OPOPPING VIEWS

Same-sex marriage amendment heightens controversy

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Two polarized sides on same-sex marriage engaged in a series of verbal exchanges at the Rafael Diaz Balat Hall Auditorium on Oct. 26. The Stonewall Legal Alliance of the College of Law and Student Organizations organized the Amendment 2 debate and scheduled representatives for each side.

Amendment 2 is a constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage on the Nov. 4 ballot. Those voting “yes” on it to choose to uphold the act while those voting “no” elect to abolish the proposition to keep same-sex couples from wedding.

Urging Floridians to vote yes on the amendment were Margie Phelps and Shirley Phelps-Roper of the Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kan. Law Professor Jose Gabilondo represented the opposite side and stated reasons why same-sex marriage should not be banned.

Gabilondo spoke first about the subtle meaning behind the proposition.

“Amendment 2 is a social signal,” Gabilondo said. “It sends a message with two underlying points. One, there is something inferior, objectionable, immoral, wrong, dangerous, undeserving about being gay. Two, heterosexuality is better, worthy of normative protection.”

Although they had to split their time, the Westboro Baptist Church representatives sparked the most gasping reactions from the audience.

“In order to be designated a protective class, you must have historically been discriminated against on the basis of an immutable attribute, not grotesque sex acts which you happily disclose and talk about all over the public airwaves. Just shut up about it, and you won’t have to worry about being mistreated over it,” Phelps said.

The Westboro Baptist Church is monitored by the Anti-Defamation League and is considered a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center.

During his segment, Gabilondo wanted to make it clear to the audience that Amendment 2 is an anti-gay initiative. Both opponents and supporters have reason to deny that the proposition is against homosexuals. Gabilondo stated that some of the amendment’s language is vague and could negatively affect some heterosexual married couples as well.

“If you can’t get heterosexuals to care about a minority for the sake of prop,” Gabilondo warned.

EXTENDING THE WORD:
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“The whole investigation as far as involvement between the student and the Athletics employee was submitted to the State Attorney’s office,” said Bill King, chief of Public Safety. “After it is reviewed, we can give a further and definitive statement about the incident.”

The investigation is not completely over, however.

“What was once an internal investigation involving Public Safety and Athletics is now being investigated by the State. It could result in charges for the employee,” Ricardo Torres, Lieutenant Public Safety.

Mineau is set for arraignment on Nov. 19 at 9:30 a.m. in a Miami Beach courtroom.

“University human relations procedures preclude us from commenting any further on this matter,” said Athletic Director Pete Garcia, in a statement released to Director Pete Garcia, in a statement released to

TAKING IT BACK:
Cornerback Anthony Gasior intercepts a pass during the Middle Tennessee State University Oct. 11
Professor talks about Obama's worldwide impact

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The Wertheim Performing Arts Center became, for a night, a backdrop to recreate the British West Indies Night, a backdrop to recreate the Diaspora.

The event was the tenth annual Eric E. Williams Memorial Lecture as part of the Distinguished African Scholars Lecture Series, held on Friday, Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m.

A molded Rampersad, a distinguished historian and the Sara Hart Kimball Professor Emeritus in the Humanities at Stanford University, host- ed the event. His presentation was titled “The Challenge of Leadership in America: Race, History, and the Emergence of Barack Obama.”

Before Rampersad was introduced, the audience was greeted by the Honorary Professor of Trinidad and Tobago, Gerard Greene, consul general of Trinidad and Tobago.

“By tracing the steps from slavery to this auspicious moment, I have shown a disconnect between the white America I know and the America on the brink of choosing a black man as president,” Rampersad said.

“It is also important to give great credit to the shrewdness of America as a whole,” he said. “And to have the far-sightedness to see through color.”

After the lecture, a short Q&A regarding race, especially “white America,” took place.

“Race is a determinis- tic factor and the past does weigh heavily. Why do you think so many people find it intriguing?” said Christopher Daly, a senior majoring in political science.

“In a sense, Barack Obama is being used by the U.S. to gain a favorable light in the international stage, to the detriment of working class blacks whose voices will get drowned out,” Daly said.

His concern lies heavily on the image of Obama as an elitist funded by contributions from whites. Some of those in attendance, however, saw it as a drastic change in American and international politics.

“I can tell you this much, if Obama is elected president, the world’s perception of the U.S. will change drastically, but I would not vote for him if he were a conservative black man,” said Iver Newton, a Broward account ant who has attended the lecture ever since its inception 10 years ago.
NEWS FLASH

FIU

New dean of undergraduate education appointed

The new dean of undergraduate education, Dr. Douglas Reimond Robertson, was appointed by Provost Ronald M. Berkman. Robertson is currently the assistant provost at North Kentucky University. The position was previously held by Dr. Rosa Jones, who served as the president of Student Affairs and the dean of Undergraduate Education, simultaneously.

“We are grateful for her service and commitment to FIU,” Berkman said in a memorandum sent to the University community. “Vice President Jones will continue as vice president for Student Affairs.”

Dr. Robertson is the senior editor of a book series on college teaching published by New Forums Press. Also, he is the Editor of Thriving in A cademe, the college teaching section in the National Education Association’s Higher Education Advocate.

He will officially assume the duties as the dean of undergraduate education on Dec. 1.

School of Nursing takes the ‘LEED’

The new College of Nursing & Health Science building has been officially LEED registered by projected leaders and supporters. LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is a third-party certification and the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of sustainable green building and development practices.

“Last year I, on behalf of the entire FIU community, made a public commitment to continue on a path of environmentally responsible and sustainable development,” said University President Modesto A. Maidique in a press release.

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DILIGENTLY WATCHING

Marc Delara, a biology major, and Hassel Rojas, a chemistry and biology major, work on an online class while eating in GC.

NEWS

Amendment 2 debate shifts to moral squabble

Amendment 2: It will change the language in Florida’s constitution to define marriage as the legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife, with no other legal union being valid or recognized. Gay marriage is already prohibited under state statute, but this amendment would make it more difficult to overturn the law, such as through a court ruling.

Amendment 3: Would disallow certain home improvements from being assessed at property value for tax purposes. Some of these improvements include changes which increase resistance to wind damage and the installation of renewable energy source devices. It essentially amounts to a tax break for those who install “green” improvements to their home.

Amendment 4: Will “provide property tax exemption for perpetually conserved land.” This means that if a Florida resident already owns or purchases a plot of land and chooses not to develop it, then they will receive a tax exemption. This would encourage conservation and help combat overdevelopment.

Amendment 5: “Bases tax assessment of waterfront property on current use.” This means that a marina or crab shack would be assessed accordingly based on its use. This comes as marina owners and the like face diminished access to the waterfront as they lose the ability to resist developers of high-rises and condominiums. The way the tax is assessed currently; these owners have often had to sell their properties.

Amendment 7: A somewhat ceremonial amendment that would reframe the Constitution.

Amendment 8: Authorizes counties to levy an increased sales tax to help fund community colleges.

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Reading series showcases renowned authors, poets

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Dishwasher, receptionist, education activist, theater director and author, Alison Smith is making her way to FIU to read from her memoir "Name All the Animals." Smith, who was also a newspaper reporter and teacher, is the featured guest for the Barnes and Noble Writers on the Bay reading series, which will take place in the Biscayne Bay Campus bookstore at 8 p.m. on Oct. 30.

"No writer I know has written as realistically, and as meaningfully about grief and about faith as Alison Smith," said Dan Wakefield, writer in residence in the Creative Writing Program, and author of "Returning: A Spiritual Journey." "Name All the Animals," a memoir published in 2005, is based on Smith's life and gives insight to the death of her brother, her Catholic school as an outcast and the struggles she endured at the University of Miami Public Library for early voting.

The next lecture in the series will take place Dec. 4, and will feature Robert Wrigley and his collection of poetry. The time and location are yet to be determined.

Voter education fair informs about the real issues

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In its efforts to promote early voting, or voting at all, the Student Government at the Biscayne Bay Campus and BBC Campus Life will be holding a voter education fair. "BBC Rocks the Vote" will take place Oct. 28 in Panther Square in the Wolfe University Center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be free pizza and drinks for rally participants.

While the event was originally set to take place Oct. 15, SGC-BBC decided to move the event. "[They] needed more time to solidify organizational [efforts] to get political parties to come," said Natalie Cohen, marketing specialist for SGC-BBC.

As an additional incentive, a complimentary shuttle bus will be provided from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. to take people from BBC to the North Miami Public Library for early voting.

"The event is a rally to provide education to people on candidates, amendments and additional info on the ballot," Cohen said. SGC-BBC has no political affiliation with any party or voter registration group, and is "not allowed to be partisan," Cohen said.

The event is not related to the now famous "Rock the Vote" national campaign, despite the similarity in the two campaign names. "I understand the confusion, but this is the "BBC Rocks the Vote Event," Cohen said.

The event is free and open to the public, and because of the close proximity of several voting precincts to BBC, people from Aventura and North Miami with transportation difficulties are encouraged to take the shuttle bus.

"The event is meant to target students, but anyone can come," said Craig Cunningham, director of the Division of Student Affairs at BBC. The "BBC Rocks the Vote" fair will also include possible "political and/or celebrity appearances," according to an SGC-BBC flyer.

Stonewall BBC, the League of Women Voters, Federal Jack, Florida Red and Blue, NAACP and College Democrats have confirmed their appearance. Though SGC-BBC doesn't have any other confirmed appearances, groups from any political persuasion are encouraged to participate, according to Cunningham.

The voter registration deadline has already passed in Florida, but the early voting window is still open through Nov. 2, according to www.rockthevote.com.

"Because there's so much interest in this election, there will be long lines, so we encourage early voting," Cunningham said.
Carnival gift to result in new student center

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Carnival Cruise Lines and the School of Hospitality Management have come together in a venture, according to a proposal made by the School to Carnival, will help the School meet the challenges of the new millennium.

The company awarded the School a $900,000 grant, which is matched with $700,000 from the state of Florida.

This gift will be used toward the creation of a student center and additional scholarships, according to Jessica Siskind, director of development for the School of Hospitality Management.

"The student center will be a place that will meet some of the needs of the students," Siskind said. "Since so many of our students live off campus, having a formal and informal gathering place is essential to developing a collegial and professional atmosphere for growth and development."

The center, which will be named the Carnival Student Center, will feature meeting rooms to be used by student organizations, an advising office, a resource room and a space for special projects. It will be 10,600 square-feet, overlooking the bay.

The new student center is estimated to be open by the end of 2009, according to Interim Dean Mohammad A. Qureshi, who is also in charge of facilities. "With this gift, we will be able to renovate and upgrade our resources."

The Carnival Scholarship Endowment fund was created to help the School recruit and educate the best students in the industry, according to Siskind.

"It will provide outstanding students with a high-quality college education at a reasonable cost," Siskind said.

The scholarships will be available to undergraduate and graduate students who show outstanding academic performance and a passion for the industry of hospitality and tourism, according to the proposal written to Carnival.

The School is one of the best in its class, with a 100 percent placement rate for graduates according to its Web site. It has also been named a "Program of Distinction" by the former Florida Board of Regents, and four faculty members were recognized among the "85 Most Prolific Authors."

Students and faculty of the School are appreciative of the award and what it will bring to the program.

"It was my first time to hear this news, and we are grateful for the money," said Yumi Yokoi, a junior majoring in hospitality management. The School and Carnival have a long-standing partnership, and several School of Hospitality Management alumni are currently employed by the cruise line.

There will be a reception Oct. 30 to celebrate the grant, held at the Reagan House at University Park. It will be hosted by University President Modesto A. Maidique and his wife, as well as Dean Joseph J. West.

Hospitality Management law professor dies at 81

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Elio C. Bellucci, J.D., a naval veteran of World War II and professor of law at the School of Hospitality Management, died Oct. 22.

Dr. Bellucci, who suffered from diabetes, had been in intensive care for the last three weeks, but lost the battle to complications at the age of 81.

"He was a wonderful man. If we had more people like him in this world, this would be a better place," said Steven M. Oll, associate professor in the School of Hospitality Management.

Bellucci came to the University 25 years ago, according to Oll, and was introduced to the University by Anthony G. Marshall, former dean of the School, and since then got involved in several activities.

He was a seminar leader, a lecturer, author and nationally recognized expert on laws that apply to the hospitality industry, according to the School of Hospitality Management.

He served three terms as member of the University’s Faculty Senate, and was a member of the University’s Provost’s Council of 51 as the representative of the School of Hospitality Management and of the University Graduate Council.

He was also the Faculty Assembly Committee president.

Bellucci founded the International Food Service Executive Association Chapters at both the Biscayne Bay and Pembroke Pines campuses, and was a faculty adviser to the FIU Student Chapter of the National Association of Catering Executives.

He also helped international students get informed about their rights while being in the United States, by conducting seminars at the beginning of each semester.

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These journals include the New Jersey Beverage Journal, the Indiana Beverage Journal and the Illinois Beverage Journal.

In his passing, he left his wife, Mary, two daughters, three grandchildren and two great granddaughters.

Bellucci will be buried in his home state of Massachusetts.

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Despite the heat, winter wear should still be cool

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Halloween is right around the corner, so naturally we’ve skipped Thanksgiving décor and Christmas decorations are up; the leaves are a kaleidoscope of brilliant autumnal hues and the air is so crisp and cool you could snap it like a cucumber. It must be October.

But it’s not like I’m in Miami. And it’s hot. Still. So oppressively hot in fact, that the crickets can’t be bothered to sing and you and I will hide even under a blanket of grass for the minutest reprieve.

The foliage here is more a green wash, and the air shares more of a likeness to a damp towel than a cool vegetable.

But there is evidence to support that I’m wrong.

I’ve noticed in South Beach, where unfortunately I spend a great deal of time, as soon as Sept. 21 hits and summer is officially declared over, people start to wear pieces from what seem to be part of an inlet’s wardrobe.

I’m talking turtlenecks, down jackets, boots with the furrrrr. The lot.

At first, when I moved from Toronto, I thought these people were off-the-reservation-mad, but now I’ve grown accustomed to it all, and, frankly, I like it.

This part of the country is seasonless and there are a lot of people who dress as such, which is about as exciting as beige paint.

It’s neutral and goes with anything, but it screams, “I have no imagination.”

Now I’m not suggesting that you wear your underwear on the outside, or that I am conducting fashion fads that will cause you to burn pictures of yourself a few years down the line.

But for heaven’s sake, have some sense of style so we all don’t look like we were cut out of some cookie cutter mold.

This matter of style is something I recently tried to explain to a guest where I work.

His mentality made me believe much of it has to do with age, he has a problem with most young fashions like spiked hair, slim pants with no peaks and anything urban.

And like most people who complain about style, he had none, so it boiled down to this: Gore Vidal once said, “Style is knowing who you are, what you want to say and not giving a damn.”

I think this idea is often lost. For me it’s not such a question of “what is style,” as it is what is made of style.

Style – the most elusive of qualities cannot be fabricated because it can’t be entirely quantified. It’s an anthology of traits, a whisky of many spirits.

Trying to wage this to a person whose closet is made entirely by that famous duo Poly & Eter, is as pointless as trying to rationalize even wearing clothes to a dog. So I let it go, as I let him go out the door with his cell attached to his belt.

I find you, I think there are boundaries and that one should know the rules before you set out to break them, like this wristband fad or beanies.

Last time I was in the airport or anywhere else for that matter, I’ve noticed for ages now that dashing just below the hips of travelers was a rainbow of colors.

It seems everyone has wristbands for a cause, or just to promote “Pedro for President.”

They’ve metamaterialized like the cancer they are meant to help cure.

At first it was cool and for a good cause when no one else had a bright yellow wristband, and some exclusivity never hurt, but now there are ones for everything, from Katrina relief to Napoleon Dynamite saying.

I can’t stand it.

I agree totally with author Tim Lott who said in regard to the phenomenon, “The more you start making a statement about virtue, you’re not virtuous yourself.”

So, by all means, buy a band to be a patron to a cause, but wear it now and only endorse yourself.

And as far as the bangles are concerned, they’re ski hats without the tassel.

These bangles or skull caps or whatever they’re called now cover the heads of the preppy guys in desperate need of street cred everywhere.

I mean, just as I was leaving work this week, I saw a group of guys wearing them outside in the dead heat.

In the Jazz heyday these were worn by the likes of Miles Davis and company and were a groovy bit of Bohemian flair – symbolic even of genius just barely tamed. Now you have everyone from Bruce Willis to Justin Timberlake doing it.

It is time for individuality. Let’s break the monotony and do it with style.

Oh, and haven’t you heard, Justin? Your ghetto pass has been revoked!

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SUNSHINE CHIC

ODETTE BARRIENTOS Staff Writer

The economic situation we are facing is leading us to make numerous, dangerous cuts. We are being forced to rethink everything we do, from how we spend our money to how we spend our time.

There are ways for us to make smart choices and still enjoy life, even when our resources are limited. Here are some tips for living a frugal lifestyle:

1. **Budgeting:** Create a budget that includes all your income and expenses. This will help you see where you can cut back and where you can save.

2. **Shopping:** Shop for sales and discounts. Avoid impulse buying and stick to a shopping list.

3. **Cooking:** Cook at home instead of eating out. This can save you a lot of money and also helps you control your food intake.

4. **Transportation:** Use public transportation or carpool whenever possible. This can help you save money on gas and parking fees.

5. **Entertainment:** Find free or low-cost entertainment options like parks, museums, and local events.

6. **Clothing:** Shop for clothes that fit and last, rather than buying trendy items that may go out of style quickly.

7. **Utilities:** Reduce your utility bills by turning off lights and unplugging appliances when you’re not using them.

8. **Leisure Activities:** Choose free or low-cost leisure activities like hiking, cycling, or beach walking.

9. **Travel:** Plan your trips in advance and look for deals on travel packages.

10. **Financial Planning:** Set financial goals and plan for your future by saving and investing wisely.

By following these tips, you can still enjoy life while being mindful of your financial situation. Remember, living frugally is not about being stingy. It’s about being smart with your money and making choices that benefit you in the long run.
A little extra planning saves a lot of money, makes your vacation dreams possible.

Don’t let the current economic crisis discourage you from fulfilling your travel goals.

Here are some tips to follow if you’re still looking to travel this semester and wish to do so on a budget. You can find information online on how to travel cheap, but the University also offers ways to see the world while learning and traveling at the same time.

WHEN TO TRAVEL

You won’t get the best deal by booking at the last minute. Getting the cheapest possible fare depends on your trip’s timing, how far ahead you plan, how long you stay at your destination and how flexible you can be on days and hours of your travel.

Travelers have a better chance of finding a cheaper fare if they avoid peak hours of travel, such as early morning and late afternoon. Midday departures and red-eye flights are often cheaper.

Try departing midweek, on a Wednesday or Thursday, and return on a Monday or Tuesday.

CHOOSING YOUR AIRLINE

Some airlines list discounted trips each Wednesday for the following weekend. Airlines will also run frequent specials on their Web sites. Priceline.com seems to be very helpful. It lets the consumer bid for a flight and can come out with a surprisingly low rate. Another way to find low airfares is to choose a less crowded and less expensive airport to fly into or out of. The last piece of advice is to travel when the tourist season is low. It is a great way to score reasonable prices.

WHERE TO STAY

In the United States, there are several camping sites in which the prices can start as low as $8. In Central America, hotels are generally cheap all around. In Costa Rica, for example, you can find places to stay for $5 to $12 per night. Stay away from tourist areas because prices are usually higher there. Instead, eat and sleep in a neighboring town and travel to your destination for sightseeing. Mexico has its bungalows or cabanas at low prices, in the $30 to $40 range if you stay in the smaller towns. It’s best to commit to three days or a week at a hotel in order to get a better price. Traveling in the off-season (July through Nov.) is always significantly cheaper than vacation months.

OTHER ALTERNATIVES

For students who want to kill two birds with one stone, there is always the possibility of signing up for a University study abroad program. The annual Study Abroad Fair is being held on Nov. 5 in the Graham Center Hall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to inform students on how to get involved in upcoming trips. Each year, approximately 500 University students participate in study abroad programs in over 20 different countries. The programs are open to both FIU and non-FIU students.

Concept art piece encourages participation

Stone throwing and Roman travesty: what a great way to spend a Friday evening.

There are two must-sees this week. At the Wynwood Art District, two galleries and two artistsironically and unknowingly link themselves in art history. Yet, literally and physically, they are just a stones throw away to each other.

Mark Koven, at the Dorsch Gallery, is a mid-career conceptual artist who enjoys creating works that engage people in social interactions that instigate pressure on them, forcing them to be themselves and then witnessing the consequences through his art.

Kahl Wilfert, at the Catalyst Gallery, is an emerging artist that selectively merges symbolic imagery in his paintings, depicting the past correlating to the historic present.

Successful art is work that is comprehensible, regardless of who you are, allowing you to digest the work, partake of a
Miami artist captures the masculine sensibility

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**The Two Galleries**

**Kahl Wilfert**

Oath-Catalyst Gallery

Oct. 24 - Nov. 1, 2008

www.kahlwilfert.com

**Mark Koven**

A Stone's Throw-Dorsch Gallery

Oct. 1 - Nov. 8, 2008

www.dorschgallery.com

LOOK OUT BELOW

**A HELPING HAND**: Miami-Dade County fire rescuer responds. J. Mendiola and O. tường looked down an elevator shaft at the elevator that is stuck between floors below them.

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Miami artist captures the masculine sensibility

I said goodbye to my grandmother for the last time this summer. She'd been dying for quite a while — five years perhaps — from a cancer that was as persistent and determined as the woman it was slowly killing.

For my family and her neighbors, she was the anchor we all held on to, that wise voice we all sought to hear.

I never felt more overwhelmed than during her wake.

I remember more than a hundred people piled in her small house, lining the walls, overflowing onto the street where they sat in the piercing cold of El Callao, the main Peruvian seaport, at two in the morning.

I remember the final time she left the house she was born into. The coffin was held high by six black men, purebred chalacos born and raised in the port and, just as she exited, the sun broke through the piercing gray winter and shined down on her coffin as it passed through a thick curtain of multicolored rose petals that fell from the porch above.

I remember the exact moment of her death.

She spent weeks in one of the state hospitals that had five people to every room. The rooms had no walls, no doors and a small corridor separated her from another room where five more terminally ill women slept.

I found myself, six days after my arrival, standing in the cold looking through a small window at my mother gently lifting, repositioning and comforting my abuela. My mom just happened to look up and motioned me to come inside, even though only one visitor was allowed in at a time, but it was an early Friday afternoon and not many people were around. It was quiet.

I sat down to the right of her as my mom talked quietly to a nurse on her left. I held her hand.

And then she gases, as if she was trying to bring us to attention, and when I turned to look at her, one tear slid down her cheek.

The nurse called her death about 10 minutes later but she faded so quietly that I'm still not sure if she hadn’t already left us after her last tear fell.

For half an hour, she lay there, my mom crying quietly on top of her and me at the foot of her bed. The whole building seemed to stand still and it was peaceful. Two nurses approached and I overheard one whisper to the other and remark how calm we were.

Even four months later, I can remember all this vividly, but what I remember most is her standing in my kitchen during the long summer months when she'd come up to take care of my brothers and me.

With one hand on her hip, the other stirring arroz con leche (one of my brother's favorite desserts) with a wooden spoon, she stood statuesque, more than half a foot taller than my petite five-foot and one-inch.

She rose above the limitations of her life.

She rose above the limitations of her life.
Fearless, relentless relative leaves enduring legacy

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generation — a Latin American woman living in a seaport ghetto with a high school education — and opened her own business in the mid-nineties.

She was fearless, innovative, tough. She was passionate and had ambition and nothing ever stopped her from reaching her goals.

I can’t imagine what she could have accomplished had she been born into the life I’ve led.

I once wrote for a college application that one day I’d like to look back on my life knowing I’d done my best just like her. More than anything I want to make her proud.

To the very end, and even after the end, she keeps skillfully, gracefully, forcefully conducting the heartbeat of the family like Leonard Bernstein masterfully leading his orchestra through “Candide.”

I know that from above she’s watching all of us grow, and although I said bye to her for the last time this summer, I know she walks beside me every day ... sometimes I can even hear her laugh when I wake up in the morning.

THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

WEDNESDAY • OCTOBER 27

WHAT: FIU Athletics and SGA Present: Kickin it for the cure
WHERE: FIU Soccer
WHEN: 7 p.m
HOW MUCH: FREE

WHAT: FIU Rotaract Club Meeting
WHERE: GC 150
WHEN: 6:30 p.m
HOW MUCH: FREE

WHAT: Miami Science Museum
WHERE: GC 965
WHEN: 12:15 p.m.
HOW MUCH: FREE

WHAT: Spread the Word! Spoken Word! Auditions
WHERE: GC 140
WHEN: 10 p.m.
WHAT: Panther Pal Movie
WHERE: GC 140
WHEN: 8 p.m.
WHAT: Dance Marathon General Meeting
WHERE: GC 374
WHEN: 5 p.m.
HOW MUCH: FREE

WHAT: Federal Jack General Meeting
WHERE: DM 100
WHEN: 8 p.m
WHAT: Service for Peace Meeting
WHERE: GC 340
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WHAT: Undergraduate Economics Association Movie Series
WHERE: GC 140
WHEN: 2 p.m
HOW MUCH: FREE

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ANOTHER LATE RUN?

Russo: 'I think the team overachieved last year'

AUDRINA BIGOS
Staff Writer

Being eliminated in the quarterfinal action of the 2008 Sun Belt Conference Championships in March was the end to a season full of injuries for women's basketball.

The loss of three starters forced the Golden Panthers to play two of their hurt players in order to maintain momentum and put points on the board.

In the 57-52 loss in the quarterfinals, Iva Ciglar stepped up with a season-high of 21 points, while injured Monika Bosilj added 14. "Considering the situation we were in, I think the team overachieved last year," said head coach Cindy Russo.

Prior to the start of the 2007 season, three starters graduated. "We started playing the girls that were taking over the starters' positions from the year before, and then we lost them as well," Russo said.

RESTRUCTURING

A far losing two leading scorers during the off season, the Golden Panthers are finding out where their scoring will come from. The Golden Panthers recruited sophomore point guard Michelle Gonzalez during the off season. Gonzalez played at Cisco Junior College in Texas.

Junior Monika Bosilj returns from a shoulder injury incurred during the quarterfinal game. Bosilj was the second highest scorer last year behind senior Laquetta Ferguson.

Bosilj ranked second in points per game with 11.4, total rebounds, and total minutes.

Junior forward Marquita Adley is returning after a season-ending hand injury six games into last season against the University of South Florida.

Leading the team with 220 rebounds last season, senior forward Jasmine Jenkins is expected to contribute to scoring and defense.

Jenkins started in 30 of the team's 31 games and averaged over 27 minutes per contest. She also led the conference in blocked shots.

Hungry?

As the Golden Panthers seek to rebuild their team, they are focusing on cohesiveness and drive.

"We are a much less experienced team than last year but this team is hungrier and their work ethic is stronger," said Russo.

After finishing the season 13-18, the team still has key components on the court that need improvement.

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SPORTS

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Teams mostly in rebuilding mode for next few seasons

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playoff push.

The Dolphins still need a playmaker that can take it to the house on any play, a quarterback of the future (we still don't know what Chad Henne has to offer) and help in the secondary (remember the game against Arizona or Houston?).

TRICK OR TREAT?

Will the Marlins make any major moves in the off season?

TRICK?

They'll make moves alright, just not the moves you expect. Look for the Marlins to deal first baseman Mike Jacobs, Jeremy Hermida, Scott Olsen and Kevin Gregg for what else but some young arms.

This will open the door for Jorge Cantu or prospect Gabby Sanchez to take over at first. This will also allow Dallas McPherson to show the organization he has something left in the tank.

In AAA, he hit 42 home runs while slugging .618 and having an OPS of .998.

The only concern: 168 strike outs – and the Marlins don't need any more of that.

With young pitchers like Ryan Tucker, Chris Volstad and Andrew Miller waiting in the wings, the loss of Gregg and Olsen should be seamless. According to The Miami Herald, the Marlins will be increase their payroll from $22 million to $33 or $35 million.

This will allow the retention of a lot of their young talent - 16 of which are arbitration-eligible.

Any starter the Marlins lose this season can be easily replaced since their farm system is deep with talent.

Trick or treat? Will the Heat make the playoffs?

TRICK: With Pat the Rat operating behind the scenes, the Heat is not looking to make a push for title this year and the make up of the roster will be completely different by the end of the season.

Don't expect the team to be as bad as last season, but a playoff spot is out of the picture as of now, unless the Heat makes a blockbuster deal during the season.

A through the Heat have a healthy Dwyane Wade and a scoring machine in Michael Beasley, they don't yet have a personality.

 Rookie head coach Erik Spoelstra says he wants the team to push the ball more this year, but they don't have the point guard to do that and the rebounding ability to start a break.

This team has no identity as of now, and for anyone who says this roster has the ingredients to produce another run like the 2003-2004, think again.

That team had post presence in Lamar Odom and point guard in Rafer Alston who could move the ball and penetrate at will.

The main objective will be to get the Heat as far under the cap by July 2010 so they can make a run at LeBron James, Chris Bosh, Dwyane Wade, Amare Stoudemire, Carlos Boozer, Tracy McGrady and Tyson Chandler who will be free agents that summer.

But the key is to keep Wade happy and I think the team can contend before he decides to jump ship during the same summer.

PEAKING AT THE....

...RIGHT TIME: The Golden Panthers have won four of their past five matches after going winless over their first 12. Now FIU will play in the Sun Belt tournament in Denton, TX, Nov. 4-9 following their season ending contest at FAU on Oct. 31.
**UNSTOPPABLE FORCE**

Volleyball continues to dominate SBC with road sweep

ANDREW JULIAN
Sports Director

At 20-4 and 10-1 in Sun Belt conference play, the FIU volleyball team has positioned itself for a top finish in the upcoming conference tournament, which will host Nov. 20-22.

The Golden Panthers picked up more conference road wins, and extended their season high winning streak to eight games.

For head coach Danijela Tomic, it is the third straight season that she’s guided her squad to a winning streak of at least eight contests. Both of the previous streaks were extended to nine games before they were snapped.

**FIU 3, UALR 1**

The Golden Panthers visited the UALR Trojans, who entered the contest in second place in the Sun Belt west division, and were able to come away with a four-set victory.

It was the fifth consecutive road victory for FIU, who took the match 25-17, 25-17, 25-17, 25-19. It was the second time this season FIU dropped the first set and was still able to come back to win the match.

Senior setter Natalia Valentin played, arguably, her best match of the season, making significant contributions on both the offensive and defensive sides of the ball.

Valentin had 42 assists, a season high six kills, and added 16 digs, another season high.

Offensively, Yarimar Rosa led the Golden Panthers once again, with 23 kills, her 12th 20-plus-kill game this season. Gaby Jaimes had her best offensive match of the season, with a career high 11 kills and a .333 hitting percentage.

FIU played a sloppy first set, with a paltry .042 attack percentage for the opening frame that featured 11 FIU errors.

In set two, FIU found its offensive rhythm, making just one error in 21 total attacks, and hitting .457.

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**FIU 3, ARKANSAS ST. 1**

FIU completed its Sun Belt conference road schedule with a victory at Arkansas State.

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**Trick or treat?**
Will the volleyball team win the Sun Belt Conference?

**Trick or treat? Will the football team win its remaining schedule?**

**Commentary**

**Charlie Grau**

But look for the front seven of the Golden Panthers defense to smock the Ragin’ Cajuns offense line and force them to pass.

If the defense can force the Ragin’ Cajuns to one dimensional on offense, or if the offense can put up lots of points, expect the Golden Panthers to escape Lafayette, La. with a win.

If the Golden Panthers can win this Saturday, it is possible they can finish the season with the five game win streak.

**Trick or treat? Will FIU be able to contend with the University of Miami in football within five years?**

**Trick** It’s really hard to say yes or no to this question but UM has an advantage over FIU with its winning tradition and track record of sending players to the NFL.

That being said, a lot has changed in college football within the past five years.

No longer are teams like Penn State, Florida State, Florida, Michigan and Ohio State grabbing up all the talented high school football players in the country.

Growing football teams like FIU are giving seniors coming out of high school a chance to start right away and help establish a winning tradition at smaller schools like FIU.

**Trick or treat? Will the volleyball team win the Sun Belt Conference?**

**Treat** Yes, yes and yes. The Golden Panthers (20-4, 10-1) are currently on a eight game win streak and show no signs of letting up.

Head coach Danijela Tomic has her team playing at a high level right now and look like they are the class of the conference.

**Trick or treat? Can the Dolphins win the A.F.C. East?**

**Treat** Whoever seriously thinks this is possible may also have overdone on Snickers and Reeses on Halloween. Remember when the Jets made the playoffs when Eric Mangini took over as head coach?

Everyone thought they were on the right track and then bam, they landed flat on their face and got a reality check.

Dolfans need to remember that they could be in for a rude awakening next season if they start having dreams of getting to Super Bowl.