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By PROVIDENCE OKOYE
Contributing Writer

As part of their goal to establish new events that might one day become FIU traditions, the Student Alumni Association has been working on a project they call “The Trail of the Torch,” co-sponsored with the Student Government Association.

“It is time to create a new tradition for FIU. The campus has been craving traditions and I think it’s the right thing to do for [the university],” said Sean Kramer, assistant director of Alumni Relations.

The idea was originally conceived by Bryson Tompkins, the SGA representative for Arts and Sciences. “I want FIU to be richer in traditions,” he said. “The Torch of Service is never lit and, since it should always be lit, I thought of an idea to light it in a way the Olympics light their torch.”

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SGA Welcome Week BBQ: 3:00-5:00 p.m., GC 140, UP.

FRIDAY • SEPTEMBER 3
Intervarsity Christian Fellowship: GC Fountain, UP.
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SATURDAY • SEPTEMBER 4
Theatre. ‘Dracula’ and ‘Romeo and Juliet: the East-West project,’ 6 p.m., FIU Theatre.

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Interview with FIU president yields sought-after answers

By ALEJANDRA DIAZ
Editor in Chief

The Beacon recently had the opportunity to sit down with University President Modesto A. Maidique. Sitting comfortably in his office located on the fifth floor of PC, the president spoke candidly about the status of FIU and his thoughts on its future. Many of the questions for the interview were generated from your concerns about campus issues, and the new developments happening throughout FIU.

Q: There are many construction projects and renovations happening at the University Park and Biscayne Bay campuses. Why build everything at once?

Because even by doing a dozen or a dozen and a half projects simultaneously, we are still behind where we need to be in terms of facilities. So, we are trying to do as rapidly as possible build all the pieces of a great university. And that’s going to continue for years and years and as the student body grows we need to accommodate them.

Q: Now that the football program has gone Division I-A, are we able to meet the requirement of 15,000 ticket holders at every game?

I don’t for a minute doubt that we will be able to do that. Also, I believe that to get huge attendance for Division Two football is almost impossible, unless you are a consistent national championship team year after year. What our transition to division I-A will bring us is phenomenal prospects are high. I have no doubt that we will get the attendance and we will have a very prided winning team.

Q: What was the motivation behind starting a School of Hospitality in China?

It’s two-fold. We are a university that tries to have international outreach. The Chinese school will be a funnel through which professionals who aspire to higher training will come here and get a masters or a Ph.D. in hospitality management and then return to China and teach. But even more significantly than that, that program has the potential to boost the budget of the hospital-

HAIL TO THE CHIEF: FIU President Modesto A. Maidique discusses various issues during a candid interview held with The Beacon. COURTESY PHOTO

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grams that already exist throughout the university. Now that plans for an FIU medical school are underway, how do you justify to students the spending of 45 million plus dollars to get a medical school?

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Q: After five years, the Dalai Lama will revisit FIU. What can students expect from his Holiness? How difficult is it to bring such a high-profile personality to FIU?

My experience with the Dalai Lama is that he is one of the holiest people on the planet and that just having the opportunity to be in his presence uplifts you. His every word is worth listening to because he speaks from the heart, from the consciousness of a very wise, thoughtful and humane man. I certainly feel I am a better person by having been with him for a few minutes the last time he was here. To get the Dalai Lama to visit takes years and years to work out a date. It takes a lot of contributors to sponsor the visit. It takes a lot of organizing and security. It’s a challenging but very worthwhile effort.

The objective of this organizational change was to identify a very talented person that would do nothing but worry about finance and budget. That is prompted by the fact that in the past five to ten years, our budget has gotten thinner and thinner and our workload is getting larger and larger. It’s an attempt to figure out how to do more with less. All of the changes are designed to keep FIU competitive as it grows and to release some of my time to work both with donors, sponsors and supporters in the community and with the legislature, which is more and more what my job is becoming.

Q: Many students feel that while getting a football program, a law school and a medical

school are great for FIU, they are experiencing limited resources in programs that already exist throughout the university. Now that plans for an FIU medical school are underway, how do you justify to students the spending of 45 million plus dollars to get a medical school?

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By ELIZABETH CARAM AND NICOLE LETA
Contributing writers

Murmurs of “I can’t believe the summer’s over!” can be heard throughout campus. As many students might point out, the first week of school can sometimes prove to be a frustrating time. With this in mind, the Biscayne Bay Campus will host its annual Welcome Week from Aug. 30 through Sept. 4, a series of events organized by the Student Programming Council. “This is a hectic week, and we want to make it more bearable for the students. Welcome Week’s events are designed to get students excited about the upcoming school year,” said Rafael Zapata, assistant director of Campus Life.

Kylie Ferguson, Fall Fest chair on the SPC Committee, claims the preparations for that single week have been long in the works. “I have been planning these events since last March,” she said. The events will kickoff Monday near the Undergraduate Studies Office in AC-I where students will be able to indulge in a variety of BBQ foods. More events for the day will include free caricatures at the Panther Square and giveaways by the Y-100 truck near the AC-II Loop from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On Aug. 31, the Freshman Luau at AC-I will provide musical entertainment along with free food. “I am most interested in the Freshman Picnic and Luau because I want to see how many freshmen turn out and if the numbers exceed last year’s,” said Wessee Jean-Pierre, SPC secretary. Thursday Sept. 2, there will be a distribution of Papa Johns pizza by the WUC building as students shuffle between classes. The last major welcoming event SPC has in store will take place on Sept. 10 with a comedy show featuring comedians such as Leon Rogers and Dexter Angry. Doors open at 8 p.m. with the show beginning at 9 p.m. After the Comedy Show, there will be an after-hours party with DJ Epps.

Eric Hernandez, junior, has participated in the events before and admits he appreciates all the events planned out for the students. “It was a nice break from searching for classes and getting bombarded with new information,” he said.

Campus Life members also agree that the week was coordinated with freshmen in mind. “We just want to make the students feel welcome,” added Zapata. “We want them to have good feelings about FIU.”
Trail of the Torch event sets out to welcome freshmen

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of the Students Organization Council, one of the organizations massively promoting this event. According to the plan, the procession would start from the FIU football stadium (“The Cage”), ending at the Torch of Service located in front of the Charles Perry Building. “It’s the one event following Freshmen Convocation that will promote unity amongst the new and current students, the alumni and the FIU community at large,” said Kimberly Castillo, president of the Student Alumni Association. Also scheduled for the event is a short speech by Ty Javellane, the president of the FIU Alumni Association, and Jorge Rosario, the SGA president. The procession is set to begin soon afterwards. About 300 to 400 students are expected to attend.

According to Sean Kramer, the Graham Center catering staff along with the staff of both Gra- cic’s Grill and the Bookstore will be wearing shirts promoting the event.

SAA and SGA mem- bers have also planned an extensive promotion which they claim is hard to miss.

“I have never felt as certain about an event as I do about the Trail of the Torch,” said Castillo concerning the success she thinks the celebration will be. “I believe it is an event that will [bridge] differences. It will be known as a tradition that provides incoming students... a bright, new and exciting start at FIU.” “I think it is the [biggest] event that has come to FIU since Dance Marathon,” said Kramer, who takes responsibility for introducing the 25 hour event which annually raises money for kids at Miami Children’s Hospital. “Hopefully, in the near future, we would have great media coverage, lots of publicity and notable attendees from Faculty, Deans, the President and prominent alumni outside the university,” said Lockett.

Following the Trail, the coordinators have arranged for a “Slip-n-Slide” foam party right by the Torch.

The event is scheduled to take place Sept. 1 at 7:30 p.m. Students who are members of school organizations are encouraged to meet at 7:30 p.m. at the FIU Football Stadium for the reception of candles.

SMOKEY PATH: The ‘Trail of the Torch’ event is set to take place in the FIU University Park campus, beginning at the football stadium and ending at the Ernest Graham Torch of Service. COURTESY PHOTO

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The troubles with Panthersoft

By AMANDA RAMÍREZ
Contributing Writer

As of July 1, the new Panthersoft system permanently replaced the SIS system the FIU community had been using for approximately four years.

Although the new system has been partially running since February 2004 the students were not faced with the dilemma of getting accustomed to the new system until August during registration week.

To many trying to register, the change from SIS to Panthersoft has seemed to cause much confusion and frustration.

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As many students have found out, the Panthersoft system has a completely different format than the previous SIS system.

Everything from the web address to students’ individual identification number have changed. That, apparently, has left many students unprepared.

“The biggest challenge with Panthersoft has been communication. Some students rarely visit the campus and because of that they don’t see the flyers... they don’t see the information tables we’ve set-up and some do not check their FIU e-mail account. Some students weren’t aware that this change was going to occur,” Yogi Misir, associate director of marketing and customer relations for UTs said.

But we do take their feedback, however they might say it, back to the team to see how we can use it to better the system.”

One main issue the students had with registering for classes on the new system was that, during the first days of registration, in order to select classes for the fall term they had to enter a code. Not many students knew the code or even knew they needed to know a code to register. One student that faced this problem was Rico Iribaren.

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The department of customer service for Panthersoft has received hundreds of e-mails and phone calls from students trying to register on a daily basis since registration began.

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Guerrina was also upset about the situation in the financial aid department. “They told me at financial aid that they can’t process my paperwork until they figure-out the system. One of the officials told me ‘Here is your short term loan and good luck with the rest of your tuition on your own,'” Guerrina said.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Opinions need research**

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to Gretel Sarmiento’s article published the week of July 19th. I do not pretend to be an expert in foreign affairs, however, I would like to state that this is the most ridiculous, uninformative piece of journalism that I have ever come across.

I realize that this was an opinion piece, but the author made no effort to present both sides of this issue.

Ms. Sarmiento went on a tangent about Bush’s policy concerning Cuba without any real research or facts to back up her opinion.

First of all, Bush is not the originator of U.S./Cuba interaction. Let us forget Bay of Pigs, the Cuban Embargo, the Cuban Missile Crisis! The U.S. has had a naval station at Guantanamo Bay for several years. Regardless, travel restrictions to Cuba have existed long before President Bush came into office.

Bush’s reforms to these travel restrictions come only as the result of an effort to stop funding the Cuban government. It is not an act of defiance against the Cuban people.

The money that enters Cuba through tourism does not help the Cuban people. It funds the lavish lifestyle of the wealthy politicians who oppress the citizens of the island.

Furthermore, the author referred to the United States as a “wealthy Cuba.” Such a comparison is ludicrous considering she has the right to publish her own opinions in a university newspaper.

If our president were really a modern day Hitler as the author implies, she would not have the privilege to say so.

Obviously, this person has no respect for this country and the freedom that we can enjoy as citizens of the United States of America.

I find her tirade to be disrespectful, offensive, and uninformed.

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Senior Accounting

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First ladies make powerful impact on policies

By KAILANI KOENIG-MUENSTER | The Seattle Times/NEXT

Hillary Clinton was our nation’s first lady during my childhood and early adolescence. It was one of the reasons why George W. Bush took office that I realized all first ladies were not like Hillary.

Along with the rest of the world, I watched Hillrey take a dive into America’s political waters. Then the Clintons left the White House and it was then that I realized most first ladies escaped the traditional mold of being a mere shadow to the president.

As we inform ourselves about our choices of elected officials on the Nov. 2nd ballot, we should also consider the role of first lady. What role should she play? How comfortable are we having her play a prominent role?

And do we expect her to? Though an elected official and often a behind-the-scenes one, a first lady can have an enormous impact on our nation’s public policy and a prominent role in international affairs.

In a first lady, I expect a woman like Hillrey, someone who is active, outspoken and heavily involved with the issues she cares about.

When a first lady exercises her political power and takes a stand on issues she is passionate about, she can influence our nation’s public policy and take a stand on democracy and human rights.

After the Clintons left the White House in 2001, Hillary made history by becoming the only first lady to be elected to the United States Senate. Eleanor Roosevelt, the wife of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, is another example of a woman who enlarged the position of first lady.

Prior to her husband’s presidency, her influence in the League of Women voters helped women attend the Democratic Convention for the first time in 1924.

When her husband became president in 1933, she hosted a radio show, held press conferences, expressed her opinions, and traveled the world.

Because Franklin Roosevelt was suffering from polio, Eleanor took the responsibility to visit troops, prisons and shelters, and spread good will to foreign countries during WWII.

After Franklin Roosevelt died, President Truman appointed her to the U.S. Delegation to the United Nations General Assembly. She also chaired the Human Rights Commission during the drafting of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

In the years that followed, Eleanor Roosevelt continued to impact the international political scene. Our generation should expect a first lady who will not only make a mark in history, but who will also serve as a powerful role model for all Americans. It is important to take a stand on the issues we care about. Hillrey Clinton and Eleanor Roosevelt taught us that.

The first lady has an awesome opportunity – and responsibility – to reach many people. She should expand her role by helping to formulate public policy for the nation and the world.

That is, until we have a first man...

CAMPUS QUERY

How do you think about using Pantherswash?

By NICHOLAS J. RONDI | Contributing Writer

Miami can be an intimidating place, especially for a newcomer to the Magic City like me, who’s from a small town in Arkansas named Twist.

Based on what I gathered about Miami before relocating here, I must admit I was a little afraid of roaming the streets after sundown.

I transferred from the community college in Twist to FIU in order to be closer to my girlfriend. But she wasn’t worried about my move as I was; that’s when I realized she dumped me for a football player.

Sadly, he wasn’t even one of the handsome hunks on our school team, so this guy turns out to be a quarterback at a local mediocre high school football team. But, I’m not bitter, not anymore at all.

I came down to FIU to get a degree in international business. So I looked for a job this summer hoping to find something that could provide me with some international experience.

After weeks of no luck and my money running out, I finally got a break with a Latin American Restaurant chain named La Carreta.

My ideal position would have placed me in an environment where I could be hands-on with the day-to-day operations of the company, but I was offered an entry-level position bussing tables instead. I guess I need to be a little more specific in my job interviews from now on.

In Twist, we don’t have as many options for entertainment activities, we have zero. But when you’re down in Miami and have nothing in comparison, or whatever came our way. And boy did we ever! We actually came across a venue named after my hometown, Twist.

I might not know how to party like the young people of Miami, but back home I was just as wild and crazy as Pauley Shore.

As we first got acclimated with the venue, I was feeling a little uncomfortable. It was the first time in such a place. Back home, we don’t have these kinds of places. What we do have is disco night at the bowling alley and a riverboat playhouse for the teenagers.

The guys at work have told me some alarming stories about the attitudes of the guys at club here, but honestly, my heart was still too achy-breaky to put up my dukes. I just wanted to have a good time.

Thankfully, the guys at club Twist were real normal and friendly. They sat next to me and listened to my girl trouble stories.

Some even bought me a drink and offered a shoul-der to cry, but I wasn’t there to howl like some love lost hyena, no sir, I was there to party.

We really didn’t come across many girls that night, but that didn’t matter though, I wasn’t running for my game much anyway. Because when you’re down in the levy and it’s all dried up, there’s nothing like a full room of guys to cheer you up. No funny cry, no right cry!

I haven’t been back to club Twist since that night, but I’m glad my first clubbing experience was a positive one.

In the end, I appreci-ated the kindness of the strangers I met, despite the hang-up of my recent breakup. Hopefully this year at FIU will be as fun as my experience at club Twist.

It’s like all the old-timers say back home in Arkansas, “you can live somewhere else, but your heart stays in Twist.”

COURTESY PHOTO

Chicago first lady discards politics in the big city

By BRYAN FOX | Amateur Writer

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In the end, I appreci-ated the kindness of the strangers I met, despite the hang-up of my recent breakup. Hopefully this year at FIU will be as fun as my experience at club Twist.

It’s like all the old-timers say back home in Arkansas, “you can live somewhere else, but your heart stays in Twist.”

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First ladies make powerful impact on policies

First lady...
Creative solutions keep random clutter at bay so decorating can get underway

By ALEJANDRA DIAZ
Editor in Chief

Moving into a new dorm room shouldn’t mean unpacking boxes full of stuff into an empty bedroom. Instead, you can do more with your new space than just organize. With some simple tips, a few bucks and a little creativity, you can take an old dusty dorm room and turn it into a pad fit for the college student you hope to be.

Getting Started
First, keep in mind that in most housing units on campus the use of paint, wallpaper and nails is strictly forbidden. Make sure to ask for permission before you even think about building lofts or rearranging furniture in a hazardous way.

Make sure to check with the housing office before doing any major remodeling in your new dorm. Beyond those rules, anything goes.

As you begin unpacking the first lesson you’ll learn is that space is a commodity in most dorm rooms.

So make space by stacking shelves on your desk or use plastic crates to optimize space under the bed.

You can also repack any extra items such as winter clothes and books in plastic containers and use closer organizers to make the most of the limited space in smaller closets.

Now don’t forget the area behind doors either. Buy shoe organizers and CD holders to keep your kicks and tunes in your new abode!

Lighting is an easy and inexpensive way to improve your mood or adjust to your every activity.

Try small lamps with a 25-watt bulb for reading or watching TV. Floor lamps are also a great way to bring ambient lighting into a room. Just think, for only $12 or so you’ve found an inexpensive solution to the sterile fluorescent lighting you’ll find in most dorm rooms.

Desk lamps also provide just the right amount of light for those late night cram sessions when your roommate decides he/she needs to go to sleep early.

Odds & Ends
Once you’ve got all your knick knacks under control in your new pad, it will be those harder to store items that will pose a challenge. For smaller objects use ice cube trays to organize easy-to-lose items such as erasers, paperclips, tacks and spare keys.

Wire baskets also help you make the most of your space by keeping random clutter at bay. They are great for keeping snacks, remote controls, or even old receipts and movie stubs. Just try to keep in mind that the more things you own the more creative you’ll have to be during your decorating spree.

If you are finding that your walls are still a little bare, spruce them up with corkboards wrapped in fabric or inexpensive frames featuring your favorite art. Try framing coasters, match boxes or even birthday cards.

Fair Play
Anything is fair game. Whatever your passion, there is always a creative way to keep those all-important things under wraps, out of the way or on display.

If you have a roommate make sure to get their opinion when decorating your new bungalow. The space is as much yours as it is theirs. Besides, it will make the transition from home to dorm much smoother and it will allow for some early bonding with your new roommate.

Heck, you may even decide to go shower curtain shopping together!

Regardless of what colors you choose or how organized you keep your space, decorating your dorm doesn’t have to be as daunting and unpleasant as unpacking all your stuff.

So go on...grab all those creative juices that got you into college in the first place and put them to good use. The better your dorm room looks, the better you’ll feel about college, your new roommate and creatively decorated room that will appeal to your senses and make you happy.

Additionally, cute shower curtains (center) can help spruce up those drab bathrooms while fold-up laundry hampers and bathroom baskets save space.
Twelve Tips and Tricks for an Organized Move

By ALEJANDRA DIAZ
Editor in Chief

When faced with moving away from home, students don’t worry about moving but more about the items they can’t live without. Here are some tips to help you achieve a successful, organized move.

1. Leave the Junk Behind
Don’t bring anything you don’t really need. Wait until you move in and figure out what you or your roommate forgot to bring. It makes no sense to bring two TVs, two microwaves and two radios.

2. Buy Ahead
Make a list of things you are going to need before and after you move. Try duct tape, bubble wrap or old issues of The Beacon. If you are low on cash, old towels will also protect those fragile items during the moving process.

3. Pack Early
Start packing as soon as possible. The earlier you start the less stress, confusion and anxiety you’ll experience when it comes time to move.

4. Box It
A variety of boxes will help you get through the hassle of looking for bags, cartons and plastic crates which can tear or break.

5. Mark It
Black markers, felt pens or grease pencils are great for labeling boxes with information such as bathroom, bedroom, or even the guy who helped you when you dropped a box in the elevator.

6. Lose Weight
Remember that boxes and crates can only hold so much weight. So, lighten the load by distributing the weight evenly among several boxes. This will keep you from having a sore back when it’s all over.

7. Enlist Any Help
You can get help from a friend, your parents, your old roommate or even the guy who helped you when you dropped a box in the elevator.

8. Secure Yourself
Pack all your important documents such as credit cards, receipts, birth certificates and voter registration cards in the same place. This will make changing your address much smoother when you get to your new place.

9. Prepare Yourself
It may take some time to get settled in so pack a small bag with anything you will need for the first night in your new home. Helpful items include: toiletries, snacks, a blanket and pillow, pen/paper and a few magazines.

10. Make a Plan
Before you start unpacking, sit down and figure out a plan of attack for unpackaging your stuff. If someone is going to help you unpack, let him or her in on your plan and give them something specific to do. This will keep them out of your hair and focused on the task at hand.

11. Arrange Everything
It’s best to arrange your furniture and make sure all the boxes are out of the way before unpackaging accessories and other items. Sometimes, it’s best to start out by putting clothes away in closets and in drawers.

12. Be a Neighbor
Let everyone know that you moved by sending postcards, letters or e-mails. Try planning a small get-together after you’ve set up your new space. Invite the neighbors and enjoy yourself…you’ve earned it!

Good Eats

Quick & Easy Stirfry

Ingredients:
- 1 pack of Ramen noodles
- vegetables
- 1 can (2.25-oz.) sliced black olives, drained
- 14 ounces pizza sauce
- 6 English muffins, split in half
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- 12 ounces pepperoni, sliced
- 1 (8-in.) flour tortilla
- 1/2 cup Salsa

Instructions:
1. Preheat oven to 400°F.
2. Line a baking pan or baking sheet with aluminum foil.
3. Arrange muffin halves in baking pan and spread 2 to 3 tablespoons pizza sauce on each.
4. Cover with pepperoni slices.
5. Sprinkle with mozzarella cheese and olives.
6. Bake for 10 minutes or until cheese is bubbly.
7. Serve hot.

English Muffin Pizza

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Microwave Quesadilla

Ingredients:
- 1 (8-in.) flour tortilla
- 2 slices of cheese
- 1/2 cup Salsa

Instructions:
1. Place tortilla on microwaveable plate.
2. Place cheese on half of tortilla.
3. Fold tortilla in half to cover the cheese.
4. Microwave on HIGH 25 to 40 seconds or until cheese begins to melt.
5. Let stand, covered, 1 minute or until cool enough to eat.
6. Fold in half again.
7. Serve with salsa.

Courtesy of www.gotouttoday.com
Packing up: A guide for essential college furnishings

By DEBRA D. BASS
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS – In the age of cheap, portable conveniences, students leaving home this fall to room on campus aren’t worried about leaving the material comforts of home behind. They are worried about where to put everything they can’t live without.

“My roommate last year brought everything from home...I mean everything,” said Michael Jarmon, 20, a junior at St. Louis University. “There was almost a whole carpet for the floor and a little personal rug to step on as he got out of bed.” So much for the notion of guys packing light.

Jarmon, an aviation sciences student from Atlanta, said he was more practical in his packing, but by the end of the year, he still grappled with storing things he had acquired throughout the year.

He warns fellow students to plan storage options, ask for the dimensions of your room, shelf space availability and the clearance for sliding totes under the bed. (Beds in some dorms can be raised as high as 3 feet, and most dorms offer the option of making twin beds into bunk beds.)

Every student talked to couldn’t stress the space constraints enough. It can be sobering if you’ve never had limitations of your living environment. It can be sobering if you’ve never had enough. It can be sobering if you’ve never had constraints enough. It can be sobering if you’ve never had enough.

One way people always complain about having too much stuff to pack.

Smith works in the residential housing office at Washington University and says that most students exercise restraint in decorating and stocking their rooms with the necessities and chotchkes, but more than a few students tilt toward the extreme.

An incoming freshman called asking to discuss the dimensions of the door frame because he wanted to bring an elliptical exercise machine, which can pass between a stair climber and a treadmill. He was told to use one of the two gyms on campus instead.

“That’s an extreme, but some people do get carried away,” Smith says. She said she doesn’t bring a lot of accessories with her because “it’s not like I’m never going home again.”

ESSENTIALS

What essentials would we take off to room on campus? 92- quart tote, $12.99, Target (www.target.com). Some can even be checked as luggage if the top is secured with tape or string and isn’t too heavy.

Two bath towels, $9.99 each. Target. Don’t forget the coordinating loofah or face cloth.

12-foot rope light, crinkled clear, $6.99. Target. Illuminates like candles without the fire hazard.

Mesh pop-up laundry hamper, $2.99, Walgreens (locations at www.walgreens.com). Cheap, handy and folds down to almost nothing.

Scotch Medium Adhesive Painter’s Tape, $3.99, Target. Great for hanging posters or photos without putting holes in the wall. Roll small strips across to simulate double sided tape.

Electronics surge protector, 6-foot cord, $9.99, Target. Depending on the size of your room, you may need a 20-foot cord to maximize your flexibility.

21-by-34-inch striped nylon accent rug, $14.99, Bed Bath & Beyond (www.bedbathandbeyond.com). It’ll keep your feet from touching a chilly floor first thing in the morning, and it’s a good way to individualize your space.

X-long twin sheet set, $14.99, Target. We like jersey sheets because you don’t have to worry about thread count, and they feel like a well-worn T-shirt.


Shoe organizer, 24 slots for 12 pairs of shoes, $9.99, Bed Bath & Beyond. Use the slots for shoes, socks, utensils or emergency Raman noodles.

Accent pillow, $9.99, Target. It’s a nice touch and makes a convenient cushion when you’re asking a friend to pull up a crate.

Wall clock, $19.99, Bed Bath & Beyond. Monks’ quarters aren’t for the faint of heart. So choose wisely because they really begin to shun clocks, but you shouldn’t. Pick a lively one instead of quartzing at a laptop tool bar to find the time.

Small bathroom towe with a handle, $6.99, Bed Bath & Beyond. Find one big enough to store everything you use in the bathroom, but place it from soap to Q-tips. A handle just makes life easier.


Practical items:

– A computer chair, or at least a chair cushion, because you’ll probably get the entire package of worklife.

– Dishes for two and utensils for four, because you’ll lose some.

– A flashlight.

– A small tool kit and emergency kit.

– Bed lifts. These can raise your bed to 7 to 8 inches and allow for more storage.

We didn’t mention an alarm clock! Because maybe you don’t need one. If you’re like most students, you live with a cell phone that is always within hand’s reach. Free up an electrical outlet, and just set your phone alarm and watch for a perpetual wake-up call.

It’s probably got multiple alarm functions, and you can set it to alert you for every single class.

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Delta Phi Epsilon receives Rita Rossner Cup

By JULIA MARCHESE
Lifel Editor

Fifteen years ago, the Delta Phi Epsilon chapter at FIU was established. Because of the chapter’s prestige, they have received the Rita Rossner Cup at a bi- yearly national conference in San Antonio, Texas this past July.

“This is the highest honor bestowed on a chapter,” said president Maria Garcia who attended the conference. “It shows the fruits of our labor.” The chapter, consisting of about eighty ladies, was recognized for their community service efforts, recruitment, campus activities and overall sisterhood.

Living by their motto, “To be rather than to seem to be,” the ladies strive to make contributions to various organizations. Several events geared toward helping others teach the girls valuable life lessons. The sorority has held a male pageant annually for the past 13 years. Their “Campus Man” is chosen while they raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, their official philanthropy since 1958. males are judged based on their beauty, brains, dedication and talent. “The girls are very down to earth,” said this year’s Campus Man, Ian Lugo. “I support them in whatever they do.”

Besides participating in Relay for Life, Dance Marathon and raising over one million dollars to benefit CFF, D Phi E also supports the National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders, a national organization dedicated to aid problems of anorexia and other eating disorders through methods of education to providing funds for research.

But, it’s not all work and no play for the members, who’s mascot is the unicorn. The girls show their school spirit by attending sporting and homecoming events decked out in royal purple and gold colors. Chapter meetings, retreats and lunches help members create bonds.

“I always look forward to our sisterhood summer retreat,” said junior, Cher- een De Boehmeker. “We get the whole weekend to bond and to get to know each other on a whole different level.”

The last day to register for Panhellenic Sorority Recruitment is this Wednesday, September 1st

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Graduating student athletes important for Edwards

By ANDRES CORDERO  
Staff Writer

Women’s soccer is headed into its 20th season this fall and the man behind the FIU women has been here from the start. FIU alumnus Everton Edwards opens the 2004 campaign in the same position he’s held since the 1985 inaugural season - head coach.

Although plagued by injuries and three starters on the bench, the women’s soccer team has a promising attitude for this year.

Last season they finished a disappointing 2-11-2. Despite the record, many games where close including eight in which FIU lost by one goal.

Midfielder Yenessa Taddei, one of the key players on the team is returning from an injury which sidelined her all of last season. “I’m excited, happy that I’m not watching from the bench and I feel that it’s a different year and a different attitude. The team is more confident, the coach is more confident and support within the team will make us stronger,” said Taddei.

Coach Everton Edwards believes in improving record and coming together as a team, said Meade. “There are nine freshmen joining the team this season. Veteran players welcome their additions. "We have a lot of new players which are key players and they fill in the gaps of the team,” said Meade.

Edwards believes in working hard and sees areas where the team needs improvement. “Work on yourself as individuals and it will come out on the field. As a whole, speed is slow,” said Meade.

As a player he holds the men’s soccer record for most goalkeeper shutouts (10) and career goals-against-average (0.84).

As a coach he’s led the women’s squad to a 2000 Sun-Belt Conference title, a 1993 Trans American Athletic Conference championship, and an NCAA appearance while coaching the team through 11 winning seasons.

Coach Edwards is on the verge of his 150th career victory with FIU, a feat accomplished by just 36 other active coaches, only seven of which have won them all within the same school. The coach sat down with The Beacon to discuss the season.

Q: You’ve built this program from the ground up and have stuck by it for 20 years. What would this 150th win mean to you?

It doesn’t mean a lot to me honestly. I’m from England and I’ve learned that American tradition is a lot of statistics. The biggest statistic really is for the kids to graduate. That’s my main goal. I’d like these kids to graduate with good majors. I think college athletics has somewhat exploited the athletes.

It’s not that I don’t care about the wins; I just think there’s less perspective in what we were here for. College Athletics has become a big money maker and I feel like 150 wins is nice, but what’s more important is for me to get the student athletes to graduate.

Q: The past two seasons have been a bit of a struggle. After going 15-6-0 and 11-4-2 in 2000 and 2001 respectively, this season is at a better level than last year at this same point. "We have a deep team this season, our attitude is a lot more positive, we are becoming a close team working for each other, things are looking good, and we are further along this year than we were last year."

The girls began preseason practice Aug. 12. The team has been working on conditioning twice a week, something Forward Tamara Kochen credits as helpful for the team.

“It’s helped us out a lot, preseason was more competitive for the girls this year,” said Kochen, who played for the Israeli National Team.

Coach Edwards: “Bottom line: We have to score goals”

By ANA SANCHEZ  
Contributing Writer

The team gets together for a pre-scrimmage huddle. Veterans like Charissa Gingerich believe the team is more unified than last year.

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Kremser: “We take lots of pride in how we play”

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teams in your schedule this season. Who do you think will be your toughest opponents?

Everyone we’d love to beat, but right now we have to focus on our first game against FAU, which always turns out to be an intense rivalry and also all those fantastic games.

Then after the first game, we will find out where we are very quickly.

Q: How can you top the season your team accomplished last year, where they won the ASC division title and made it to the NCAA season?

We want to win the title and go to NCAA but make it past the third round, at least one more round than last year.

If we pass the third round we have chance to go to the final four. It is not an unrealistic goal with the people we have here, we have to pull it off but it depends on special players to come watch us. People are always impressed on how we play and we take lots of pride in how we play.

Q: What can fans expect from attending games this season?

We always look for special players to come watch us. People receive compliments that they enjoy watching us play.

We always look for special players to do creative things and bring excitement to the game. If people can just come out to one game, they always will come back after watching us once.

Q: What new comers should fans keep an eye on?

One of the people so far is Lucas Rodriguez from Killian whose come out quicker than what we felt. Perea who I mentioned earlier is very good.

One of the freshmen is Marcelo Agu- irre who has done well. We also see good things out of Jean Camere who played in final [NCAA championship] last year for St. John.

Q: What fans can expect from attending games this season?

We always try to encourage people to come watch us. People are always impressed on how we play and we take lots of pride in how we play.

EXCITING: Coach Karl Kremser is hoping the up-tempo attacking style of his team will bring fans to the stands. Kremser always receives compliments that people enjoy watching the team play and he credits his team for taking pride in that. “If people can just come out to one game, they always will come back after watching us once.”

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Kremser knows that replacing Rosenbberg who played every minute last year will be tough. However, he feels that if there’s a person that can do it, it’s Crowe.

“Shawn is capable of upholding that standard of soccer in our goals of playing without a doubt,” said Kremser.

Qualifying for the final four of the NCAA tournament is what the coaches and players are all hoping to achieve.

“From the looks of how practices have been coming along, the team looks well-rounded and ready to win. We are getting our legs back and have defensive organization as a team,” said defense captain Allen Handy.

“Winning the conference and final four is what we are all looking forward to,” Reaching the Final Four and winning it is what is important to us as a whole,” added Plentz.

The team kicks off the regular season against Florida Atlantic on Sept. 3 during the FIU Dadora Classic here at home. The team will wrap up the classic on Sept. 5 against Georgia State.
Edward's: “A lot of coaches are judged by their records, but good coaches know you're measured by who you play.”

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...the team managed just four wins in the following two years. How have you dealt with the losing seasons? It’s been disappointing, but there have been many underlying factors. One thing about being a coach is that you have to take the good with the bad. I've learned about being a coach is that you have to take the good with the bad. I've learned...
Kremser’s goals: Reaching soccer NCAA championship

By HARRY COLEMAN
Sports Editor

After reaching the NCAA tournament last season, men’s soccer will begin the season ranked No. 23 in the nation. Returning as coach for the 25th season, Karl Kremser expects nothing less.

Kremser has led the Golden Panthers to three consecutive NCAA tournament appearances and this season he expects nothing less. Kremser sat down with The Beacon and discussed this upcoming season.

Q: What are your goals for this upcoming season?

Our goals are the same as every year. We want to win our conference, and then get to the NCAA championship. The goal is to go further this year than we did last year where we got to the third round.

Q: Who will replace the loss of goalkeeper Roy Rosenberg, who played every minute last season?

We have a couple. Andres [Arguelles] who red shirted last year will be there for us but [Shawn] Crowe without question will be our starter at goal. He was academically ineligible last year for a misunderstanding academically but in fact he is a very good student.

Not to minimize the loss of Roy, but Shawn is capable of upholding that standard of soccer in our goals of playing. Bernarr [Steele] is outstanding academically but in fact he is a very good student.

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The players worked together during the off-season and have also played scrimmages among themselves and other teams.

With a scrimmage against Lynn in Boca Raton and Nova Southeastern at home, the team experienced a loss.

But it gave a chance for players to get adapted to each other and learn from their mistakes as well.

Unfortunately, the team became a bit discontented and unorganized after Lynn scored that goal on us. Players had to open up and move forward in order to score a goal faster therefore causing the back to be left open and available for Lynn to score,” said forward Oscar Gil.

Even with many new faces on the team, veterans consider these players to have potential.

“There are a lot of incoming freshmen who are all somewhat new to what they are yet about to experience.”

International players serving it up for the Women’s Volleyball team

By ASHLEY BUTLER
Contributing Writer

Last year, the Golden Panthers had a lot of injuries, finishing 14-16. However this upcoming season includes only four returning players; eight new players (three junior college transfers and five freshman) and three that either sat out last year with an injury or red shirted.

Head Volleyball Coach Cookie Stevens is confident that this high depth team will make it far this year.

Out of all the girls, only 6 are native Floridians. Girl’s volleyball gives a true meaning to the word “International” for Florida International University.

These girls are from all over the world including Germany, Russia, Canada, Poland and the Virgin Islands. Two girls are from Virginia, one from Ohio and another from Kansas.

Q: Out of all the girls, only 6 are native Floridians. How will you get the team to get used to each other?

“We have no such as that,” said Cookie Stevens. “They are all new but also there are two new assistant coaches. Coach Greg Tompos who graduated from the Technical University of Liberec, 2003 in the Czech Republic.

Being one of the many newcomers to the team, Greg Tompos, assistant coach excited about the upcoming season.

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Seven of eleven starters returning for men’s soccer

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