could have predicted the beating they received.

It is known that the Panthers are a young and inexperienced team. They already were in the beginning of the year when Head Coach Ron Turner was first hired. Now with the losses of leaders to academics and off the field issues, the need to come together as a team is just as important as before.

Not to say that there is no talent on this Panthers team, because there is. But there is no way one man will outshine the rest to help this team become victorious.

It will need to be a team effort. A team, according to Turner, that has not yet reached its full potential.

"When we become a team, where everyone's pulling in the same direction, I'm not saying guys are going against one another, but we're not totally, totally believing in one another and totally a team yet," Turner said.

Tough to tell early in the season if this is a conservative Turner giving the media the "politically correct" answers, or if he truly feels that this team can come together as one.

"We've got guys thinking

about other things besides what's best for the team," Turner went on to say.

Allow me to recap. So the Panthers have, or had, players who failed to reach the minimum grade point average to stay on the team for such and such reason. Now the team is filled with young bloods filled with excitement for playing in college as freshmen and inexperienced sophomores. Tough to see such a young, rambunctious bunch coming together to salvage an already tarnished season.

To add insult to injury, the same young and inexperienced group will be traveling for their game at Louisville. The same Cardinals who are ranked seventh in the nation, and an even stronger team that dismantled the Florida Gators in the Sugar Bowl last season. A Cardinals team led by a young man by the name of Teddy Bridgewater who played with, and is friends with many players on the Panthers squad.

If you don't think Bridgewater won't have fun in that game, you're clearly living in a state of delusion.

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## Florida Tech teaches foreign students football

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Tentatively clutching the oblong-shaped football, Weixiang Shi flung a fluttery pass resembling a drunken duck to hulking Florida Tech defensive lineman Ron Jackson.

"This time I'm going to speed it up!" declared Shi, a Chinese freshman electrical engineering major who arrived in Florida last month.

Shi hurled his next pass with all his might. And the football sailed end-over-end over Jackson's 6-foot-3 frame like a wobbly punt, ricocheting off his hands as he leaped high into the air.

Dozens of Florida Tech students from around the globe participated in a school-sponsored crash course on American football recently.

They tried on bulky helmets

and shoulder pads, threw "passes" and quizzed players about rudimentary rules of the game.

Florida Tech's domestic alumni and students across the Space Coast are pumped about the Panthers' inaugural football team, which debuted on the gridiron last Saturday with a 20-13 win over the Stetson Hatters.

But Florida Tech's international student population has skyrocketed 60 percent since 2008. Scholars from 118 countries accounted for 1,327 of the college's 4,043 undergraduate and graduate students last fall, the most recent statistics available.

So is there a similar football buzz among international students — many of whom don't know a quarterback from a quarter horse?

"No. It's so foreign to them, they aren't really sure. They really don't have a clue what it is. To most of them, football is soccer,"

said Linda "Mom" Condon, who's spent the past decade hosting foreign students via the International Friendship Program.

"They call soccer 'football.' So, it's a sport that's kind of uniquely American. So they're interested — but they haven't got a clue what it is," Condon said, laughing.

The college hosted a "Football 101" barbecue for international students at Building C in the Harris Village housing complex. About a dozen players participated, wearing jerseys, shorts and helmets.

"This is an attempt to immerse you in American culture. What's American culture all about? Football, right?" announced Judy Brooke, director of international student and scholar services, kicking off the event.

Athletics Director Bill Jurgens followed by assuring attendees

that no one would suffer injuries during the outdoor football exhibition.

Gengbo Liu is a Chinese graduate student studying biomedical engineering. He remembers watching Madonna's halftime show during the 2012 Super Bowl — but he confessed he was clueless about the New York Giants beating the New England Patriots, 21-17, in the actual game.

Liu asked Florida Tech football players whether the quarterback was allowed to hide the ball behind his body to try to fake out would-be tacklers. The players replied yes.

Mohammed Al Habsi, a freshman software engineering major from Oman, said he had only seen two football games on television — "I don't know the rules or anything." He knew neither when the Panthers were playing nor where Palm Bay High's Pirate

Stadium was located.

Brooke said she hopes the "Football 101" gathering becomes an annual event. Georgia Tech hosted an "International Football Clinic" in April. Similar events take place at USC, Vanderbilt, Rice, SMU, Colorado State and elsewhere.

Vaibhav Saxena is an Indian graduate student studying electrical engineering. Yelling, "My turn! My turn!" he got laced up in shoulder pads by Panthers tight end Daniel De Paz (6-3 inches, 230 pounds) and offensive lineman Trey Lewis (6-3, 300 pounds).

Saxena then posed for cell phone photos, grinning and flashing thumbs-up to his friends.

"It was really cool. It was really exciting," he summarized afterward. "I would love the chance to play with them — but they are too big."

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## Professor speaks on how to save amphibians

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*Contributing Writer*

Different species of amphibians are becoming extinct, sometimes before being named, according to the latest research of Maureen Donnelly, Ph.D and associate dean of Graduate Studies, and her students.

Zoo Miami, which has recently partnered with FIU, will host the next Zoo FIU series, Amphibian Conservation in the New World Tropics, on Sept. 20

at 7 p.m.

During the lecture, Donnelly will take a stand on the importance of amphibian conservation, major aspects of the decline of the species and also the activities of the three different laboratories and prospective solution to the issue in the tropics.

The purpose of the lecture series is to “bring together the resources of two institutions to provide greater opportunities for students while enhancing Zoo Miami’s mission,”

wrote Michael Heithaus, executive director of School of Environment, Arts and Society, in an email to Student Media.

It aids significantly in shedding light on conservation implications of biodiversity by allowing students and the public to understand amazing species like amphibians, and to learn how protecting them can guarantee their survival.

Besides, warning students and the public on the current extinction, the Zoo Miami offers intern-

ships to students where they can collaborate on research projects.

According to Donnelly, such projects are about the effect of tea cultivation on the amphibian community structure in India, the loss of glaciers affecting the high elevations for amphibians in the Andes and forest fragmentation in Costa Rica.

Each of the explorations handled by doctoral students; Justin Nowakowski, Lily M. Eluvathingal and Kelsey

Reider.

“By spreading the word of these events and having students stir up research in other countries, we are one step closer in saving the lives of many organisms and preventing serious threat to animal development. In order to save it, we need to understand it.” said Donnelly, referring to the way the ecosystem works. Donnelly also believes the best type of help is done inside voting booths.

Knowing the policies of animal and environmental

causes when voting for politicians is just as crucial as taking the time to attend the lectures and learning about the problem.

Heithaus agrees that the lecture series also highlights the species at Zoo Miami and the people who share a deep care for them.

The upcoming lecture will be taking place in the zoo’s newest exhibit: Amazon and Beyond at Zoo Miami. Pre-register at seas.fiu.edu.

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## Students toast to Friends of Wine at first meeting

**COLUMNIST**



DANIELA WALTER

Friends of Wine hosted its first meeting of the semester at Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management. FOW is a

student club that meets weekly with the intention to promote wine and educate students and aficionados through tastings,

seminars, and by bringing wine industry speakers.

Amanda Bates, current president of FOW, explained that Friends of Wine was founded by Chip Cassidy, assistant director of Beverage Research and Lab Operations, in 1973 and brought to FIU in 1989.

In its starting years, it was referred to as Les Amin du Vin.

In which Cassidy conducted the meetings by preparing exten-

sive gourmet menus to be paired with a very special selection of wines.

Over the years, the club has been passed through the hands of many students and it has been transformed into a club where students are able to enjoy tasting wine in a less academic setting, network with peers, and focus on the art and science of tasting.

Bates said that for this fall semester, FOW is focusing

on being an independent, student-run club where the officers are responsible for utilizing their own network resources and recruiting professionals in the industry to speak at the seminars and sponsor the club with wines for tasting.

The officers themselves also conduct some of the tastings, which allows students to research the wines and share knowledge with their peers in creative ways.

During the meeting, Bates welcomed each guest with an appetizing glass of Rose.

All of its officers were present: Vice President Nicole Linares and Marketing Director Oswaldo Limongi as well as the ambassadors: Cortessa, Juan Carlos Santana, Huvenda and Alise.

The officers did an amazing job on introducing while explaining the main characteristics of the corresponding grape and wine presented in the evening.

In total, there were six wines.

The second wine of the night was my favorite white: a Sauvignon Blanc from Russian River Valley, CA. The producer is Hanna Winery & Vineyards and the vintage is 2011.

It had a light body with a pale golden color. Its scent was grassy with hints of lime, guava and white pepper.

On the palate, its pleasantly crisp acidity surprised me and it ended with a medium-short finish.

Great buy for only \$19 and 13.2 percent alcohol.

Usually a wine that is high in acidity should also be paired with a food that has high acidity as its main ingredient; the best example would be the use of lemon in ceviche, which goes lovely with this wine.

The third red and last wine of the night was a Zinfandel from Paso Robles, CA.

The producer is Rosenblum Cellars and the vintage is 2008. It had a brick color, already showing signs of age; as red wines get old, they come lighter in color.

The 18 months it aged in oak barrel contributed to a medium body with scents of blackberry and black pepper, although its minerality added balance to this unique wine.

The finish was long and you can pair it very well with any meat dish. You can find this wine for \$30.

If you would like more information on FOW please check them out on Facebook: Friends of Wine FIU.

Here are some of the next meetings you should not miss: the Wine and Food Pairing Dining Experience held on Sept. 24 and the Quintessa Block Tasting featuring Master Sommelier Larry Stone held October 1.

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Students and members of Friends of Wine gather on Sept. 10 for the first meeting of the semester.

## Drinks and music at Reggae Night

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Campus Life’s next event involves DJ Warbear from MIXX 9601, who will be playing reggae music at Reggae Night on Sept. 19. The event will provide refreshments as well as music.

“I attended last year and had a blast and I can’t wait to attend again,” said Joshua Carrasco, Student Program-

ming Council’s Leadership director.

The event will be from 8 p.m to 12 p.m. in the Wolfe University Center Ballrooms.

For more information on the event, students can contact Yselande Pierre, advisor for SPC at the Campus Life Office in WUC 141 or at 305-919-5804.

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