Homecoming week about to kick off

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Whether you’re walking through the halls of the Graham Center or across the Housing Quad, chances are that you may have noticed the large banners promoting “Fire It Up.” Organized by the FIU Homecoming Council, “Fire It Up” is the theme for this year’s Homecoming week held Nov. 13 to Nov. 18.

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Workers find more bones near Ground Zero

According to authorities, workers found three bone fragments in a second manhole at the former World Trade Center site, now commonly called Ground Zero.

The remains were found near to where about 200 bones have already been recovered. The bone pieces are one to two inches long and were discovered Nov. 4 along a road on the west part of the site.

Officials said they are going to continue to search 12 manholes and other underground areas along the road that they said were missed during the initial recovery of body parts after the Sept. 11 attacks.

Abortion clinics sue over records

Two Kansas abortion clinics are requesting that the state Supreme Court investigate Attorney General Phil Kline and former Kansas Attorney General Bill O'Reilly over O'Reilly's statements that he had obtained information from abortion records.

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Kimono workshop promotes cultural exchange

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FIU alumna Aiva Menashe returned last year to Miami after three semesters of studying abroad in Japan. Among her souvenirs, she brought back a couple of kimonos. However, despite the long time she spent over there, she never learned how to wear them. “I don’t even know how to tie the obi [sash belt] correctly. There are websites online that tell you how to do it, but it’s confusing,” Menashe said.

Every year FIU students travel to Japan through FIU’s study abroad program. “I have friends working at the bookstore who work just for the chance to travel,” said Garcia. “I don’t think it’s fair that certain students are being paid $8 or $9 just because they are work study students. Some kimono styles to be showcased include that of a Samurai, a nobleman and a citizen from the Edo era.

Menashe is one of three stops for Matsumoto on his North American tour promoted by the Japan Foundation, an independent institution whose objective is to promote cultural exchange between Japan and overseas nations. Before coming to South Florida, Matsumoto held similar workshops in the Philippines, Turkey and Laos. “Matsumoto has great experience and will be good for promoting cultural understanding here,” said Satoro Yasuda, vice-consul of Japan in Miami. The Japan Foundation was established in 1972 by special legislation. Today, its activities, including Matsumoto’s visit to FIU, are funded by Japanese government subsidies, operation profits on government endowment, and donations from a private sector. “Most of the consulate offices in America have long had a strong relationship with the surrounding universities,” Yasuda said.

The informal partnerships that exist between Japanese consulates and universities around the nation may explain how the next location for Matsumoto’s workshops will come to be at the Graham Center Ballrooms. From anime conventions to Japanese opera performances, the Consulate General of Japan in Miami and the FIU Institute for Asian Studies have a long history of collaboration. “We work with the consulate office very closely … We then get them a location for the event and help them publicize it,” said Steve Heine, director of the Institute for Asian Studies.

Publicity for the workshop has remained low-cost, relying mostly on e-mails and word of mouth, according to Japanese Consulate Spokeswoman Dari KCissinger. "Organizers expect the event will bring different people with various interests together. "There is a strong influence of Japanese culture everywhere – a lot of it [anime and manga, which is pop culture – but also [in] more traditional things like calligraphy, and even kimonos," Heine said.

"We want to bring a piece of Japan to people here in Florida," Kissinger said. "The workshop will take place Nov. 13 at 10 a.m. in the Graham Center’s East Ballroom. It is free of charge, but reservations are required by Nov. 10. For more information, e-mail the consulate at cj@cofis.net.

Homecoming will end with parade

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“The organizations selected their own candidates,” Ravelo said. “It’s open to all organizations but usually the fraternities and sororities are the only groups to send in their candidates.” The Council of Honor elected the second annual black party between the Blue and Gold garages Nov. 17 at 9 p.m., which will include free food, giveaways and music entertainment for the students. The Homecoming Celebrations will come to an end Nov. 18 with the traditional Homecoming parade that starts at the College of Engineering, comes down 107th Avenue into FIU and ends at the football stadium. “The parade this year will have floats, banners and fire engines from the Miami Fire Rescue,” said Ravelo. “The FIU police worked with the City of Sweetwater to make sure everything goes smoothly.”

The final event before the football game will be the football tailgate with a lot of activities including the usual – free food, giveaways and bounce houses. At the end of the tailgate, students will be given free gold shirts as they enter the stadium.

Both Lapointe and Ravelo hope that the week is a grand success and how students take advantage of the events organized for them. “This year is going to be great,” said Lapointe. “We’ve worked very hard for it and we hope students enjoy the events.”

Work study awarded on first-come, first-serve basis

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Some students, such as sophomore Shane Phen, think the wages are unfair. “I don’t think it’s fair that certain students are being paid $8 or $9 just because they are work study students,” he said. “I have friends working at the bookstore who work just as hard but are paid lower wages.”

Garcia, however, believes that the wages said the students who need the financial help – the students for whom the program was implemented. “Is it fair? No, but it really helps out the students who are in need of financial assistance,” Garcia said.

Barbara Douglas, manager of the multicultural programs and services office, said that it is beneficial for departments to hire more work study students. “Work study students’ paychecks are federally funded, so they don’t come out of the office’s budget,” she said. “However, we can’t hire all work study students because the financial aid office determines how many we can get. We request a certain number, but it’s ultimately up to them.”

Departments’ requests are also approved on a first-come, first-serve basis, according to Ukenye. Many departments can hire no more than two work study students, with some exceptions. “Bigger departments have more students than others,” she said. “You can’t go to the library and cap them at two. They’re huge.”

According to Garcia, the work-study program doesn’t limit the number of available jobs. “I think it’s creating more jobs, actually,” Garcia said. “Because work study students are federally supported, departments have more money to hire students and open up more jobs.”

Ukenye asserts that work study students do not receive special treatment. “Work study students are not special,” Ukenye said. “They are employees of the University, so they can be terminated just like anyone else.”

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Modernity, in terms of art, took place mainly in 18th century Europe when the conversion of economic wealth and democracy was taking place.

Slavery was also a large aspect of modernity.

“For this reason, we chose Phillip Doddard to be the highlighted artist for the event. His work reflects modernity itself in his themes and style. He’s very versatile and unique, while being inspired by African art,” Ogundiran said.

Michele Frisch, owner and curator of Galerie Marassa, an art gallery in Haiti where Doddard’s work is on display, is a personal friend of the artist. She offered a short and private tour of the exhibition.

Doddard focused his work on nature, such as trees and flowers. He expressed discontent with the way the world is today. Through his art, Doddard gives his opinion of the Haitian revolution.

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He then began to teach classes as a teaching assistant in January 2000, and he completed his doctorate in 2006.

While he was a TA, Javadzadeh won the Best Teaching Assistant Award in the Art of Teaching.

“I think I am able to give students the tools to analyze the world beyond the mainstream and the status quo,” Javadzadeh said.

“They can see life activities and social relationships in a different light. Through numerous conversations with students I have witnessed discontent with the ways the classes are taught. They feel that having to take notes, memorization and test taking does not encourage students to learn.”

By utilizing discussion as a tool, Javadzadeh is able to capture students in the class by giving them the opportunity to open their mind.

“In my classroom, they feel they have the power to bring in new ideas which minimize the powerlessness students feel in regular class sections,” Javadzadeh said.

“I think I am compassionate about not only what I teach but also toward students, and that makes them feel at ease...” Javadzadeh said.

This setting is a mechanism to get students to participate in class on many topics. They formulate several interpretations based on world around them and how it applies to life today.

“I am hoping my teaching styles have contributed to students learning and not lose the one important human quality, curiosity,” Javadzadeh said.

Junior Jillian Simms is a journalism student currently taking Javadzadeh’s classical theory course.

“It was a great decision to take to his class, it encourages students...”
OPINION

More than a few bad Apples

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Congratulations, you’ve finally bought your first iPod. Great, now you have the only one in town that won’t work. Is it? Listen to your favorite music for hours, wear those oh-so-trendy white earphones, pick out cute covers for it and carry it around—and oops, what’s this? Your iPod is dead! Is new music investment broken?

Last year, a settlement against Apple won $500 vouchers and replacement iPods for nearly 2 million customers who had received defective equipment. With Apple reporting 14 million iPods sold as of its last quarter, the 2 million of last year’s lawsuit make up nearly 15 percent of its total sales and suggest that nearly one in seven iPods were affected by the faulty batteries that died in an hour instead of lasting the advertised seven hours. One of my friends is on her third iPod due to defects in the devices. Another friend is on number five. Apparently, they just keep breaking.

A web site, flawedmusicplayer.com, was recently set up by an outraged iPod Nano owner who had become frustrated with what he describes as a “design flaw.” “The iPod Nano is not really to be used. It is way too fragile,” argues the web site. “Apple markets it in a pocket. Hell, Steve Jobs himself puts it out of his hands when he announces it. My Nano broke on day four—the screen, that is. It shattered. It was in my pocket as I was walking and I sat down. No, I didn’t sit on it. It was just in my pocket, just as all iPods before it have done and my cell phone, which also has a screen on the outside, does. This is what they were meant to do. That’s why they make them pocket size,” the user site.

So here’s my problem: why does a device so expensive and so poorly made continue to sell? Because Apple is the only company out there making large memory storage MP3 devices. No other company has a device that compares. Apple boasted an increase this year—from 53 percent to 68 percent—in its domination of the music player industry. This has left music lovers with little choice other than the risky iPods. If you aren’t a serious music listener, the idea of bothered with iPod. If you feel your wisest purchase was the debut of American Idol reject William Hung, then chances are you aren’t quite ready for the expensive storing power of an iPod.

For the rest of us, you may not have much of a choice but to submit to Apple and its monopoly over the MP3 market. Though a few competitors have risen like iRiver and Creative Labs, the industry is still eating out of the palm of Apple’s hand.

If you must buy an iPod, purchase the Apple Care warranty. I’ve only met a few who buy a new iPod and never have a problem with it. Those who use it for jogging should be especially careful because all that bouncing can mess up the hard drive. A personal contribution to that list: rain can mess it up, too. Those who value their iPod and never have a problem chase the Apple Care warranty.

Unfortunately, the article casts the group as radical and at odds with the local community. If the author was interested in controversy, than perhaps she should have written an exposé on those in our community who abuse legislative, judicial and executive powers in order to deny shelter to marginalized groups, and imprison innocent men and women under false pretenses. Instead, the article might possibly alienate like-minded people from joining the Bolivarian Youth's focus of discussion.

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Students tap into jobs by networking

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These days finding a fun and appealing job is not as tough as it may seem for college students on the prowl.

For freshman and occupational therapy major, Claudia Calderon, finding a job as an optometric assistant at Sears Optical came by word of mouth.

“My friend Gaby came to see the doctor here and she asked her if she wanted a job, but she already had one so she called me and told me about it and here I am,” Calderon said.

Calderon, who started working for Dr. Herman Deanna about five years ago, is responsible for an array of duties including taking patients’ blood pressure, performing preliminary eye exams, checking for peripheral vision through a visual field screening and putting air into patients’ eyes with a non-contact tomography machine to check for glaucoma. Other job duties include filing, scheduling appointments and answering the phones.

Although Calderon is only a freshman, she is making the kind of money any other freshman can only dream of – a whopping $16 per hour.

“Both parks don’t end there,” Calderon said.

“You get free eye exams and you get insurance, those are the good parts,” Calde- ron said.

However, not every job is perfect.

“The bad parts are that you don’t get any sick days, you don’t get vacation pay and no holiday pay,” Calderon said.

Being confined to an office for a certain amount of hours is not appealing to every one, especially those like Antonio Smith-Morales, a major in language arts, who claims to have a humanitarian heart.

“I consider myself a humanitarian. I like to help people who are less fortunate than ourselves,” Smith-Morales said.

Smith-Morales works for Fundraising Initiative, an organization that works for Mercy Corps to help raise money for charity in less developed countries, as a physical agent to get people to sign up and donate money at places like the mall.

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FIU GONE WILDER

SIGNING PARTY: Kal Penn (left), star of the upcoming Van Wilder 2: The Rise of Taj, and Art Alexakis of Everclear (top) and Jonny Dubowski of Jonny Lives (bottom) appeared on campus Nov. 7 to promote the new Van Wilder film.

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CENTRAL FLORIDA

If it’s the tropics that you want to get away from, head north to indulge your childhood desires and thrill-seeker wants. Tampa offers some of the country’s best roller coasters at Busch Gardens. Be a child again and experience their renowned animal adventures and refreshing water rides. If you get there before the end of the year, they are running a two-for-one special. For $60, Florida residents can get a pass for two days.

Animal adventures with Jack Hannah are not for everyone. Upon admission to the park you can register to visit the Brewmaster’s Club where you can sample everything from American lagers to full-bodied stouts. It’s advised to save the club for after the roller coasters.

Dingy motels are not the only option when in Tampa. Built in 1921, the Pier Hotel in nearby St. Petersburg was recently restored in 2001 and features cozy European décor.

This small hotel takes on the feel of a homely bed and breakfast and is available at affordable rates. A deluxe room with two double beds runs for $128 per night. Fall discounts run as low as $98.
Religion, sex permeate cinema

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Volleyball reaches 20-win mark since 2001 season

JESSICA MARSHALL/THE BEACON

fourth time all season that the Golden Panthers have held their opponent to under .100 in a match.

In every game, the Golden Panthers have asserted their dominance early on and it has proven to make the difference for them. In the first set they jumped out to a 4-0 lead and, although the deficit wasn’t much, the Owls were never able to respond. The trend followed in the second and what turned out to be the final set as the Golden Panther got out to 10-3 and 8-3 leads, respectively.

With the win, the Golden Panthers improved to 20-7 on the year and 12-3 in Sun Belt Conference action — giving birth to the squad’s first 20-win season since they won the Sun Belt title in 2001 and just the second time since the team began playing at the Division One level in 1987.

With the conference tourney rapidly approaching, the Golden Panthers will look to better their positioning and fine-tune their play in their final two games of the season this weekend.

Tomic says that as long as the team tightens up defensively, the possibilities are endless.

“We are taking every game like it is the most important game of the season. We have been working on blocking and floor defense in our recent practices and that has been our weakness. We should be a better blocking team than we are now,” Tomic said.

Troy will come in to Pharmed Arena Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. and Southern Alabama will look to upset the Golden Panthers Nov. 12 at 1 p.m.

JUST GETTING STARTED: Freshman Khadija Jackson goes up for a layup against a Nova Southeastern University defender. The men’s and women’s basketball teams took the courts Nov. 4 for some live-action warm ups. The women’s team handedly beat the home team, NSU, 75-37. Gordana Bedalov lead the way for FIU with 15 points. Meanwhile, the men were equally successful with a 90-41 victory over Division II Villa Julie. Alex Galindo and Dejon Prejean recorded 18 points each, while Johwen Villegas and Chris Fuller added 14 and 12 points, respectively.

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of conflicting schedules, Mezzanotte is not.

Mezzanotte, a sophomore majoring in criminal justice is in the Delta Phi Epsilon sorority. She says she too must balance a demanding agenda that sometimes gets in the way of seeing her boyfriend.

However, she tries to attend all of his games and cheers for her boyfriend who can often be seen waving back and smiling at her. From the field.

When asked what the best part about dating McCall is, she giggled and said, “he is a great boyfriend, even though he doesn’t have a lot of time, he makes a lot of time for me. He shows me that he cares about me all the time … he is a very understanding person and I love him.”

Come Sunday afternoon, McCall unwinds from his hectic schedule, spends some time with his girlfriend, attends church and catches up on homework.

“I really enjoy our Sunday afternoons; football is off your mind until Monday and the time we get to spend together is what I enjoy the most,” he said.

Although his schedule may become more hectic as the semester progresses, McCall believes everything he does is attainable as long as he prioritizes his responsibilities.

“[As long as you] get your priorities straight … you should be alright. Some people say there are only 24 hours in a day, but that is a lot of time. Things that are important to you, you make time for them, like football, school and your girlfriend; God, family and your fraternity – you can make time for all those things; time management skills, priorities that’s all there is.”
Quarterback Paul McCall balances more than classes and practices

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Besides trying to balance a job, social life, extracurricular activities and schoolwork, trying to make time for a relationship can be a challenge.

But what if you are in a student-athlete committed relationship? Practicing football 20 hours a week, exercising twice a week in the morning, taking 15 credits a semester with classes taking up the rest of his time during the season, it can get very stressful.

“I really do love my girlfriend, but football is paying my way through school; without football I can’t get an education,” McCall said.

McCall and Mezzanotte met in sixth grade and lived close to one another. Soon after, their close friendship blossomed into a relationship.

Mezzanotte has known for years that football is her boyfriend’s passion and supports him all the way.

“I am very proud of him. He has done great things ... getting a scholarship was a great opportunity for him, he deserves great things,” Mezzanotte said.

Although McCall says he has so many thoughts running through his head, he tries very hard not to take out his frustrations on Mezzanotte, especially after a bad game.

“ ‘As much as I love football, it is only a game; you can’t let a bad game affect the rest of your life,’ McCall said. ‘You have to play in seven days again [and] you can’t think about a bad game from two weeks ago when you have another Sun Belt Conference game coming up.’

Sometimes during the week, the couple gets together for breakfast before class or a short lunch between classes. Besides that, they don’t get to see each other a lot during the week.

There are times when McCall is available for a couple of hours, but because of his commitments he can’t always make time to go out with his girlfriend, sophomore Ebe Mezzanotte.

MAKING TIME: Busy with classes, football and fraternity activities, redshirt freshman quarterback Paul McCall says he always makes time for his girlfriend, sophomore Ebe Mezzanotte.

Women’s volleyball sweeps past FAU, improves to 20-7

RENALDO SMITH
Staff Writer

Freshman outside hitter Yarinor Rosa wasn’t too pleased with her team’s performance after suffering a straight-set thumping to conference rivals Middle Tennessee State Oct. 29.

“Sometimes we play consistent and other times we are just so inconsistent and make a lot of errors,” Rosa said. “We started off playing good and then they just made a rally of nine or ten points in a row and that made the big difference.”

With the disappointment of that loss against the Blue Raiders still fresh in their minds, the Golden Panthers took out their frustration on the Florida Atlantic University Owls en route to a 3-0 (30-17, 30-27, 30-20) straight-set win at Pharmed Arena Nov. 3.

According to Golden Panthers head coach Danijela Tomic, it was a game of credits that gave her and the entire team to step up and she went out and had a great game against FAU,” Tomic said. “We played well and up to our potential and when we do that we are a very hard team to beat. It was a challenge for them to win the final games at home and it started with the win against FAU.”

Ironically, the Owls were coming off an upset win over the Blue Raiders in their previous game, but even the wave of confidence built up from that win wasn’t enough to drown the Golden Panthers.

Rosa led the Golden Panthers with a match-high 18 kills and eight digs on an impressive .433 hitting. Consistent contributor Arasay Guerra played her role once again with 11 kills and freshman Olga Vergun was deadly with 12 kills at a .500 clip and nine digs. Junior Andrea Rasby had 13 digs and setter Keila Oliveira, who had a match-high 45 assists, now finds herself just 32 assists shy of the single season school record for assists with two matches left.

Leading the Owls in a dismal performance was Justine Perry with 11 kills and Casey Lanocca who dished out 30 assists in the loss.

The performance delivered by the Golden Panthers was nothing short of dominant. Behind Rosa, the Golden Panthers finished the game at a .377 clip while holding the Owls to a woeful .084 hitting percentage, marking the