Fan Code of Conduct protects against disorderly behavior

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Following several incidents of student misconduct at football games, including widespread alcohol use and people rushing onto the football field, questions are arising as to what is acceptable and proper student conduct at school events.

“What constitutes acceptable behavior at events is simple. It is a form of behavior that violates the law or a university policy that is outlined in the Student Code of Conduct,” said Chief of Public Safety Bill King.

The Division of Student Affairs has developed the FIU Golden Panthers Pledge of Honor, Fan Code of Conduct, according to Vice President of Student Affairs Rosa Jones.

“The Fan Code of Conduct has been disseminated in the First Year Experience classes and other Campus Life events,” Jones said.

The Fan Code of Conduct states: “Unruly, threatening or disruptive behavior such as standing in the aisles, profane and abusive language, smoking, fighting, throwing objects and drunkenness will not be tolerated and can result in ejection, arrest and/or loss of ticket privileges. Should you observe any of this disruptive behavior, please notify your nearest law enforcement officer. Standing on seats/bleachers is strictly prohibited.”

According to the policies, signs of a derogatory nature directed toward an individual opponent, visiting team or game officials are not permitted. Artificial noise makers such as air horns, electronic amplifiers, whistles, are also not permitted into NCAA arenas or stadiums and will be removed immediately.

“Stadium policy prohibits fans from entering the field of play unless they are properly credentialed or accompanied by an authorized staff member. Violators are subject to arrest,” said Julie Berg, senior associate athletic director.

During the season opener against the University of South Florida, over 47 students were charged for underage drinking, an offense of Student Code of Conduct.

During the last home football game on Oct. 11, four students ran onto the football field seconds before the game was over in celebration of the victory against Middle Tennessee University.

Three of the students were ejected from the stadium and face academic disciplinary action. One of the students, Gregory Mineau, 21, was arrested for disorderly conduct, resisting arrest without violence and trespassing after being warned.

“Yeah – we do have some issues with some student behavior issues. We are aggressively working to educate students about what is appropriate and what are their responsibilities,” said Jones, vice president.

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Several alumni pledged thousands of dollars toward the construction of a new alumni center during this year’s annual Torch Awards Gala.

During the gala, which is held to honor alumni and faculty, an unexpected series of donations began when Betty Perry, a University ambassador, stood up and offered a $10,000 “challenge grant” for a new alumni center.

About a month after the event, the University had collected $120,000 from 12 alumni for the spontaneous project.

“None of this was scripted folks,” said Barry Johnson, master of ceremonies, after hearing the first two donors’ proposal during the event. “What an excellent commitment of Miami to FIU.”

Among those making donations was Jose Perez de Corcho, a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

“I said, ‘If this is going to be my number one priority as president, then I have to lead by example and this is the way to do it.’ It’s very easy to generate that feeling of excitement when you put forth a project like this that shows where we came from and where we are going,” Perez de Corcho said.

The alumni center was part of a proposed Main Street development which would have included retail shops, student housing and restaurants.

However, with the budget crisis, the Main Street project was removed as a top priority for the University.

“It’s been taken off our planing process,” said Director of Facilities Planning Robert Griffith. “[We removed it] due to other considerations such as housing demand and retail demands.”

However, the alumni center project is still in full force and Griffith mentions that facilities and the Alumni Association have appointed three possible sites for the construction.

Membership for the Alumni Association boomed from fewer than 1,000 to more than 15,000 during the past five years.

The program ranked first in the country for membership growth in a survey of 76 major universities nationwide.

FIU is the only state university of its size without an alumni center.

The University of Central Florida has the Fairwinds Alumni Center, a 23,000-square-foot building. The University of Miami is currently working on a 70,000-square-foot center for alumni.

Associate Vice President and Director of Alumni Relations Bill Draughon, who joined the division five years ago, has insisted on the idea for an alumni center. Before he came to the University, he worked at the University of Florida – which contains the Emerson Alumni Hall, a 60,000-square-foot alumni center.

“(It) helps to create an affinity for a university,” Griffith said, “before asking about the importance of an alumni center.

The center will include meeting spaces, classrooms for use by alumni and for student events, as well as a gallery featuring items from the University’s history.

On football game days, the center will host events and activities.

Students in the Architecture program will be responsible for developing concept art for the building, while a committee led by Alumni Association members Stewart Appelruth and Michael Mendez will begin fundraising for the project.

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Students react to Obama's historic win

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"It's been a long time coming, but tonight, because of what we did on this day, in this election, on this defining moment, change is coming to America," those were the words of President-elect Barack Obama as he addressed an enormous crowd of supporters at Chicago's Grant Park on Nov. 4.

On that historic night, the four-year senator from Illinois gained enough electoral votes to defeat Republican rival Sen. John M. McCain to become the first African American president in the history of the United States.

As news of Obama's victory spread, students had a variety of opinions concerning the outcome of the election. Many of his student supporters were elated with the victory.

"I felt comforted that change had finally come," said Kelsea Jones, a junior environmental studies major.

"I'm very hopeful, I trust Obama," said senior Jonathan Davila.

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Questions are also being asked about the university's role in upholding the rules and providing order at games including Public Safety and other contracted security officials.

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NEWS FLASH

BISCAYNE BAY CAMPUS

Nutrition one-on-one offered to students

The Biscayne Bay Recreation Center is giving students the opportunity to meet with a dietetic intern to get their questions about nutrition and exercise performance answered.

Through Dec. 5, the new dietetic intern, Vania Lederman, dietetics and nutrition graduate student, will be at the BBC Recreation Center room 160 at the Wolfe University Center from Monday to Friday, at 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Call (305) 919-5678 for more information.

Speed Dating event for single Miamians

The Black Student Association and On Point Poetry Club have come together to offer students a Poetic Speed Dating Night. The event will be Nov. 12 from 6:30 p.m. to midnight at the Wolfe University Center Ballrooms. Each candidate will receive three minutes to go on a mini-date and “potentially find the love of [their] life.” On Point Poetry members will be reciting poetry during the event. Food will be served and students get in for free, while males who are not FIU students will be charged a $1 entrance fee.

Free Coffee and Club Fair to promote clubs

BBC Student Government Council.

One from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. for free coffee, refreshments and a Club Fair, where they can get educated about the clubs at BBC. The event is funded by the BBC Student Government Council.

Political movie showing offered by Federal Jack

On Nov. 7 Federal Jack will be presenting the movies “Dark Secrets Inside Bohemian Grove” and “Order of Death.” The showing will be at the Mary Ann Wolfe Theater at the Wolfe University Center from 6 to 11 p.m.

Shoe drive for Haiti by graduate students

A group of graduate students from a community psychology class is collecting new or gently-used shoes to send to Haiti as part of a class project. Aaccording to the flyer for the shoe drive, children who do not have shoes are deprived from getting an education in Haiti. Drop-off boxes are located next to the information desk in the Wolfe University Center. The drive will continue for two more weeks.

- Compiled by Julia Cardenuto
Pro-life: A decision, not a solution

I was browsing the bookstore at University Park trying to kill time when I glanced outside and saw massive posters and small groups huddled together in a earnest discussion in the Betty Chapman Plaza.

My curiosity piqued when I realized there were several police officers monitoring the area, all looking as though they would rather have been somewhere else, but still ensuring they did their jobs.

Outside were pro-life and pro-choice groups out in numbers doing their thing. The pro-life group had posters on display that towered over students walking to class. The activists were barricaded into their own quarters. Opponents of the display gathered too, although their numbers were much smaller.

The posters were grotesque – to say the least – and I can assure the group that all they did was convince me to not have lunch that day.

They likened abortion to genocide and the Holocaust. I consider that a slap in the face to both Holocaust survivors and Rwandans.

But I have come to the conclusion that I am pro-me. Not pro-life or pro-choice, but simply pro-me. I coined the term myself and I will soon seek rights to it in due course.

I say I am pro-me for two good reasons. One is that, as a minority I choose to have a child I don’t want, then that child is almost guaranteed to spend his or her life in foster care.

Statistics from research on adoption at Case Western Reserve University, funded by the federal Department of Health and Human Services showed that minority children, including Hispanics and blacks, are the least likely to be adopted.

The second reason why I’m pro-me is simply because this decision affects me more than it does anybody else. Emotionally, mentally and physically, I am the one that has to deal with the stress and agony of my decision, despite the pro-life view that the fetus also goes through agony.

Having a child that goes into foster care, and is possibly physically or emotionally abused until she grows out of the system does not take the burden or stress off of the mother.

The pro-life movement can also have a profound effect on rape victims.

A study by the National Institutes of Health finds the rape-related pregnancy rate to be 3 percent. This means that there could be well over 32,000 pregnancies attributable to rape each year.

When I listened quietly on the dawn of a new administration, students around campus were more than eager to talk to Student Media about their thoughts, ranging from their emotions when they heard that Barack Obama clinched a wide electoral victory, McCain’s concession speech and why they voted the way that we did.

We found students for whom policy was a primary concern, others for which social issues defined their vote. Some were confident in the next president, and a few were disappointed but hopeful for the best. But one thing was clear: everyone we interviewed had something to say.

Obama supporters expressed the sense of joy they experienced watching his historic acceptance speech. McCain voters explained why they stuck with Republicans but were generally understanding of the nation’s rejection of their party due to the last eight years.

Below are a couple of students we encountered. More coverage of student reaction will be on upcoming at FIUSM.com and on WRGP Radiate FM.

Want to respond? Post your thoughts on FIUSM.com/opinion or send them to opinion@fiusm.com.
First time voting experience evokes sense of patriotism

I spent 18 years being treated like a second-class citizen and being told my voice doesn’t matter, so there’s something very empowering about finally being able to take part in the process.

Given the importance of this election year, I made sure I kept up to date on the latest developments and got to know each candidate on the ballot as best I could.

Yet the more I got to know the two candidates running for president, and the more I just how flawed the two party system is, I became more and more cynical.

I spent most of the 21 month election cycle switching between a pure disdain for the two party system and the nonstop news coverage, and the tiny spots of hope and inspiration, such as hearing Senator Joe Lieberman speak on John McCain’s behalf on campus in January, or hearing Obama’s brilliant speech on race, “A More Perfect Union.”

The constant news coverage was so overwhelmingly focused on the negatives that there were times when I just wanted to give up, stop caring, and write in “George Carlin for President,” or worse: not even show up to the voting booth.

It seemed as if all of my ideals and optimism were going to be killed off before I ever stepped into a voting booth.

But I decided to go to the early voting anyway, with my mind still not made up. I got to my precinct and I actually saw the line and left, if you can believe it.

What was the point of standing in line for two hours to vote for someone I didn’t believe in and support a system I thought was flawed?

I went out, got lunch and thought it over. I did some more research and finally made my mind.

It’s a flawed system that promotes dirty campaigning and quenches real change, but it’s what we have.

So I went back and I joined over 100 million other Americans in expressing my voice. I finally felt like a part of my country.

I was finally able to have a voice that was my own and that counted and that could not be silenced. That made the 18 years of waiting worth it.
Divabetic integrates health, beauty education

EDDIE SEVILLA  Staff writer

What could be scarier than ghosts, haunted houses and devils on Halloween? All the sugar in your bloodstream after trick-or-treating, that’s what.

On Nov. 1, national non-profit organization Divabetic – Make every Your Diabetes combined diabetic education, healthy alternatives to sweets and beauty services at the Ros CaI Kevens Center in Miami Beach to help women prevent and manage diabetes.

“I wanted to do an upbeat friendly approach to inspire women at risk and those affected by living with diabetes to stay healthy and not beat around their care, as well as bring that message home to their loved ones,” said Max Szadek, founder of Divabetic.

Diabetes is a disease in which the body does not produce or properly use insulin, a hormone that is needed to convert sugar, starches and other foods into energy needed for daily living.

There are two main types of diabetes: Type one affects people who cannot produce insulin and often strikes children and young adults. Type two occurs when the body produces insulin at a low rate. If left untreated, diabetes can cause severe damage including kidney damage, nerve damage, lower limb amputations and blindness.

So some of the symptoms that a person might see with diabetes are frequent urination, blurry vision, feeling very tired, being lethargic, moody and sudden foot pain,” said Judi Wilcox, a registered dietitian and certified diabetes educator.

Risk factors include family history, obesity or being overweight, living a sedentary lifestyle and high blood pressure.

If you’re health-conscious, what should you do with all that candy left over from Halloween?

“Take the candy, put it in a basket and make it candy all year or give it away to charity,” Wilcox suggested.

However, some may not be ready to part ways with their sweet tooth and to those, Wilcox suggested freezing candy and eating it in smaller portions.

But Wilcox warned not to fear eating.

“If you eliminate something from your diet, it becomes the most exciting thing you get to deprive yourself of everything and then go crazy and eat all that you can.”

The Divabetic event showcased six stations: "Denial is not my Style," which discussed the basics of diabetes, the importance of sleep and allowed participants to have their weight, waist and body mass index measured; "Glam more, Fear less" offered beauty services with a diabetic care discussion; "Grab Green and Go" offered solutions to better nutrition; "Twist and Shout" taught participants how to add more movement into everyday life; "Sweet inspirations" offered goal-setting techniques for a healthy lifestyle and "Tunnel of Love" addressed how sexual health and pregnancy are affected by diabetes.

For Vanessa Prieto, 25, who has a lot of candy left over from Halloween, Divabetic was a wake-up call.

“There’s a big history of diabetes in my family and I didn’t know that you can eat healthy and control your diabetes just by the way you eat and the way you exercise.”

Prieto said. “I am going to start taking care of myself and start eating healthy and doing things I’m supposed to be doing to control my health.”

For more information on this organization, go to www.divabetic.org.

FRIDAY • NOVEMBER 7

WHAT: Rock Band Live with Panic at the Disco and Dashboard Confessional
WHERE: BankUnited Center, Coral Gables, FL
WHEN: 7 p.m
HOW MUCH: $ 5 30
WHAT: Puddle of Mudd
WHERE: Pembroke Beach Amphitheatre, Pembroke Beach
WHEN: 8 p.m
HOW MUCH: $ 40
WHAT: FIU Ultra
WHERE: Between Blue and Gold Garage
WHEN: 8 p.m
HOW MUCH: FREE with Student I.D
WHAT: Metro Station with The Maine
WHERE: 200 West Broward Blvd., Ft Lauderdale, FL
WHEN: 7 p.m
HOW MUCH: $ 30
WHAT: Classic Albums Live Presents: Led Zeppelin
WHERE: Paradise Live, Hollywood, FL
WHEN: 9 p.m
HOW MUCH: $ 20

SATURDAY • NOVEMBER 8

WHAT: The Comic Book Show
WHERE: Hard Rock Hotel, Miami
WHEN: 7 p.m
HOW MUCH: $ 10
WHAT: FIU vs Arkansas State University
WHERE: FIU Stadium
WHEN: 7 p.m
HOW MUCH: FREE with Student I.D
WHAT: Jonah’s Wharf
WHERE: The Villas at Miami Beach
WHEN: 7 p.m
HOW MUCH: $ 25
WHAT: The Beatles
WHERE: The Culture Room – 3045 N. Federal Highway Fort Lauderdale, FL
WHEN: 7 p.m
HOW MUCH: $ 30
WHAT: Queens of Sheba celebration
WHERE: Royal Mississauga Restaurant - 900 South Miami Avenue - Miami, FL
WHEN: 7 p.m
HOW MUCH: $ 10

SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 9

WHAT: Miami Book Fair International
WHERE: Miami-Dade Community College, Wolfson, 3800 W 3rd St. Second Ave. Miami Shores Miami, FL 33138
WHEN: 11 a.m
HOW MUCH: FREE
WHAT: Soylott
WHERE: The Culture Room – 3045 N. Federal Highway Fort Lauderdale, FL
WHEN: 7 30 p.m
HOW MUCH: $ 20
WHAT: Play’s Adventures in Wonderland
WHERE: The PlayGround Theatre 9801 NE 2nd Av Miami, FL 33138
WHEN: 7 p.m
HOW MUCH: FREE
WHAT: Let’s Go
WHERE: Beaches Atlantic, Sunrise, FL
WHEN: 7 p.m
HOW MUCH: $ 40

Compiled by: Roselyn Delgado

Fast-paced arcade shooter leaves little to be desired

I’ll never fully understand what makes games like “Galaga” and “Space Invaders” so addictive, or what feeds my insatiable need to destroy tiny spaceships, achieve a new high score and pursue that ever elusive perfect score.

One thing, however, is perfectly clear. The folks at the Polygon Rabbit Game Studio understand it all. “Frantic” is an arcade shooter that combines elements from games like “Galaga” and the more recent “Geometry Wars” to create a free form game that is every bit as fun and addictive.

The goal is simple: shoot down enemy ships, collect money and power ups and avoid enemy bullets. Power ups are temporary upgrades, but money can buy you permanent upgrades to enhance shields, fire power, even luck. The better you do, the quicker you will fill up the adrenaline gauge. Once full, you can unleash hail, a massive laser attack that will obliterate anything in its path.

There are two control schemes: You can use the mouse or directional buttons to move your ship around the screen, but the mouse offers a bit more speed and control.

“Frantic” is a well paced game that doesn’t ever get stupidly hard and manages to never feel boring. The upgrade system does a good job of balancing out the increases in enemy density and each of the game’s ten stages presents a unique challenge in the form of boss levels.

There’s a lot of fun to be had here. It’s a fairly short game, but it packs so much punch into its levels, you will definitely be coming back for another round, another chance to improve your score.

This game also looks and feels great. The enemy designs are interesting and colorful and the explosions look great too. Plus, assuming you’ve gone for the mouse control option, it runs perfectly smooth. And, just in case it doesn’t, you can adjust the visual quality to improve the frame rate.

So, whether you’re looking for your next online addiction or just trying to squeeze some fun into those 20 minutes between classes, “Frantic” is sure to be worth your time.

You can find “Frantic” online for free at PolymerRabbit.com or at CrazyMonkeyGames.com.
**Injuries mounting for men’s basketball**

**JONATHAN RAMOS**
Asst. Sports Director

The men's basketball team continued to pile up injuries when point guard Jesse Soto endured a scaphoid injury during a practice last week. The sophomore, who was eligible in 8 games for the opener due to transfer rules, was set to start in sea-son opening home contest against Eastern Kentucky on Nov. 14.

"It's tough when you have to sit out a year," Soto said. "Right now it's 10-12 weeks, but I plan to work hard to be back early.

The scaphoid is a bone in the wrist that is typically slow to heal due to limited circulation to the bone. The loss of Soto adds to the amount of absences the team will have to start the season, which includes forward Alex Galindo (ankle), forward J.C Otero (knee), and center Badara Ni Diaye (knee).

The Golden Panthers will resort to newcomer Harley Fuller and sopho-more Nick Taylor at point guard. Taylor played 25 games last season as a walk-on redshirt freshman.

"I don't know what I did in my past," head coach Sergio Roso said as he tried to remain upbeat. "But you know there's things you can't control but what you can do is go forward, and the kids have an unbelievable will to win. We're being tested as a group and I'm addicted to winning.

"I don't think injuries happen for nothing," Fuller said. "But I really like this group, and we expect the same success."
Panthers to host top notch offense for 2nd consecutive week

ANDREW JUJIAN
Sports Director

With the bowl picture still unclear, and conference play in full swing, the FIU Golden Panthers have yet to win a home game this season. But with the opportunity to bring so much success within the division, the Golden Panthers have that competition [within the conference].

Said. “We play [MTSU and WKU] twice, and it’s good to have that competition [within the division].”

The FIU coaching staff and players have taken their only conference loss to heart and will defend their home floor tonight. “We are looking for revenge against MIddle Tennessee,” Tomic continued. “I think our team is ready to beat them, and it bothers me [that] our team hasn’t beaten MTSU since I’ve been here.”

Oh yeah, I’m looking forward to [Middle Tennessee].” Outside Hitter Isadora Rangel said as her eyes widened. “We all are.”

FIU and MTSU are neck and neck, and will need Reams and one of their two backs, Dueante Owens or A’mod Ned, to help shoulder the load. FIU has played only one game this season in which they’ve had more than one 50-yard rusher, and the Golden Panthers have yet to have a 100-yard rusher.

The Red Wolves may yet contend for the Sun Belt title, in large part because of their offensive. Quarterback Corey Leonard is the fourth highest rated passer in the Sun Belt, averaging 192 yards passing per contest. The balance of ASU is what keeps teams off balance, and the ball is liberally spread throughout the backfield.

Three Red Wolves have rushed for over 300 yards, and the top two rushers, Reggie Arnold (627 yards, 5.5 yards per carry) and Derek Lawson (577 yards, 7.8 ypc), both rank in the top six in the SBC in rushing yards per game. Defensively, FIU will need to return to its opponent’s backfield this week to try to slow down the ASU attack.

The Golden Panthers recorded a season low, four tackles for loss, and will need more push up front, and better control of the defensive line of scrimmage.

BEACON PREDICTION

Playing at home, and in front of the homecoming crowd, FIU will be able to sustain the intensity much longer than they did at Louisiana last week. The big play ability of T.Y. Hilton will offer some great moments for FIU, keeping the game close for three quarters, but in the final frame, the Arkansas State offensive line will wear down the FIU defensive front. It’ll be close, but the Red Wolves will grind it out in the end.

Arkansas St. 33, FIU 24