Florida’s Board of Governors voted unanimously Sept. 27 to raise the state’s undergraduate tuition for the coming spring semester by 5 percent.

The tuition increase will only apply to in-state students and will total $55 for a student enrolled full-time less than $4 per credit hour.

However, some believe the Legislature will not approve the BOG’s decision.

The board’s decision follows a state battle between the BOG and the Legislature for the authority to raise tuition.

The BOG, which was created in 2002, believes it should have the power to regulate tuition without the approval of the Legislature or governor.

“This is where all the gray area is... who has the authority to set tuition,” said FIU Provost Ronald Berkman. “That is a unanswered question. Right now the BOG has asserted that it has the authority. Can this be implemented without Legislative approval? I think the answer is yes. I think we can go ahead and charge a 5 percent tuition difference. I think there’s going to be a lot of discussion about this.”

Gov. Charlie Crist originally vetoed a 5 percent tuition increase last summer, which prompted the BOG to tell all Florida public universities to prepare for budget cuts between 4 and 10 percent.

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Hernandez and other FIU representatives were looking to cut $1.1 billion from other universities or if other universities are lacking what we already have,” Hernandez said.

The task force was created after President George W. Bush asked U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt and other Cabinet members to research what we already have,” Hernandez said.

“Students could pick where they’d want to get their education from; kind of encouraging them to set it up campus safety and, if something were to happen, they would be able to receive a text message letting them know,” Hernandez said.

Following the meeting, the task force presented its recommendations to the Crist. According to Hernandez, there is a chance for a similar committee to resurface and perhaps remain permanent.
CORRECTIONS

In the issue dated Sept. 27, 2007, the story titled “FIU Students Victims of Hate Crime,” Stephen Bar- nett should have been Stephen Barrett.

The Beacon will gladly change any errors. Call our UP office at 305-348-2709 or BBC at 305-919-4722.

NEWSFLASH

FIU Miami-Dade Health Department to move to FIU

The Florida Department of Health has signed an agreement with FIU to relocate the department’s Miami-Dade headquarters to the FIU-University Park campus. The new building for the DOH is expected to be located near the new FIU College of Medicine, the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, and will be joined with the Robert Stempel School of Public Health. “This agreement will provide our students in a variety of health professions access to diverse populations,” said FIU President Modesto A. Maimide in a press release. “At the same time, Department of Health clients will come into a unique, dynamic learning and research environment.”

Construction is expected to finish by 2010.

~Compiled by Christina Vega, Beacon Staff
Students’ families to experience university life

JESSICA SENORIN
Contributing Writer

FIU students’ parents and family members will have a chance to experience university life during the third annual Parents and Family Weekend, taking place from Oct. 5 to 7.

Although the Orientation and Commuter Student Services are sponsoring the event, all student organizations and departments have been asked to coordinate their own events to showcase their resources and to give families a chance to learn about FIU.

“The purpose of the event is to provide an opportunity for students to show off the campus and all of the amazing things they’ve been doing during their time as a student at FIU,” said Justin Brady, coordinator for Parent Programs with Orientation and Commuter Student Services.

Ivy Siegel, coordinator for the Division of Student Affairs with Campus Life and Orientation, said students and their families “can expect to have a great time, meet some of the FIU staff and experience some of college life.”

On Oct. 5, at 6 p.m., there will be a wine and cheese reception with BBC faculty and staff from the Division of Student Affairs at the Hospitality Management building.

“The Division of Student Affairs provides a link to all of the services and activities students can participate in to have a holistic student experience, providing them with the ‘out-of-classroom’ learning and development that students can’t get solely from academics,” Brady said.

Sponsored by FIU’s Interfraternity Council, the 5K Fun Run/Walk will kick off at 7 a.m. on Oct. 6 at UP. The event is also open to the public.

Proceeds of the run/walk will go to St. Jude Children’s Hospital, the first institution established for the purpose of conducting research on catastrophic childhood diseases, mainly cancer.

“It is great to see members of the FIU Greek community pulling together for such an amazing cause. We are hoping that with the support of the FIU community, IPC will be able to donate at least $2,000 to St. Jude,” said Sally Gates, coordinator for New Student Programs with Campus Life.

A Tailgate Party will take place at 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 6 outside the Orange Bowl, before the Golden Panthers football team plays against Troy State at 7 p.m. Intercampus shuttles will be available so that families can attend events on different campuses.

The registration deadline has been extended to Oct. 4. For more information, call 305-348-6414, or e-mail parent@fia.edu.
Racism and hate crimes still prevalent

When Stephen Barnett was attacked by several teens with baseball bats, it showed that we still a long way from being free of the predicaments of racism and prejudices. Sadly, we’ve taken an apathetic approach to racism. We walk by, like the young woman and a grain of salt unless the event was gruesome and brutal.

But wait, didn’t racism disappear with the civil rights movement of the “70s?” Apparently not. Racism merely hid quietly in homes and lonely towns were its root were deeply placed for decades.

Becoming a public taboo, racism never really went away, its power just lessened.

Being openly racist these days is like waving a red flag that says “prosecute me”—and no one is really into flaunting their hatred so publicly.

That is why racism is seen at the most unexpected times, in places where it cannot attract too much attention.

For example, on bathroom stalls where its writer’s face can remain anonymous.

Or within secluded island communities where the police are too far to hear the slurs on bathroom stalls.

So, why is racism still here and still raging, even among our younger generation?

But sadly, we all knew it was around.

What happened to those students must have been a traumatizing experience. Let alone a wake-up call to never attend parties where the police are not an arms reach away.

It’s going to take a long time before prejudices and racism are all but gone.

Racism might as well be the oldest living, irrational emotion next to love.

Although, to acknowl- edge that racism has been around—for centu- ries—allows us to realize that it will not disappear within a matter of decades.

It will take a very, very long time to eradicate.

But let us not forget that the civil rights movement was only a few decades ago.

It is remarkable though, how racism has died down greatly since then.

But how does it still exist when so many cultures live and communicate together peacefully on a daily basis?

Maybe because it doesn’t need to be outwardly cruel.

It can exist in our minds.

As the occasional stranger walks by, we can assume that they are dumb or lower than us simply because of how they look—it’s that easy.

Or maybe it is because racism is traditional.

It is passed down from family to family like an heir-loom of sorts and children pass down their hatred so it can exist in our minds. The black and white populations of Jena have always gotten along well until August 2006.

Roland Martin of CNN compared the demonstrations in Jena to the Million Man March of 1995, the sort of monolithic, intimidating sup- port that just cannot be substituted.

Martin also makes several points to the effect of why should the “white on black” beating go uninvestigated and the “black on white” beating is on the verge of becoming a hate crime? Martin seems to be implying that the district attorney, police, and possibly the town of Jena has a closeted attitude about racism.

While the residents vehemently insist that racism has never been a prior issue in Jena, Racism isn’t really what this whole issue is about. Race is just something that has happened to be paid a lot of attention to because of proximity and the obvious racial tension in the Jena area despite the “noose incident’s” obvious intention to be offensive to the black students.

Racism is the only seemingly ratio- nal explanation, but in actuality, the main crime was an assault on a white student who was a part of a beating to several African-Americans a few days prior.

Whether you’re black or white, this much is obvious: both the white and black students were involved in an ongoing feud allegedly stem- ming from an incident at Jena High School. The incident then evolved into a series of beatings, “white on black” and subsequently “black on white”.

In matters like this, both groups should have been tried and sentenced in a just and appropriate manner.

Unfortunately, that wasn’t the case. The white students were merely suspended from school while the black students were arrested and charged with attempted second-degree murder, which by definition is premeditated, making it a very serious offense.

According to police information released by CNN, the African-American students acted out of self-defense. One example involved 17-year-old Robert Bailey who was attacked by a bottle with 22-year-old Justin Sloan, who is subsequently charged with simple battery. Bailey, one of the “Jena six”, is not one of the three whose charges have been re- duced to aggravated assault, but has since been additionally charged with conspiracy to commit murder as well. Bailey then attacked in his defense Sloan; only Bailey was sentenced, but the sentence was overturned when the trial had been postponed because it was unde- cided if Ball and the other’s cases needed to be refi lled and tried in a Juvenile Court, but regardless, the allegations against them are unfair in the respect that they acted out of a very real sense of fear for their lives when threatened.

The initial threats came in the form of nooses hanging from a tree, which the black students felt they had to ask for permission to sit under. This incident resulted in the subsequent suspension of the white students who did it. That was the end of the persecution of the white students, despite the ongoing physi- cal attacks and threats.

The undeniable racial divide in Jena, according to MSNBC, further expanded in the past two weeks because the almost insurmountable opposition to the black students being acquitted, but this decision is almost equally supported. Close to 20,000 demonstrators marched upon Jena in protest against the possibility of the students being imprisoned unjustly while the white students were allowed to go free.

Shouts of “Black Power” and “No Justice, No Peace” must have been intimidating, but not enough to pull the Louisiana Court System of the 1850’s to the logical closure point that “if the white students are innocent, then these kids are too,” as one unidentified Jena resident said to a CNN reporter.

Other residents see the miscarri- age of justice as something of a sur- prise. “We are not a racial town. We get along with each other, we get along fine. This is something that got out of proportion. It really has,” said Terry Adams, a Jena resident. Adams also said that the
Sept. 25, 2007 marked the day that Halo fans waited more than three years to get their hands on the series’ latest installment. When Halo 2 left off, Master Chief, a genetically enhanced super soldier, arrived on Earth as the planet was being decimated by an alien force known as the Covenant. With this sequel, the fate of humanity still rests in Master Chief’s hands.

In the game, your objective is to stop the Halo rings, galactic weapons of doom, from activating, thus preventing mass destruction. The Elites, comprised of Covenant officers and commanders, are now on your side as civil war cracks the alien army in half. The single player campaign has improved much since Halo 2. In the campaign, your main enemies are the Brutes, Covenant soldiers who resemble gorillas and hunt with a pack mentality that only a Spartan can survive. As you play through the game, each level introduces new elements: Tsavo Highway introduces vehicles, Sierra 117 introduces weapons and Crow’s Nest introduces heaps of brutes.

During campaigns, you’ll notice that unlike Halo 2, the environments look different from checkpoint to checkpoint; in the previous game, it seemed as if you were going down the same room and corridor at every turn.

The artificial intelligence is also a lot smarter than in most games. The intelligence seen in heroic and legendary difficulty levels is shocking and offers a new challenge to veteran players. The Flood is back, this time harder to kill and appearing in more devastating forms.

Most importantly, each level contains a revealing piece of Halo 3’s plot. Through campaign mode, the answers to all of the most desired questions will be revealed. Will the Chief die? Do the humans die? Who are the Forerunners? Although Campaign answers some gaping questions, the game’s meat is the multiplayer mode. Halo 3 brings to the table the largest and most comprehensive online experience to date. Through the Xbox Live service, you can play with up to 16 people. You have the choice of either playing in social, more relaxed matches, or ranked matches, which are extremely competitive. If you play in ranked matches, you increase your skill. The more matches you win, the higher your skill level becomes.

You also gain EXP (experience) as you win matches, promoting you through the ranks; Halo 3 has a rank system that goes from recruit to general, though only a select few ever make it to the latter.

One of the new features that has players salivating is the Forge. The Forge is a map editor that allows players to rearrange the map as they see fit. If a player doesn’t like the location of the Spartan Laser, they can move it elsewhere. If a certain map doesn’t have a flamethrower, one can be placed there. Also, every map has its own budget that can be used to buy new weapons and vehicles.

File sharing is another new trinket found within Halo 3. If you want to share maps with others, it’s as easy as pushing a button; you can post the new maps and game variants on bungie.net for others to download at their leisure.

There are 11 new maps and more on the way, ranging in size from the small Construct to the vast Sandtrap. New is the use of equipment that allows you to activate items to help you in battle. From a bubble shield that protects you from even the toughest tank to a radar jammer that will confuse your enemies, there are countless new weapons and vehicles available for fighting.

Halo 3 is perhaps the best online multiplayer game out there. It has more features than Bill Gates has money, but the single player aspect fails to deliver on the eighth mission of nine; because Campaign only has nine missions, that single flawed mission mars an otherwise solid game. Yet for multiplayer, Halo 3 is the new standard. It’s time to “finish the fight.”
Gardasil aids in cancer prevention

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Ramen noodles have often been referred to as a staple food for college students: it doesn’t cost much and requires no culinary prowess other than knowing how to boil water.

“I think, just like in Japanese culture, ramen’s become a decent way to grab a quick and cheap meal,” said Brian Samuelson, a member of the technology support staff for undergraduate education. "It’s only listed on its Japanese-language menu. Matsuri have all realized that the restaurant serves it there’s no reason we can’t enjoy it in our dorms themselves were available in a wide variety of flavors – from chicken to pesci shrimp – Cup Noodles, another ramen option, comes in its own portable cup. As of 2006, more than 25 billion servings of Cup Noodles have been sold worldwide since its release in 1971.

It is important to know that Gardasil is designed to protect against two types of the virus that are responsible for 70 percent of all cervical cancers, so they can’t be treated can turn cancerous. The National Cancer Institute Health Services.

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I am always on the lookout for medicine and advances in science that helps maintain or improve my health condition. That is why I want to know more and share the existence of the relatively new HPV vaccine: Gardasil.

Perhaps you have already heard or watched the advertising campaign of “One Less,” which shows many women from different cultures, ages and repeating phone numbers, as a result of having taken the new vaccine.

The national advertising campaign of Gardasil was launched November 2006 by Merck, a global research-driven pharmaceutical company, according to Medical News Today (medicalnewstoday.com). Bev Lybrand, vice president & general manager of Gardasil, said in an article titled “Merck Launches National Advertising Campaign For Gardasil,” that “the full public health benefit of reducing the burden of cervical cancer and HPV disease may be achieved through broad public awareness and vaccination with Gardasil, which is the driving force behind ‘One Less.’”

Like him, I want to make the FIT UP awareness aware of the existence of this vaccine and its availability through University Health Services.

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THE RAMEN REVOLUTION
Oodles of Asian noodles

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Ramen noodles is one of the most highly anticipated Sony PlayStation 3 titles since the system’s launch.

Given, developer Factor 5’s impressive track record with the Star Wars Rogue Squadron series for Nintendo 64 and the Nintendo Gamecube, Lair had the makings of a sure-fire hit: top-notch presentation, full six-axis flight control, dragons and carnage. Alas, not everything worked in Factor 5 and Sony’s favor leaving a good game with glaring issues, rather than a blockbuster.

Lair tells a story of fear, war, and a once single civilization now split into two: the Asylians and the Mokai. As talks of peace between the two cultures are hushed by an assassination, Rohan, a member of the Asylian Sky Guard, is drawn into the impending conflict and must fight to stop both warring sides.

Right from the outset, veterans of Rogue Squadron will recognize Lair’s mission layout, medal ranking system and simple control scheme, but those are where the similarities end.

In the place of an X-Wing, your steed is a mighty dragon and while the sensation of burning and ripping your enemies out of the sky with your mount is powerful, controlling your beast is far from easy.

Using six-axis support, tilting the controller in the direction you wish to go works simple enough. However, maneuvering like a 180-degree turn often tend to give more trouble along with a shoddy lock-on system that, at times, allows your dragon to pursue and light fire enemies fliers one-on-one or set targets abaze with fire breeze.

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**Athletes, page 8**

So far, not so good. FIU was dealt a blow by the NCAA by stripping the school of 12 scholarships, including nine from football.

The 2006 NCAA Division I Graduation Success Rate (GSR) Data - the most recent report publicly released - shows some staggering figures.

The GSR is a figure created by the NCAA that takes the school's graduation rate, adds in transfers and subtracts those students that are “allowable exceptions” - those who either die or become permanently disabled and those who leave to join the armed forces, foreign service or a church mission.

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The Good. The graduation rate for all athletes at FIU is 62 percent, which falls far below Florida, Florida State and Miami’s GSR but slightly above FAU.

The graduation rate for all NCAA Division I schools is 77 percent.

Based on these numbers, athletic director Pete Garcia needs to and has started to emphasize on graduation and education rather than worry about donors for the Panther Club at the new football stadium or season tickets sales.

Garica is a business man, but with graduation rates like FIU has seen in the past, the new AD could be cap-taining a sinking ship.

This problem is certainly not Garcia’s fault. The blame likely falls on the former athletics administra-tion. Garcia, however, is now in a position to right this ship.

He has taken action and hired consultant firm Bond, Schoeneck and King – along with General Counsel Christina Mendez – to formulate a plan to improve personnel and resources.

Some other possible solutions to the problem include, but are not lim-ited to coaches actively continuing to monitor their team and stressing education; coaches putting more effort to recruit kids with better high school records; internal ramifications from the athletic department impos-ing penalties on teams with poor graduation ratings or rewards for those that have high rates and postgraduate opportunities, such as postgraduate scholarships and perhaps an athletic office devoted to assisting athletes with career options.

Let’s be honest. All things considered there really haven’t been too many successes on the field for FIU athletics in its three decades of existence and success comes in many forms.

Stressing education and increasing graduation rates will certainly be a selling point for Garcia and his staff to donors and the state in general which provide funding and future recruits.

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**Infrastructure changes needed for Golden Panthers’ education**

The women’s basketball team announced they will face three top-25 teams and six WNIT teams during the 2007-08 season.

The top-25 teams will all be headed to the Pharmed Arena along with defending Sun Belt champions Middle Tennessee and NCAA sweet 16 teams Florida and Georgia.

They start off the season Nov. 9 against Lynn University at home. This is the first of 19 home games this season for the Golden Panthers.

When they return home, the Golden Panthers will host the annual FIU Thanksgiving Classic. The Golden Panthers will face Providence of the Atlantic 10 in the first round Nov. 23, and either Illinois or South Carolina, in the championship or consolation game Nov. 25.

The Golden Panthers will head to Coral Gables against city rivals Miami Dec. 4. Following Miami, they play two home games against Eastern Michigan and Texas – San Antonio.

FIU commences conference play against Middle Tennessee ranked No. 23, at the end of last season in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll. The two teams will clash Dec. 19 before playing at the University of Little Rock Arkansas.

Two consecutive doubleheaders Dec. 29 and 30 make up the Sun and Fun classic at home close out the 2007 year.

The rest of the season, the Golden Panthers play sixteen consecutive conference games including two games at home against Western Kentucky and South Alabama.

After the regular season, the Sun Belt Conference Championships March 5-11. The winner of the SBC Tournament Championship Game receives an automatic bid into the NCAA tournament.

Compiled by Sergio Bonilla

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**Beating two conference foes critical to season**

**Volleyball**

ever, last season they struggled stopping the elite teams, especially in the final set of crucial matches. So far this season, Szynalska is leading the team with 40 blocks, Mina Apasojevic has 31, Vergun has 24 and Rosa 23. In order for the team to get over the hump, everybody has to make more of a commitment defensively by playing aggressively and being in the spots assigned by coach Tomic.

**Western Kentucky and Middle Tennessee**

Even though the Golden Panthers should take any team lightly, the two teams that the Golden Panthers have to learn to beat are the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers and the Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders. After sharing the Sun Belt Conference title with the two last season, the race for supremacy is on once again. Middle Tennessee is off to a 15-1 start and is 2-0 in conference play. Junior Ashley Adams is up to her old tricks, leading the team with 262 kills and 62 blocks this season.

Meanwhile, Western Kentucky is off to an impressive 13-3 start with virtually the exact team from last year. Don’t be surprised if the Sun Belt Conference goes down to the wire between these three East Division teams again. Presently Denver sits atop the West Division with a mediocre mark.

The Golden Panthers have all the ingredients that they had last year: talent, a dominant scorer, good defense and a great coach.

However, the team has much better chemistry and a greater level of focus this year, because it expects to win.

I look forward to the team’s first real test when they face off against division foes Western Kentucky and Middle Ten-nesse Oct. 12 and 13, respectively, at the Pharmed Arena.
**THOSE WHO MADE IT**

**Professional ranks a rare dream for majority of student athletes**

There are over 360,000 NCAA athletes and most of us are going pro in something other than sports. The NCAA ad campaign rings true here at FIU.

The number of FIU graduates that have signed professional athletic contracts and made any type of impact in the professional ranks can be counted here at FIU. Sergio Bonilla

Atlanta Falcons and eventually made it to the Bears in the 2006 season, making their Super Bowl roster as a special teams player.

Antwan Barnes and Chandler Williams joined Turnbull in the NFL when they were selected by the Baltimore Ravens and the Minnesota Vikings, respectively, in the 2007 NFL draft, representing FIU football student-athletes that have made a name for themselves in the professional ranks in the last decade with Barnes and Chandler hoping to do the same one day. If you’re a big FIU fan, then perhaps you have heard of all these guys. If not, maybe only Mike Lowell [top left], Carlos Arroyo [top right], Antwan Barnes [bottom left], and Raja Bell [bottom right] represent two thirds of all Golden Panther alums currently competing in major professional athletics.

**Those Who Made It**

**Volleyball will succeed if they follow five steps**

Prior to a pair of home games Sept. 28-29, the women’s volleyball team was off to a dream-like, 8-2 start, winning all three of its first conference games in the process. With talk of championship already swirling around campus, let’s break down the top five reasons why claiming that title will be challenging.

**Who is the third option offensively?**

Two weeks before the start of this season, coach Danjiela Tomic and the Golden Panthers got the kind of surprise that no championship contender likes: hocking news that one of their key pieces, Arasya Guerra, no longer wanted to be a part of the team. When Guerra submitted a transfer request, it left a sudden void in the team’s offense. Her 284 kills last season and clutch play solidified her as part of the big three, along with Olga Vergun and Sophomore All-American Yarimarosa. This season, Guerra’s output has not been missed thanks to the emergence of senior Anita Szymanska, junior Mariana Drumeva and freshman Ines Medved. The three have been taking turns stepping up in support of the Rosa and Vergun. One of the three or somebody else on the team will have to consistently step up in night and night out if the team hopes to make it all the way.

**Consistency**

When the team fell short after a brilliant regular season run last season, everyone pointed to their inconsistency. Against tougher competition, the Golden Panthers seemed to stay focused and played hard in every set. However, the same effort was not exerted in every game as the team probably took some of the less talented teams for granted. This season, the team has exhibited more of a killer instinct. The team now charges into the first set, but then plays a lackadaisical second set like last season. With expectations higher than last season, the Golden Panthers must use that pressure to motivate them to stay focused and eliminate lapses.

**TOUGH SCHEDULE**

Last season, the Golden Panthers played 13 of their regular season games at home and opened the season with a three-game home stand. This season, the team started the season with a tough three-game stretch in three nights in Louisiana and will play just eight regular season games overall at the beloved Pharmed Arena. Talk about tough. Despite their impressive 10-5 record last season, there is no doubt that the team performs better at home in front of their raucous home crowd. Not only do home games inject the team with a shot of confidence and give a momentum advantage, but it also rattles the opposing team in pressure situations.

**Defense**

Whenever you have players like Rosa and Vergun leading your team, scoring will likely be the last thing you need to worry about. The Golden Panthers can score with ease against any defense in the country, but can they defend like they need to in order to make it to the promised land? That remains to be seen.

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