Adult video shot in fraternity house

FIJI investigated for possible role in porno

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BangBros Network, an entertainment company, filmed a pornographic video at the non-campus Phi Gamma Delta, also known as FIJI, fraternity house. According to a caption under the video trailer posted Oct. 24 on Bangbros.com, "Manny...a Frat Boy" invited the company to come to the house for "some fun with his "Manny... a Frat Boy" invited the company to come to the house for "some fun with his..."

Among the graphic sexual images presented in the trailer video were occasional pictures of babies that died as a result of abortions.

JAMELLE TUCKER
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Free festivities for those with fright in mind

JAMELLE BACIAGALUPU
News Director

Candy, revealing costumes or the scare of your life: Halloween can be any of these things. Many adults have taken this once children-only holiday and turned it into more of an adult-friendly night once the kids are off to sleep.

When the clubs don’t close until the next day, and there are several options for a good night, how are college students...

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Freedom of expression constrained

A couple of Sen. Barack Obama stickers, placed on studio windows in the Paul Cejas Architecture building, have prompted the Office of General Counsel to start its own campaign.

Deputy General Counsel Isis Carbajal de Garcia sent an e-mail two weeks ago to Vice-President of Academic Affairs Douglas Wartzok, in response to the Obama stickers, asking him to remind deans about removing political material on public buildings.

Carbajal de Garcia’s message launched a chain of e-mails that showed administration quickly conforming to the orders from the Provost’s and General Counsel’s offices.

But the lack of University policy on political activity has set the stage for the violation of freedom of expression by administration.

On Oct. 14, College of Arts and Sciences Associate Dean Joyce Peterson forwarded Wartzok’s e-mail to faculty with a message of her own.

“I have removed campaign materials as I find them around in our offices, but if you don’t want a message from the provost, take note. It’s a no-no,” it said.

According to Media Relations, Florida law states that “political expression on campus is not prohibited, but the use of state facilities for political campaigning and using work time to engage in such activities is prohibited.”

However, other than the State statute, the University has no policy that differentiates between political expression and political campaigning, according to Media Relations.

General Counsel would only respond through Media Relations.

Within the University community, different and sometimes conflicting definitions have arisen.

Wartzok’s e-mail defines political campaigning as “posters and other political propaganda” and states that “University resources, e.g., e-mail” cannot be used “to campaign for or against any ballot item or individual.”

Peterson, who said she only removed political flyers from a table in the dean’s office, believes faculty’s academic expression is protected in the classroom “as long as they are not insisting that students think a certain way” but it is not once they step out of that academic sphere.

“[Academic freedom] does not extend to political material,” according to Peterson.

For Will Creeley, director of legal and public advocacy at the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, Wartzok’s e-mail may be constrained in its expression.

He believes the University’s freedom of expression by administration continues to limit students of its own will.

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NO TO ABORTION: Diana Samitier looks at the free speech board outside of the Graham Center on Oct. 29. Students wrote their opinions after hearing a anti-abortion demonstration from the Center for Bio-ethical Reform, which featured graphic pictures of babies that died as a result of abortions.

Jesus Carbajal de Garcia Tiempo

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The Faculty Senate held a meeting at the Wertheim Conservatory on Tuesday, Oct. 28 to summarize departmental issues, vote on several amendments, and continue discussions from the previous meeting.

Provost Ronald M. Aronowitz, in his turn on the floor first, recapping a number of issues discussed in the last forum such as the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools review and the United Faculty of Florida and Student Government Association’s selection bus.

“It’s getting sharper. It’s getting closer, and I feel more confident,” Berkman said when speaking about how well the University is preparing for the SACS review coming up in 2010.

Each committee has been working together in workshop-like environments, trying to put together a curriculum in their department that will improve both the department or the University.

Berkman also touched upon the subject of freshmen admissions once more. Although, his last statement was misquoted, he offered a correction and emphasized that he meant that students are less likely to apply to private universities due to financial constraints these days and are more likely to apply to public universities.

The number of applicants has already been predicted as well. At the rate applications are being sent to the University, the provost assumes that approximately 21,000 freshman applications will be submitted.

Only 3,800 of the applicants will be accepted into the University, a 16 percent entry rate.

The reason for such a low acceptance rate is the fact that the University’s “teach-to-student ratio is being stretched to the limit,” according to Berkman.

After the provost finished speaking, the committee went into a block of voting and approved several amendments, such as instituting a minor in communication studies and in foreign educated physicians track for the bachelor’s degree in nursing.

After an extensive 20-minute debate pertaining to a certain amendment directed toward the new medical school events, the committee voted on a close on the debate and the UFF chapter president, Leslie Frazier, took the floor.

At the end of the meeting’s debate concerning teacher salaries at FIU, the UFF has agreed upon a 3.5 percent raise on all salaries with conditions.

There will be a two percent retention raise effective Dec. 28 based on eligibilities and a 1.5 percent one-time department bonus based upon department criteria and policies.

Also, for the first time at FIU the UFF has approved promotions for both instructors and lecturers, allowing them opportunities to grow within the department or University.

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At the beginning of the meeting, the Faculty Senate pushed for limiting a 20-minute debate pertaining to the job security of non-tenured faculty, a matter that would land upon the Student Senate.

In its policy statement on political activities on campuses, FIRE uses the Internal Revenue Service’s definition of political campaign which includes fundraising and hosting a candidate’s event or rally.

“All actions are free to participate in political rallies on-campus, express partisan messages outside of the classroom (for instance, by wearing political buttons), disseminate political material via e-mail, post political humor and commentaries on their office doors, and much more,” the policy states.

Faculty Senate Chairman Tom Breslin insists the University does have a right to set policies that ensure it would not seem like it is endorsing a particular candidate.

“The University wants to be a neutral big tent for all ideas that come in our society and again we wouldn’t want that partisanship,” he said. “We do receive support from the State, which is also supposed to be a big, open tent on our campus.”

Because of that very principle, however, faculty has the right to be “active citizens” and to wear “little buttons and campaign do-das in [their] offices,” Breslin said.

Political Science Chair Richard Olson adds another factor to political expression on-campus stating it is sometimes necessary for educational purposes.

“The idea of being completely objective and impartial the whole time [is unreasonable],” he said, explaining that sometimes a student needs to know where their professor stands to analyze discussion. “I get very nervous about using political material in classrooms for overly partisan purposes. At the same time, I’m never comfortable with restricting rights.”

No final decision in BangBros video case
At the Bay

Speaker educates students about presidential candidates

DAIANA KUCAWCA
Staff Writer

As the election day inches closer, the Biscayne Bay Campus has seen its share of political campaigning.

Students got a chance to interact with different advocacy groups and learn what’s on each side of the aisle at the “BBC Rocks the Vote.”

The event took place in the Wolfe University Center on Oct. 29 and included special guests such as North Miami Mayor Kevin Burns, representatives from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Chip Amrdt, the president of Freedom Democrats.

BBC student organizations such as Stonewall at BBC, College Democrats, Black Democrats and FIU College Republicans were also present.

Chip Amrdt, who is also a former winner of “The Amazing Race 4,” executive director of the Florida LGTB Democratic Caucus, was stumping at the fair for presidential nominee Sen. Barack Obama, and said he has contributed more than $200,000 to the campaign.

He also spoke about fear of immi-

Move voter fraud.

“Both sides pay people to register, and it’s expensive,” said Amrdt, referring to the system of paying vol-

unteers per registered voter. “I’m all for incentives.” He then added that creating incentive structures leads to voter fraud.

Amrdt later said that in this economy, people are out of work and they are looking for anything that pays their bills.

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Neighbors volunteer at Beacon

GO VOTE: North Miami Miami Mayor Kevin Burns speaks at the “BBC Rocks the Vote.”
Powell's endorsement sends poignant message

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It was on Oct. 19 — a “Meet the Press” interview with former Secretary of State Colin Powell became a prominent news story, and in my book he’s one of the most respectable Republicans when he announced, and more importantly explained his decision to vote for Barack Obama in the 2008 presidential election.

Powell is a distinguished American with umanizing credentials and experience both in the government and the military. He served as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the highest military position in the Defense.

President George W. Bush who has similar views as the current Republican nominee for president. Powell is a long-time friend of McCain and even donated to his campaign, but Powell put aside his friendship with McCain for the betterment of the United States, and away his partisanship for the revitalization of our image abroad.

“I am beyond honored and deeply humbled to have the support of Gen. Colin Powell. He knows, as we do, that this moment is something we need to come together as one nation — young and old, rich and poor, black and white, Republican and Democrat,” Obama said at a rally in North Carolina.

Listening to political talk shows, some have suggested that Powell’s decision may be based on race. I believe that Powell’s decision to support Obama is less about race than it is about Obama’s competence and ability to lead. I think that at this time in our history is a generational change and that’s why I’m supporting Obama, not out of any lack of respect or admiration for McCain.”

Obama’s plans for taxes and healthcare will benefit the United States and help revitalize our nation, which has suffered over the past eight years at the hands of our current agenda-driven president.

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“When explaining his decision to support Sen. Obama, Powell referred back to the mentality of the Republican party, of which some voters have falsely accused Obama of being a Muslim as justification for not voting for him.

“Is there something wrong with being a Muslim in this country? The answer is no, that’s not America,” Powell said. He added, “John McCain is as nondiscriminatory as anyone I know. But I’m troubled about the fact that, within the Republican party we have these kinds of expressions.”

It saddens me, a Democrat, who will be voting for Obama to know that the reasoning behind many lost votes will be because of Obama’s religion.

Clearly, Powell is a superbly qualified politician and credible public figure. His role in the military, his status as Secretary of State and his active participation in numerous non-profit organization all go to prove his credibility and knowledge of the American society as a whole.

Whoever Powell decides to support in the next presidential election should matter to the American people. It absolutely matters to me. Americans deserve to hear an honest opinion and if a strong respectable republican supports a democrat, Americans should choose to support that Democrat.
Ah, Halloween - a day for running around in costumes and make up in the noble pursuit of free candy and house parties. But what will you be dressing up as for All Hallow's Eve?

We can’t answer that for you, but we can tell you what not to wear - because everyone else will. From pranksters to dashing vampires, we’ve got some Halloween costume don’ts that will help you stand out from the crowd.

**Do**

The Dark Naught

Sarah Naylin

Girls can grab a picket sign and a burlse dress to become suffragette Susan B. Anthony.

Boys will want a khaki military uniform and a slouch hat to change into Rough Rider Teddy Roosevelt.

But since this year’s campaign buzzword is “change,” why not switch things up?

Go out as John F. Kennedy and Jackie O. for the night - in drag.

Dazzle everyone by dressing up as the original obsessive lovebirds, Romeo and Juliet.

Consider Harvey Dent instead. The charismatic poster-boy for cataclysmic falls from grace may have had his story cut short in Chris Nolan’s juggernaut, but you can help Two-Face’s campaign live on.

Just grab a blue two-piece suit, white button-up dress shirt and liberate a red tie from your dad’s executive collection. Then let an artsy friend with an interest in anatomy go to town mapping out muscles on the left half of your face.

Blackout one half of a fifty-cent coin and you’re set to bring your own flavor of luck-charmed justice to Gotham. I believe in you.

**Don’t**

No Pirates, No Ninjas

Bella and Edward: Twi-neither

Twilight’s star crossed couple may be the perfect costume idea for you and your own sparring Adonis, but stop yourself - every last high priest has been waged on screen and online for ages. But it’s been at a stalemate since the ninjas has been waged.

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The battle for superiority between pirates and ninjas has been waged once more and online for ages. But it’s been at a stalemate since the last Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and Pirates of the Caribbean installment went head to head in 2007.

It’s pointless dressing up as either party, not only for unwitting movie goers lined up for Heath Ledger’s performance in “The Dark Knight” last summer.

You may have a semester or two of drama classes under your belt, but you are most definitely not an Australian Oscar nominee.

Resist the urge to dress up as Sarah Palin. In fact, just say no to Obama and McCain masks too.

Unless of course you’ve received a personal letter from Lorrie Michaels inviting you to intern at Saturday Night Live, or you’re starring in Point Break 2, then I understand.

If none of the above piques your interest, resist the costumes nailed.

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HALLOWEEN FLICKS

Have your fill of fright indoors

STEVE MESA  Staff Writer

Don’t have a costume? Staying in for the night and have nothing else to do? Here is a slew of horror movies that may be fun to watch on All Hallows’ Eve.

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In “Dawn of the Dead,” a group of friends go on vacation to an isolated cabin in the middle of the woods. We were put through several situations that tested how well we learned certain leader-ship skills.

For example, there was one obstacle where we all had to stand on a slippery log and arrange ourselves in age order without falling off.

This tested our ability to step up and take charge when needed, but also our ability to step back and let others take charge when they had the better idea – a very important quality in being a leader.

The last day rolled around and no one wanted to leave. I can tell you that the bus ride back was much different than the bus ride to the campsite. Everyone was screaming, singing and laughing. We had all gotten to know each other. Any student can benefit from the Academy of Leaders, not just freshmen.

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Scrubbed receiver finally breathes air into organization

ANTONIO GONZALEZ AP Wire

DAVIE — Ted Ginn Jr. cracked a rare Monday morn-
ing smile, getting to savor a breakout game with something unusually reserved for winners: a day off.

It was a long time coming for Ginn and the Miami Dolphins.

In a short professional career filled with disappoint-
ments, Ginn had plenty of reasons to be in good spirits.

He shed some of that “draft bust” stamp that has plagued his stay with the Dolphins, catching seven passes for a career-high 175 yards in Miami’s 25-16 win against Buffalo on Sunday.

“It was different,” Ginn said. “It was more of an
enjoyment.”

Most days with Miami have been otherwise.

Ginn’s career with the Dolphins began with boos on draft day, and Miami’s much-

dissective scheme stacked the line.

A day after his first 100-yard game in the NFL, Ginn is now the shining example of the sud-
denly rejuvenated Dolphins.

Miami (3-6) already has tri-
pled its win total from last sea-
son under the new Bill Parcells regime, and if only for a day, Ginn looked like the go-to re-
ceiver who deserved that high
pick.

“He just keeps getting bet-
ter and better.” Dolphins quar-
terback Chad Pennington said after the game. “You can just
see he’s on to this season when
we’re talking about routes that he’s just very hungry. He wants to
be the guy.”

Ginn set the tone on the
game’s first play from scrim-
mage, beating the Bills deep for a 46-yard gain.

“I think he seized the mo-
ment,” Dolphins coach Tony Sparano said Monday.

The thrill of a breakout
game was long overdue for
Ginn. But it was just one game in 1 1/2 mediocre seasons.

It was a game where the
cornerback covering him,
Terrence McGee, was playing
with a sore knee. And a game
where the opponent’s defen-
sive scheme stacked the line.

of the circumstances, Miami is
pleased Ginn finally arrived.

“A lot of people were say-
ing, ‘Where’s Ted?’ Where’s
Ted?’” Pennington said. “But
with young receivers it just
takes a while. You have to be
patient.”

Ginn’s time in Miami has been anything but.

Dolphins fans even booed
then-coach Cam Cameron when he emerged to make the announcement that Ginn was
set to be his pick.

Ginn, who has been often
criticized for his inability to
create separation, ended last
season with 34 catches for 420 yards.

He managed only one punt
return for a touchdown.

“Just getting up every day
was hard, knowing you got to
give every day and you got to
do this again and not get any
outcome out of it,” Ginn said.

“To where now, you know you
get a chance.”

Those around him are real-
izing that too.

Ginn often speaks with
friends and family after games,
sometimes struggling to get a
hold of them by phone.

After his big game against
Buffalo, things were different.
And he’s hoping to keep it that
way. “Sunday,” Ginn said, “I
heard from everybody.”

The volleyball team continues
their impressive season playing five straight conference games at FIU Arena beginning with New Orleans (14-8) tonight at 7 p.m. Even though FIU’s record is much
terrible than ULM and Louisiana-
Lafayette, Coach Tomic isn’t taking them lightly.

“We accomplished a lot but we
understand we are one loss away from being a third seed in the con-
ference tournament as opposed to a
one or two seed. Our goal is to be the
one number seed and have the best re-
cord in the conference,” she said.

FIU’s schedule gets tougher as
they look to average a less earlier in the season when Middle-Tennessee (19-4) visits FIU arena on Friday Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. FIU and MTSU have been bat-
tling for the top spot in the Sun Belt
Eastern Division all season.

As of today, FIU is holding on to a
eight game lead over MTSU.

Trailing close behind in the Sun
Belt Eastern Division is Western
Kentucky (17-9), which visits FIU on
Nov. 9 at 1 p.m. FIU wraps up confer-
ence play hosting FAU on Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. at FIU Arena, and in between
travel to Fort Myers to take on Florida
Gulf Coast on Nov. 11 at 7 p.m.

FIU was ranked 18th in this week’s
RPI.

The Golden Panthers have the
highest Ratings percentage index ranking in the Sun Belt Conference, which boasts five teams ranked in the
top 61. This is the third RPI rank-
ing season; the next one comes
out Nov. 11. The RPI is used by the
NCAA selection committee to help seed teams in the NCAA tournament.

“I’m happy with the RPI rank-
ing but I think we deserve to be in
the [American Volleyball Coaches
Association] Top 25,” Tomic said.

“We deserve it because the way
we’ve played, we scheduled a tough
preseason. The teams we beat are do-
ing pretty well. I think our team
has gotten better and better every week, look at the statistics. We deserve to be
there.”

With their recent found suc-
cess, Coach Tomic is doing her bes-
to make sure the team does not lose
focus.

“I spoke to the team this morning,
and I told them the worst thing we can
do is become complacent,” she said.

“The success has to motivate us to
work even harder and get better and
our team understands that This is our
time.”

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DEFENSIVE TEST

Golden Panthers’ defense face nation’s best rushing attack

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The Golden Panthers (3-4, 2-1 Sun Belt Conference) are coming off a bye week where the focus was on two things; healing up, and stopping the run. The Golden Panthers last game came against Troy on Oct. 18, when they fell to the Trojans 33-23. FIU committed 10 penalties and three turnovers in the contest, which snapped their three game winning streak.

This will be a difficult matchup for FIU, visiting the Louisiana-Lafayette Ragin’ Cajuns (4-3, 3-0), which leads the nation in rushing yards per game at 311.7. ULL also ranks seventh in total offense nationally, and leads the Sun Belt in that category.

The rushing attack is led by a two headed monster in the backfield of senior running back Tyrrell Fenroy, and the nation’s leading rushing quarterback Michael Desormeaux. Fenroy averages 138.5 yards per game, making him fourth in the country. Desormeaux is the only quarterback in the country averaging over 100 yards rushing per game, and he leads the Sun Belt in completion percentage, 62.6 percent, and ranks second in the league in passer efficiency.

It’s no secret that the Ragin’ Cajuns are going to try to go over the Sun Belt. Both teams will be in the bottom half of fantasy. The Golden Panthers have the personnel to defend the spread option attack of ULL, and will have the opportunity to send several contenders for post-season league honors to try to stop the run, if FIU, and will have plenty of opportunity to do so, as will the running backs. Louisiana-Lafayette ranks near the bottom of the Sun Belt defensively, and FIU will have the opportunity to move the ball. ULL ranks seventh out of eight teams in the SBC defending the run, allowing 222 yards per game. The Ragin’ Cajuns pass defense is allowing 218 yards per game, sixth in the Sun Belt, and has a minus 5 turnover margin for the season.

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