FIU REMEMBERS

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Not many students can claim College algebra as their favorite class – not with an estimated failure rate of 70 percent. Pre-med student Carolina Veronese is one of them; she had to take the course twice before passing and says the professors are to blame.

“I don’t think my professors were lenient – they didn’t have homework to help improve your grade or extra-credit and the office hours weren’t useful because I had other classes during their office hours,” Robinson said. “One teacher would come in [at the beginning of class], write everything on the board and then she would explain it by whispering and you couldn’t understand anything.”

Julian Edward, chairman of the Mathematics Department, said there is no single cause for such a high number in college algebra failures.

He says one reason might be that high schools don’t require students to take math courses their junior and senior years. As a result, such students enter their freshman year of college without the necessary math skills needed to pass college algebra.

Brian Peterson, associate professor for the History Department, has been involved in educational policy analysis since 1978 and has a strong, continuing interest in FIU’s lower-division program, which he had advocated for.

Peterson said he has been told by math department faculty members that their adjunct instructors are not effective teachers.

Unfortunately, Peterson said, the department cannot hire better adjuncts for the amount of money that the central administration gives them.

“Good math instructors are hard to find in Miami – especially at the adjunct pay rate of around $2500 per course,” Peterson said. “The math department tells me that the situation is getting better because they have added some new, permanent, full-time instructors who are effective teachers.”

The math department is offering over 50 sections this Fall, including some special sections of college algebra that meet six hours per week.

There is a pre-algebra course that students can take to familiarize themselves with the concepts covered in college algebra.

Also, the department offers tutoring in Deuxieme Maison, room 409A.

The math department hopes to relocate its tutoring center to a larger facility in the Green Library sometime this Fall, according to Edward.

For students who work or do not have time for tutoring, there is an online service available at the departmental Web site. Edward believes students

High math failure rate under investigation

University unfazed by cuts

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Despite proposed budget cuts by Gov. Charlie Crist, FIU is proceeding with its plans to open the new College of Medicine by 2009.

John Rock, dean of the College of Medicine, along with other top FIU administrators, believe that the Legislature will not reverse itself by cutting funds for the medical school.

“Pre-Crist it was fulfilling his judiciary responsibility to the citizens of the state of Florida,” Rock said. “These are simply his suggestions for reducing the budget. But respectfully we disagree with the governor’s assessment.”

When asked about the University’s other alternatives if the Legislature does agree to the proposed cuts, Rock said he believed that all would go on as scheduled.

“I don’t discuss hypothetical situations,” Rock said. “We are confident that the Legislature will, in fact, keep its commitment to the citizens of South Florida.”

Rock also said that any discussions at the state level on reductions in higher education should not affect students considering FIU’s College of Medicine.

“I think it’s premature to have any judgement on how this would affect the students because we’re in an accreditation cycle,” to allow us to consider students for admission in the year ’09,” Rock said. “Our medical school must first get put on an accreditation from the [Liaison Committee for Medical Education], then, once we have that accreditation, we’re allowed to recruit our students.”

If approved by the Legislature, FIU’s College of Medicine is slated to lose $55 million – the money to be allocated to pay the salaries of the faculty already hired for the College of Medicine, the administrators and staff.

Pre-med student Carolina Veronese has been planning to attend the College of Medicine for the last four years. She was angry after learning about the proposed cuts to medical schools; she considers affordable.

“Not only the money, but...
Frost Museum delayed to attract larger crowds

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said Patricia Frost, a member of FIU’s Board of Trustees whom the museum is named after. “Why did we want to do that? Because it would give us more visibility at the Frost Art Museum with more people that fly into Miami for Art Basel; we wanted them to be able to come to us... so it was an intentional decision.”

Frost refers to Art Basel Miami Beach, an annual show drawing collectors, artists and other art aficionados from around the world.

The new museum building will offer over 9,000 square feet of exhibition space in nine galleries, three of which will be home to the museum’s permanent collection, according to FIU Magazine’s Fall 2003 issue.

“There are 6,000 pieces in the collection,” said Carol Damian, professor of art history in the College of Architecture and the Arts.

“The majority of those pieces are works on paper - drawings, prints, posters - so 6,000 sounds daunting but once you delineate them and place those in their own environments... There’s going to be a print study room where you can be able to pull open drawers and look at hundreds and hundreds of things because you can’t put hundreds of prints on the wall. Obviously, that’s just inconceivable.”

The Suatchi Gallery online, the contemporary art museum’s Web site where other museums can post their own profiles, lists the Frost Art Museum’s collection as having 5,153 print and paper works, 236 photographs, 673 Pre-Columbian objects and 857 paintings, including 45 pieces purchased from FIU studio program students over the past 27 years.

Within these numbers are works by contemporary masters like Claes Oldenburg, James Rosenquist, and Robert Rauschenberg. There is also popular Haitian and Brazilian art, Mayan and Incan cultural artifacts, as well as the fostered collections of the Cintas Foundation Fellows and the defunct Metropolitan Museum and Art Center of Coral Gables.

“I think that the most important thing is that, because of the space, we’re going to be able to create a university museum with a study collection and have an exhibition schedule that’s going to reflect the diversity of the community,” Damian said.

Two exhibitions will inaugurate the new building: a Smithsonian Art Museum exhibit curated by Virginia Mecklenburg, according to Frost, and an orchestration by Damian that will focus on the figure as represented within the museum’s permanent collection.

“Going through the images and trying to come up with some sort of a curatorial vision, how do you look at 6,000 objects and what do you see,” Damian said. “I came up with a number of different ideas going through and finally realized that the figure is so universal - from a beautiful African fetish figure to a sculpture by a great American sculptor or images that run the gamut from Andy Warhol working with the figure to nineteenth century and more traditional images of the figure.”

There will be site-specific art commissioned to decorate the reception area of the new building in accordance with Florida’s Art in State Buildings program.

Yann Weymouth, the architect, envisioned banners that would hang down the walls of the three-story area and could be changed seasonally, according to Damian.

The deadline for submissions was Aug. 31 and applications are yet to be compiled, according to Damian.

For Frost, who was involved with Weymouth and the building’s design, it’s seeing the museum in operation and the community enjoying it that excites her most.

“We hope that this is an encyclopedic type of art museum where it will offer to the community things that they might never have ever seen again, or will see or hope to see in the future,” Frost said. “For us this is the interface with the community, the students and the faculty.”

CORRECTIONS

In the Sept. 10 issue of The Beacon, the Daniel Bonachea should be given the photo credit of Howard Rock.

In the same issue, The Beacon misspelled Joseph Goebbels.

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FIU Career Services hosts Mega Career Week

The Career Services Office is hosting a MEGA Career Week Sept. 19-24. The week will include workshops and activities designed to prepare FIU students for the Career Fairs on Sept. 25.

Workshops will include salary negotiations, interview skills and resume writing.

The workshops take place every day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Graham Center Ballrooms.

Career Services is also offering the Executive Protégé Initiative in preparation of the Career Fair. Participants of the EPI will be matched with mentors, who will be involved in programs such as Dress for Success, Business Etiquette Dinner and the opportunity to enter the Career Fair 30 minutes before anyone else. Students interested in the EPI program can contact Ashley Clayton at Ashley.Clayton@fiu.edu or call 305-348-2423.

The Career Fair will take place Sept. 25 and over 100 employers are scheduled to attend the event. A complete list of employers and more information is available at www.fiu.edu/career.

**NATIONAL**

**Congress passes financial aid bill**

In the wake of budget cuts and looming tuition hikes, there is a silver lining for students.

The U.S. Senate and House of Representatives passed on the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, which will increase the amount offered in Pell Grants. The U.S. Department of Education will extend Pell Grants to dependents of service members, increase the maximum Pell Grant award and allow profits on federal student loans to go toward reducing the student debt.

The new act will help low-income students by lowering subsidies to private banks will pay for the federal student loan program and lowering interest rates on the direct student loan program. The act also will reduce the amount of interest that students have to pay.

President Bush has said he will sign the bill, which is expected to be signed by the end of September.

This will create additional funds for educational purposes. Instead, lenders will receive a reduced rate of return for federal student loans and a slightly reduced reimbursement rate from the federal government.

The act will also create an Income Based Repayment program that will allow indebted students to repay their loans as a percentage of their income. Interest rates will also be reduced for students receiving subsidized Stafford loans.

**FIU/UM DEBATE**

The rally will be free and open to all FIU students, according to Viviana Jordan, director of information technology services and one of the rally's organizers.

“I hope we can continue to help students,” Jordan said. "We want a strong presence and let them know that we are supporting them and that we will continue to support them in the future.”

**Online math tutoring offered**

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Can help solve this problem by completing six thousand problems in the online tutoring program, but it all depends on their motivation.

He said that doing the tutorials will have a significant impact in their performance in the class.

"Math is something you learn by doing, not just looking," Edward said.

Edward also believes students need to be careful when choosing their math courses because many people make the mistake of taking college algebra when it is not required in their majors.

For non-science and non-business majors, Edward suggests that students take finite or social choice math.

"Don’t fall into the trap of thinking that this course will be easier due to the familiarity with the material from high school," Edward said. "We cannot leave any topics off because the syllabus is state-mandated.

For college algebra tutoring information, visit the departmental Math Help Web site at http://w3.fiu.edu/~math_help_math_help.htm.

**SGA rallies students to support FIU**

The idea of the medical school serving minority and disadvantaged groups," Veronese said. "Not many medical schools are minority-oriented and as a minority, I feel it’s very important.”

It’s going to be short, sweet and to the point, Jordan said.

The rally will start at noon and end at 1 p.m. “It’s going to be short, sweet and to the point,” Jordan said.

To participate in the rally, students must sign up in the SGA office located in the Graham Center, room 211, by Sept. 18 at 5 p.m.

SGA will not limit the number of students who can attend to the rally. Anyone interested will be allowed to attend.

“T’m hoping we can get a great amount of student support,” said SGA Vice-President Arthur “AJ” Meyer. “The rally will give students an experience they might not have otherwise.”

Students will return to FIU at approximately 10 p.m., according to Jordan.

Breakfast will be provided after the morning of the rally and lunch and refreshments will be provided on the return trip.

SGA is also inviting Gov. Crist to attend the rally in an attempt to show him that SGA is not the only one concerned about the proposed cuts, but the entire student body as well, Meyer said.

Talks are also underway with the University of Central Florida in attempts to have its students join in on the rally.

UCF’s medical school funding was also among the proposed cuts.

“We want a strong presence,” the capital that tells, "the governor FIU students fully support the medical school," Jordan said. "And to remind the Legislature that we know that they will be supporting us in securing the funding as it is necessary.”
Club promotes use of sign language

Just like there are slang words in any verbal language, there is slang in sign language and we teach members the basics and then [teach them] as a club.

Brittney Eichler, Flying Fingers president

The members of Flying Fingers, a club that was started last summer, hope to increase awareness at FIU about the hearing-impaired and mute communities.

Brittney Eichler, the club’s president, has begun a petition through the club to bring back sign language classes to FIU.

“We want to start a petition because [we have] a large community [at Uni- versity Park],” Eichler said. “Our main concern is FIU offering sign language classes again and it is up to them where [the classes] are going to be offered at.”

Joanna Lindsay, the club’s advisor, supports the idea of having sign language classes at FIU. She said that FIU used to provide sign language classes… there weren’t enough stu- dents. It would help the school and the [student] body. I know students who have taken the classes… and taught others how to use it,” Lindsay said.

The club began as a group on Facebook.com, a networking Web site, which escalated to per- sonal meetings and then as a club at the Biscayne Bay Campus, according to Eichler.

“The club is not only for the hearing impaired and mute, it is open to all students,” Eichler said.

“Our basic goals are to provide an environment for the deaf and hearing impaired [where the stu- dent body] is able to get together and familiarize with one another,” she said.

During the club meet- ings, everything is done by sign language, but people are more than welcome to join and be taught how to perform sign language, Eichler said.

“Learning from a book is a complete opposite from learning it in a small group. Last semester, we had one member who didn’t know sign language and learned [from us]. Those who know sign language and don’t mind [teaching] others, help them learn and inter- act. Just like there are slang words in any verbal language, there is slang in sign language and we teach members the basics with personal classes and then [teach them] as a club,” she said.

Flying Fingers club members look for different ways to address students about the inability to speak or hear. During a meeting in the full, club members watched the movie Cars with captions.

The club also has social outings at Dave & Busters’s in Dolphin Mall in order to get the members together, according to Eichler.

These social dates are important for club mem- bers to intermingle, said Melanie Castronovo, activi- ties director.

“It is part of our cul- ture,” Castronovo said. “Learning the language [is] to learn the culture… to interact.”

Because Eichler and most of the club members are based at UP, the club is interested in moving their meetings out of BBC, where they were originally based. The official transition to UP has not been made yet, Eichler said.

The club has already begun to advertise more at UP.

Last summer, club members passed out flyers during a club fair at UP to inform students about their goals and what they are all about.

According to Eichler, the club is planning to have meetings at UP once a month, Tuesdays from 5:45 p.m., depending on the members’ availability.

They hope to acquire a room for future meetings at UP when they become an official club there, Eichler said.

Castronovo wants all students interested in join- ing to do so.

“We encourage people to join. [Students need] no experience, just an interest and come on in!”

Anyone interested in joining the club can add the club’s profile to their Facebook group or e-mail flying_fingers_fiu@yahoo.com.

Food options have new hours of operation

Several services at the Biscayne Bay Campus now have new hours of operation this semester.

The Food Court (Second floor of the Wolfe Uni- versity Center): 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Monday through Thursday) and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays.

The Oasis (First floor of Academic Building): 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Monday through Thursday) and 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays.

C-Store (In Bookstore in WUC): 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (Monday through Thursday) and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays.

-Compiled by Nicole Acosta

Religious View

DEITIES IN ART: Several visitors to the Santeria art exhibition’s opening on Sept. 7 examined artwork by local artists depicting the religion’s gods and goddesses. The exhibition closes Sept. 14.

AT THE BAY

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Crist sacrificing South Florida's future

We've all known for a while that FIU – like other state institutions – would have to make some sacrifices this year.

The facts are simple enough: Florida’s economy is down, and, between that and property tax reform, tax revenues came short of budget this year. The only logical consequence is that state agencies should have to trim their budgets.

And we’ve heard plenty of words to that effect since the beginning of the year: much talk about belt-tightening and trimming the fat and such.

It’s only natural that FIU and public universities throughout the state should have to make some sacrifices, but when Gov. Charlie Crist presented his proposed budget cuts, he may as well have spit in FIU students' faces.

Of 250 line items, Crist proposes cutting from the state budget, four directly involve FIU. That’s twice as many cuts as any other Florida university.

Adding salt to the wound, one of those cuts would postpone funding for FIU’s School of Medicine.

Besides cutting funding for the Med School, other cuts were especially painful for FIU.

The $4 million in funding for enhancements to FIU’s Life Sciences program and the $550,000 cut for a Hispanic Crime Prevention program were among the cuts that are not only logical but also a disadvantage of FIU, but also the South Florida community it serves.

That’s where Crist’s cuts become downright irresponsible; when he cuts funds for programs that conduct research and training meant to solve some of South Florida’s deepest social and economic problems.

The fact that 28 percent of Crist’s proposed cuts are in higher education is disconcerting enough.

By pinching a few pennies in the wrong places today, he’s risking the quality of the education that is producing the professionals of tomorrow.

In the end, what makes Crist’s proposal most confusing is that, he’s cut $227 million from public universities, but kept an $80 million appropriation for a genomics institute at the private University of Miami, plus $10 million for it’s medical school.

If these cuts are to go through, the University should take the initiative to get the Med School funded because many students’ future may be compromised. The University should have a alternative in place if the Legislature agrees with Crist, and passes the cuts.

If cutting from public universities’ budgets is completely reckless, simultaneously giving millions in taxpayer dollars to a private university is simply unconscionable.

Iran needs to be taught a lesson

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It’s no secret that the Iranian regime is an insane collective of radical religious lunatics with a president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, intent on “wiping Israel off the map,” which he said two years ago in a speech to 4,000 students.

He publicly stated that he does not believe the Holocaust ever happened and hosted a conference last year to discuss the validity of the Holocaust as a historical event. This alone is enough to definitively prove the regime is utterly mad.

Israel has not taken Iran’s threats lightly and neither has the United States. Iran’s nuclear ambitions for “peaceful nuclear energy” are as bad as those of Iraq.

Iran constantly says their efforts to produce nuclear power are simply for electrical purposes, not for military use. That would be a valid statement if it weren’t for their abundance of natural resources.

Iran ranks second in the world in terms of natural gas production, third in oil production and averages around 4 billion barrels of oil per day.

Iran simply lusts to become a regional superpower and in order to achieve that, it needs big guns, those big guns are nuclear weapons.

The reason Iran wants to acquire WMDs is simply to challenge the current role the United States is playing in the Middle East and the relations it has with the Saudi government and oil. The Iranians view the U.S. encroachment as a threat to their future plans and development of a regional empire.

If Iran were able to produce a nuclear arsenal, it would have greater bargaining power when dealing with the United States. According to CNN, Iran just recently reached its goal of activating 3,000 new centrifuges which can enrich Uranium for nuclear production.

Bush recently warned the world of the threat of a potential “nuclear holocaust” from Iran. Regardless of all the rhetoric from either the United States or the United Nations, only calculated military force can prevent Iran from attaining nuclear capability.

Israel has been preparing their forces for a possible strike on Iranian nuclear production facilities, as well as the United States, which has sent several naval vessels and a battle group to the Persian Gulf.

There have also been rumors swirling around the Internet on popular blogs, specifically the Daily Kos, a liberal political Web site, which claims to have inside information from a sailor stationed on a U.S. aircraft carrier, that contradicts what the government tells us about Iran. There has definitely been some debate on whether the United States will or will not strike Iran militarily – the lower deck of the aircraft carrier has been beefing around reminiscent of the 2003 U.S. invasion of Iraq.

I’ve always viewed the world as a big classroom. There are good students who come to class, are attentive, and are respectful to the teacher and other classmates, and then are the bad students. Some are just misguided and can be helped and then there are some students who piss everyone off. Even if we reprimand them they’re still as reckless and simplistic as Lindsay Lohan in a sports car or Michael Vick in a dog kennel.

Sometimes the teacher can only do one thing. Slam them across the face with a ruler and maybe they’ll rethink their actions. We should do the same with Iran.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Do you think the Office of Financial Aid is doing a good job?

Yes – They are reliable when it comes to notifying students about deadlines and helping meet financial needs. 12%

No – It’s not their fault some students can’t get their papers in on time. They disburse funds within a reasonable amount of time. 8%

I don’t care either way. 4%

No – They consistently fail to notify students about deadlines and missing documentation. 32%

No – They take forever to disburse leftover funds and ignore students’ needs. 44%

Total participants: 50
Cast your vote at www.beaconnewspaper.com

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Baptist Medical Plaza eager to serve FIU community

In response to Christina Vega’s recent article, “Health Services: Fees, services increase,” I thought we’d clarify some details.

Baptist Health South Florida is very excited about offering our healthcare services to the FIU community, in addition to the services provided at the University Park General Medical Clinic. As you may have heard, our newest facility, Baptist Medical Plaza at Tamiami Trail, located at 1-4660 SW 8 Street, opened recently and offers urgent care from 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

The goal is to offer the University community access to quality healthcare provided by board-certified doctors, especially when the General Medical Clinic is not accessible.

In addition, we are working with Dr. Robert Dollinger and his staff to ensure that all students who are treated at our site have proper continuation of care, as all records and reports from the urgent care center will be communicated back to the General Medical Clinic for follow-ups.

When the student discount agreement goes into effect, only the urgent care center at Baptist Medical Plaza at Tamiami Trail will offer a discount to uninsured/self pay students. Students with insurance will be billed through traditional processes. Tamiami Trail will serve as the pilot location, due to its proximity for university it serves, and it is possible that Baptist Health’s other urgent care centers will follow suit.

Replacements from FIU and Baptist Health are putting processes in place to make this happen quickly (adding systems to verify student enrollment, etc.). University Health Services will assist us in spreading the word when the agreement goes into effect.

For more information about receiving urgent care, or to review its scope of services, visit us at www.baptisthealth.net. Thank you for allowing us to provide additional information. We look forward to offering top-quality care to a top-quality university community.

Luis Bellmous
South Region Director
Baptist Outpatient Services
Restless leg syndrome characterized by uncontrollable urges

Catherine M, as she identifies herself in the RLS Rest forum in www.rlsrest.com, shares her story concerning her physical state. She is 61-years-old and suffers from the disorder known as restless leg syndrome (RLS). “While I have had restless leg syndrome most of my life, only recently did I find out there was a name and a condition to describe what was going on with me,” Catherine said.

She recalls swinging her legs and constantly shifting in her seat every time she was sitting down for long periods of time. “My parents took to calling me the ‘wiggle worm’,” she said.

According to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), some researchers estimate that RLS affects as many as 12 million Americans, but others estimate a much higher number since RLS is thought to be underdiagnosed or misdiagnosed. Physicians often dismissed the weird feelings in my legs as growing pains,” Catherine said.

According to NINDS, RLS is a neurological disorder characterized by unpleasant sensations in the legs and an uncontrollable urge to move when at rest in an effort to relieve these feelings. As a consequence, daily activities as sleep and work are easily disrupted.

The feelings are described as creeping, itching, pulling, creeping, crawling, tugging or gnawing, according to the Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation.

The cause of RLS is unknown, but a family history of the condition is seen in approximately 50 percent of such cases, said NINDS.

According to the RLS Foundation, some factors that appear to increase the risk of developing the disorder are:

- Age (older people are more likely to have RLS)
- Pregnancy (RLS can occur during pregnancy and may improve after delivery)
- Genetic factors (RLS may run in families)
- Hormonal changes (RLS may become worse during menstruation or pregnancy)
- Sleep deprivation (lack of sleep can make symptoms worse)
- Physical activity (regular exercise can help improve symptoms)
- Stress or anxiety (stressful situations can make symptoms worse)
**DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER**

Assistance provided for students with disabilities

**BEN F. BADGER JR.,**
**Aust. News Director**

Disabled students who need a bit of extra help with academic tasks at FIU can turn to the Disability Resource Center, whose entrance is in the piano room on the first floor of the Graham Center.

“We work as a liaison between the University and the students,” said Assistant Director Beverly Trot. “We deal with every type of disability known to man.”

The DRC’s mission is to recognize that students with disabilities the services they require to successfully graduate.

The center services, on average, 500 to 600 students, according to Interim Director Amanda Niguidula.

But Assistant Director Joanna Lindsay commented that despite the number of students in the DRC, they are given the best services possible.

“Not about their disabilities, its about their abilities,” Lindsay said.

Among the core services the center offers is qualify- ing students and determining that a student has a disability.

“Our primary reason for existing in the University is to be the eyes of our University community and the law to say the person is qualified for the purposes of higher ed- ucation as having a disability,” Niguidula said.

Niguidula also said that the DRC does not seek out students and that they must come to the center themselves before any service can begin.

“There is no master list or profile of disabled students,” Niguidula said.

If a student was recently made aware they have or might have a disability, the DRC can refer him or her to a licensed clinical psych- ologist at the Biscayne Bay Campus to perform psycho–educational testing, which can determine whether there is a disability in terms of a learning or attention deficit hyperactive disorder.

The test is only available for FIU students and costs $250; taking the test outside of the University can cost thousands of dollars.

After a student is reg- istered with the DRC, the student’s functional limitations are determined.

Once that step is com- pleted, the center works with the student’s professors to make known any special academic accommodations the student requires.

Accommodations range from extra time on tests, note takers and audio text- books to lab assistants and other services.

The DRC also has two assistive technology com- puter labs with programs tailored to suit the needs of the disabled.

“Not an easy out,” Niguidula said in response to thinking that by registering with the DRC, disabled students gain some sort of an advantage. “Our students really have had to work harder if not as hard as other students.”

Academically, disabled students perform the same work as any other student.

“When they first come to register, they will some- times comment that they are concerned that their diploma or degree will be viewed as less then,” Niguidula said.

“We assure them that they have to work just as hard as other students.”

Trott said that registering with the DRC makes the difference between receiv- ing a D or a C in a class to receiving a B or an A for a disabled student.

According to Niguidula, one concern many students have is confidentiality.

Any student registering with the DRC has the same level of confidentiality as with any doctor.

Information on a disabled student is only shared with FIU faculty – an action that first requires the student to sign a consent form.

The DRC will be hosting several events throughout the Fall semester aimed at promoting awareness of the disabled.

Oct. 17 will be the National Disability Men- toring Day.

NDMD is sponsored by the American Association of People with Disabilities and started in 1999.

Nov. 14 marks the start of the Spinal Cord Injury Awareness week.

During the week, various presentations on spinal cord injuries and those who have them will be given as well as tips on how to avoid injuring the spinal cord.

The DRC is also in the process of bringing the Flying Fingers club from BCC to University Park.

The club promotes interest in sign language and lob- bies for more campus events and classes to sign a language interpreter.

Students interested in volunteering at the DRC need to visit the Center for Leadership and Service in GC 242.

For more info on all of the DRC’s policies, services and events, visit their website drc.fiu.edu.

The project is a nation-wide moonlight walk to sup- port the RLS Foundation.

The moonlight event is a do-it-yourself walk-a-thon because it can be done anywhere with your friends, family and local support groups.

For more information, log onto www.rls.org and click on the link “Join us for a Moonlight Walk.”

**Vitamin supplements may curb neurological disorder**

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To be related are an iron or magnesium deficiency, allergy and depression medica- tions, chronic diseases, alco- hol, caffeine and tobacco intake.

Some pregnant women experience RLS, but for most, the symptoms usually disappear within four weeks after delivery, according to a licensed clinical psych- ologist at the Biscayne Bay Campus to perform psycho–educational testing, which can determine whether there is a disability in terms of a learning or attention deficit hyperactive disorder.

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According to Niguidula, one concern many students have is confidentiality.

Any student registering with the DRC has the same level of confidentiality as with any doctor.

Information on a disabled student is only shared with FIU faculty – an action that first requires the student to sign a consent form.

The DRC will be hosting several events throughout the Fall semester aimed at promoting awareness of the disabled.

Oct. 17 will be the National Disability Men- toring Day.

NDMD is sponsored by the American Association of People with Disabilities and started in 1999.

Nov. 14 marks the start of the Spinal Cord Injury Awareness week.

During the week, various presentations on spinal cord injuries and those who have them will be given as well as tips on how to avoid injuring the spinal cord.

The DRC is also in the process of bringing the Flying Fingers club from BCC to University Park.

The club promotes interest in sign language and lob- bies for more campus events and classes to sign a language interpreter.

Students interested in volunteering at the DRC need to visit the Center for Leadership and Service in GC 242.

For more info on all of the DRC’s policies, services and events, visit their website drc.fiu.edu.

The project is a nation-wide moonlight walk to sup- port the RLS Foundation.

The moonlight event is a do-it-yourself walk-a-thon because it can be done anywhere with your friends, family and local support groups.

For more information, log onto www.rls.org and click on the link “Join us for a Moonlight Walk.”

**GREEK WEEK**

Halls Blanc, freshman, signs his name as a possible fraternity recruit as Geny Campos of Tau Kappa Epsilon Frater- nity speaks to a potential pledge student. Fraternity recruit- ment lasts until Sept. 14.
NUDEWORTHY: Vanessa Hudgens arrives at the Teen Choice Awards in Universal City, Calif., Sunday, Aug. 26. Hudgens’ representative confirmed to MSNBC.com, that a nude photo circulating on the Internet is indeed the 18-year-old star of Disney Channel’s wildly popular “High School Musical” series.

“Vanessa has apologized for what was obviously a lapse in judgment,” said Disney Channel spokeswoman Patti McTeague. “We hope she’s learned a valuable lesson.”

Smith said she hopes that Kathryn doesn’t hear about the photo but, if she does, she’s prepared to talk about it. “The picture is not salacious.”

Michael Sands, a publicist whose clients have included the divorce attorney for Britney Spears’ ex-husband Kevin Federline, said Hudgens should be commended for coming forward quickly and saying it was her pictures.

“She’s very talented and this is a big cash cow for Disney,” he said.

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Despite the fact that UM has lost its dominant strength of the past, the program has and always will be considered a tough opponent.

Their five national championships are enough evidence alone.

From a technical standpoint, the Golden Panthers have not been playing particularly well in their first two games and this is not only the result of a tough schedule.

Too many unnecessary and unacceptable mistakes have occurred to solely blame the difficult schedule on their winless start.

Against Penn State, the intimidation surely did play a large part but the turnovers and offensive futility is what ultimately led to the 59-0 demise.

It was the same story against Maryland as early turnovers and insignificant offensive production led to a 26-10 loss that was surprisingly close against a team that is above average (not at the stature of Penn State, but generally always competitive).

A knowledgeable fan can certainly assume that if FIU had both a productive offense and an even average defense, they could have come away victorious against Maryland and set a new standard.

Fixing these flaws and looking to improve upon them against UM is what truly is another important objective the team should have. Improving against top tier talent like UM will do loads for the future.

If freshman quarterback Wayne Younger can continue to flash his blessed speed and convert it into points on the scoreboard against UM’s solid defense, the game could be in reach. This is surely wishful thinking as last week was just the first time that he showed his talents in game-like competition.

Also, if the turnovers are significantly lowered, fans should expect a close one going into the fourth quarter.

For UM, this is all in a best-case scenario, and FIU has not given any reason to speak that highly of it. The game against UM surely will be interesting in the sense that it will mark the second game of what was originally dubbed a “friendly rivalry.”

The Orange Bowl in the past has always contained boisterous surroundings and both schools will have their faithful in attendance.

Last year’s game did indeed bring out good numbers and that will probably will be the case this year. The incidents of last year are over, as this has been explained over and over again, but fans will be turning up and tuning in regardless.

There is a new attitude reflected in both programs, and it will be very intriguing to see how the focus has changed and how the two teams match up on the field.

The hoopla will obviously be there but the team’s focus and translations onto the field is what truly is the most important aspect of this game.

Hopefully, by next week many will be discussing what was both a very close and respectable game on both parts. Until then, the anticipations amount.

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FOOTBALL COMMENTARY

Mental lapses doom team despite offensive progress

The bleeding may be slowing, but the wound is deep and the pain still bears the body.

The Golden Panthers delivered a valiant effort against Maryland Sept. 7, but a brutal first quarter and several questionable decisions throughout the game doomed the team, which have now gone 644 days without a victory.

The first quarter could best be described as forgettable and the team can only wish that will end up being the case.

Giving up a safety on the first possession on a snap that nearly cleared the goal posts, the team dug themselves into yet another early hole, falling behind by 16-10 even seven minutes had cleared the clock.

Several highly questionable decisions were made in the first half, most notably wasting all three timeouts in the first quarter.

Also, there was a total lack of outside containment that led to Maryland running back Keon Lattimore scampering untouched by the front seven and tallying up 49 yards going into the second quarter.

In an almost perfect encapsulation of the program’s recent struggles, a perfect pass delivered by quarterback Wayne Younger went straight through tight end Moses Hinton’s hands, bounced off his helmet and landed into the hands of Maryland linebacker Adrian Moten, which would lead to a Terrapins touchdown and the 16-point deficit.

Younger managed only one pass for positive yardage the entire first half, on a brilliantly called and executed double play action that had Hinton streaking down the sideline nearly untouched for a 49-yard touchdown reception.

Far away the biggest question mark for the game, however, was the coaching staff’s refusal to insert running back A’mod Ned for much of the game.

When Ned entered the game late in the first half cutting and dicing on his first carry of the season, a collective gasp could be heard from every Maryland reporter in the press box.

It wasn’t until the third quarter that Ned saw action, averaging 5.3 yards per carry and showing a pulse that’s been missing from the running attack as of yet.

As any casual observer can point out that the decapitating blow to the Golden Panthers was once again self-inflicted, as kick returner Lennon Singleton coughed up his fourth fumble of the season.

That turned what should have been the start of an FIU drive with a six-point deficit into a Maryland field goal and a nine-point Terrapin lead.

Though it is almost mundane to draw positives when a team has gone so long without a victory, some noticeable improvements were seen from the second quarter on.

Pressure was continually applied to Maryland quarterback Jordan Steffy, and only 82 more yards were allowed on the ground after the explosion in the first quarter.

The fourth quarter started on a high note for FIU as kicker Chris Abed converted a 42-yard field goal to make the score 16-10 and put FIU within a one score game and certainly had the Hurricanes reeling.

That turned what should have been an easy special teams squad.

As the Hurricanes were made in the first half...
Long resting period ends with first home game

SERGIO BONILLA
Sports Editor

Following 11 days off, the FIU Golden Panthers (0-3-1) commence their home schedule against Bringhampton Sept. 13. This game will mark the first of three consecutive home games. Head coach Thomas Chestnut counted on the extended break to rest his players as the team will eventually play three games in the span of one week. The Bringhampton Bears have played twice as many games as the Golden Panthers this season. Both teams are wireless clubs and they have both recorded one tie. The Bears started the season with two double overtime games; therefore, the Bears team has been exhausted much more than the Panthers have.

The FIU defense should not have trouble keeping the Bearcat offense in check as they have not scored more than one goal the entire season. FIU’s first and only loss of the season saw them engage in a shoot-out against the Florida Gulf Coast University. It is difficult for the Golden Panthers to keep up a consistent offensive attack because it hurt their defense.

After the game-long offensive game, all it took was two minutes for the wasted Golden Panthers defense to give up the game-winning goal to the Eagles. The first home-stand of the season may improve the Golden Panthers’ chances of mustering more energy on the field. Theirie and loss came on the road. Missed opportunities plagued the Golden Panthers this season. They were able to dominate the University of North Florida Lady Ospreys for two overtimes by running away from their defenders, but they could not finish.

Despite the winless season, Chestnut noted the improvement the team has made in the game by game. His intensive practices are meant to improve the conditioning of the team.

The Golden Panthers will have to use their stamina to outlast the Bearcats in a defensive battle if they want to win.
Dedicated to the players and fans of our favorite game.

FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Second game will be tough but not violent

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For starters, FIU is currently 0-2 and winless in its last 14 contests dating back to last year. If the squad leans towards a stance of retribution, the FIU faithful should expect not only a blow-out but a lack of respect as well. Last year’s actions already tainted the program enough that if anything close to a vengeful act were to occur, it will lower the programs reputation even more.

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