Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.fiu.edu/student_newspaper

Recommended Citation
https://digitalcommons.fiu.edu/student_newspaper/292
**Jorge Corrales**
*Staff Writer*

**Thel Marshall Thundering Herd** will stampede into “The Cage” Saturday at 6 p.m., the Panthers’ annual Homecoming game. Kickoff is set for 6 p.m. from Ocean Bank Field at FIU Stadium and the game will be televised on the American Sports Network.

The Panthers are coming off a heartbreaking loss at the hands of the University of Texas at San Antonio Roadrunners. After leading most of the game, the Panthers gave up two late field goals and fell to the Roadrunners, 27-24, in overtime. The Panthers are 3-2 in the American Sports Network.

**Freshman quarterback Alex McGough** did not have his best game, throwing for only 141 yards and one touchdown. He also fumbled once and threw two interceptions but will be under center once again Saturday.

Freshman running back Alex Gardner also struggled, as he rushed for 65 yards on 27 attempts. His lowest yardage came in a rush in the third quarter where he fumbled on the UTSA one yard line. He was stood up on first down and coughed the ball up while trying to fight for the extra yard. It was one of six Panthers turnovers of the evening.

“Alex did the ball out,” said Head Coach Ron Turner. “It’s first and goal on the two. Just hold the ball tight and go down. We’ll have second and goal on the one. These were things we hadn’t been doing but we got away from every single play. When you turn the ball over six times and drop five passes, you’re not totally tuned in.”

The Thundering Herd comes into Saturday’s game ranked No. 25 in the nation. They are 6-0 overall and 2-0 in CUSA. Their offense is near the top of the leaderboard in every major category; ranked 23 in passing yards per game and 10 in rushing yards per game. The Herd offense is currently No. 2 in the nation with an average of 595 yards per game.

The leader of the juggernaut offense is a Miami native -- senior quarterback Rakeem Cato. Cato attended Miami Central High School and since making the move from Miami to West Virginia, he has been one of the most consistent players in all of college football. He has thrown a touchdown pass in 38 straight games and with a touchdown pass on Saturday, Cato would break quarterback Russell Wilson’s record for most consecutive games with a touchdown pass.

“He’s really good. I mean, really, really good,” Turner said.

**Student government wants Panthers to ‘give a shirt’**

**Allison Galea**
*Contributing Writer*

news@fiusm.com

All over campus, students are decked out in college apparel from T-shirts to baseball caps and sweaters, but these displays of school spirit aren’t for the University. There are Gators shirts, Seminoles hats and even a Canes jersey has found its way onto campus, but where are the Panthers?

This is exactly the thought that Mary Corbin, chief of staff of the Student Government Association at the Modesto A. Maidique campus, had in regards to this on-going issue.

In response, she created the Give a Shirt About FIU event.

At this event, students can go to the Graham Center Pit from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 17 and get a limited edition FIU shirt if they bring in either a T-shirt or a sweater in good condition from another university to give away.

The clothing brought in will then be donated to the H.A. and Mary K. Chapman Charitable Trust, a foundation geared towards assisting homeless men, women and children.

“I thought it would be awesome and as effective,” she said, as it would kill two birds with one stone to promote Panther pride across campus while also giving to those in need.

Besides the exchanging process, various booths will be set up for different groups such as the Student Alumni Association and the FIU Athletics Department. Roary and the FIU cheerleaders will make an appearance and student government will unveil their spirit vidio: a homage to FIU pride and all Panthers alike.

Some students agreed that it is a good idea to address the general reality about students endorsing other universities.

“The event is a great idea because it’s a way for a lot of people walk around campus in shirts from other universities,” said Accounting Major Michael Shelton.

While students are thrilled with the event, others remain hesitant to participate.

“It is a nice idea, but collegiate sweaters are already super expensive — I don’t want to donate a $40 sweater just to get a free T-shirt,” said Michael Shelton, Sophomore Accounting Major.

**While the University is still relatively new, it has taken strides big enough to rank among some of the older and more established universities in the country for its contributions to the public good.**

The University ranked No. 24 out of 277 institutions that contribute to the public good, according to Washington Monthly’s 2014 rankings. This is a huge jump, given that the University was ranked No. 177 in 2009.

The rankings were based on three areas: social mobility, focusing on recruiting and graduating low-income students; research, focusing on producing cutting-edge scholarship and doctoral graduates; and service, focusing on encouraging students to give back to their country.

In the last year, 52 percent of students at the University served Pell Grants, $113 million went into faculty-led research and thousands of students and hundreds of faculty and staff have contributed more than 550,000 service hours of service to the community.

Irina Becerra-Fernandez, vice president of the Office of Engagement, said that the additions and improvements the University has made to these categories since its move from Miami to Miami-Dade County Public Schools partnership in 2010 created the Achieving Community Collaboration in Education and Student Success program.

In 2011, the program called “Education Effect” was launched at Miami Northwestern Senior High School and Liberty City. These two partnerships were formed to improve student success in public schools by connecting the students, parents and community with University resources and research-based programs in order to increase high school graduation rates as well as to promote a transition into higher education.

Other major community projects include Fostering Panther Pride, Green Family Foundation NeighborhoodHelp and work with the Center for Children and Families. Washington Monthly ranked FIU as No. 16 for community service participation and hours served.

Another way that the University gives back to the public is through its Global Learning courses and activities, and its partnership with the Peace Corps.

Hilary Landorf, director of the Office of Global Learning Initiatives and a Peace Corps volunteer herself, said that programs like the Peace Corps Prep at FIU and the Global Learning Medallion are service-oriented academic programs in which students can work towards earning a Global Learning Global Learning Medallion.
**FIU Health offer flu shots**

**FIUSM STAFF**

To battle the flu, the University’s health resources offer flu shots on campus.

Student Health Services, which will be merging with the FIU Health from the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, is usually the only one advertising flu shots to students during the season.

This year, however, the College of Medicine’s faculty practice, FIU Health, put out a flyer to offer flu shots to anyone in the community, with or without insurance.

The shots are covered by most insurance plans and those without insurance will pay $20 to get vaccinated.

The flu can be spread by coughing, sneezing or nasal secretions, according to the Department of Health and Human Services.

FIU Health is administering shots at Parking Garage 5 at the MMC from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Mondays, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays.

For more information, students can call 305-348-3627. Vaccines are available while in stock.

**Voters can cast early ballots at University location**

**FIUSM STAFF**

The University will be an early voting location for the November election.

Members of the community will cast ballots between Monday, Oct. 20, and Sunday, Nov. 2, for the general election at the Stadium Club, located on the south side of the Sun Bank Field at FIU Stadium, 11310 SW 17 St., in the Modesto A. Maidique Campus.

The general election day is on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

The University has a lot riding on this election, since the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners put the voters to decide what to do about the fairgrounds: whether the land will go to the University for expansion, or if Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition, Inc. will stay for the remainder of its 99-year lease.

**Panthers comes together for Homecoming game day**

**FIUSM STAFF**

The University community has been anticipating the Homecoming game day on Saturday to see the Panthers match up against the Thundering Herd. The day is an all-out celebration with the Homecoming Day Parade and Tailgate that various University groups set up for the day.

The Homecoming Parade this year will feature various University organizations, floats, the marching band and the FIU Golden Dazzlers.

This year’s parade Grand Marshall is disc jockey Irie, a University alumni. The parade begins at 1:45 p.m. in Lot 9 and will end in Tamiami Park, where the tailgate village is set up.

The tailgate village will be set up by noon and open as soon as the Homecoming Parade ends.

Most University groups and organizations are planning to put up their own tailgate within the village. For more information, students can go to bc.fiu.edu.
PERUVIANS: ‘somethings is missing’

ANTONY PINEDO CORDOVA
Contributing Writer
opinion@fiusm.com

On Wednesday, Oct. 5, Peruvians elected about 1,800 mayors and 25 regional presidents in an election without the ability to distinguish the degree of morals and ethics each authority must possess to hold office.

In the case of the municipal election in Lima, over 50 percent of the city’s residents have elected a former mayor, Luis Castañeda Lossio, who was accused of embezzlement and money laundering. Voters recognize his greatest quality as being that he “sold his soul to do the job.”

Peruvian citizens have chosen a governor who is currently imprisoned for influence peddling, which is the practice of using one’s influence to receive special treatment, under the premise that both he and his voters would be working toward his freedom. This kind of promise, and the fact that citizens believe in it, demonstrate that something is missing as to their moral standards in respect to the type of authorities they choose to have.

Unfortunately, Peruvian citizens are accepting as normal the “steals, but does the job” idea, given that they ask for more public works without taking into consideration corruption or ethics in regards to public expenses. This is regrettable, since it creates a moral crisis in a society whose democratic system is in evolution.

Ethics and efficiency should never be separate in order to effectively evaluate a candidate given that, in a democracy, the authorities are the reflection of their society.

We challenge our teachers, our administrators, and our state and government officials to think of school breakfast and lunch not just as a meal program but also as what they were originally intended to be: enrichment programs.

MCT STAFF

Serving food to students is what we do. As the Urban School Food Alliance, we represent six of the largest school districts in the nation (New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, Miami, Dallas and Orlando), feeding more than 3 million elementary, middle school and high school students every school day.

Our mission is more than just supplying healthy meals for our children. We believe that school breakfast and lunch are integral to a student’s education. This is why we believe that meals need to be healthy and tasty, why we believe meals need to be accessible to all students and why we believe that mealtime needs to be viewed as part of the educational day.

The USFA strongly supports the vision of the first lady and backs the larger goals of the 2010 Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act. The recent and ongoing debate in Washington on whether school food standards should be rolled back misses what we believe is the whole point of important nutritional standards: to bring healthier food onto our students’ plates and into their lives. And yes, we need to get them to eat it too.

Our districts have had success in exposing students to and having them eat meals under these new standards. Our districts have developed creative menus and innovative ways of providing lean proteins, whole wheat, low-fat dairy, and fresh fruits and vegetables. We can and should demonstrate actionable leadership in this debate.

These healthy and delicious meals need to be accessible to all students. And we need to get away from the attitude that school meals are only for the kids who can’t afford to bring lunch from home. The new approach to serving American children should mean offering free lunches to all students regardless of a family’s financial need. This would not only directly benefit the children and their families, but it would also cut through the current bureaucracy and enable American companies to sell more of their healthy products to our cafeterias. We need to acknowledge that this would benefit American workers in companies providing food to American children in American schools. It is money invested in us.

To that end, there should also be more funding allotted to the commodity food program. Doing so will allow districts to make their food-purchasing dollars go further and to remain focused on bringing healthier food into our cafeterias.

Eating is part of the educational day and mealtime needs to be treated as such. Students should be given enough time to eat so that they are not rushed or forced to skip meals altogether because of dwindling meal periods. Just like math and science, food and eating should be thought of as part of, and not an intrusion upon, the educational day. Eating well is learning well. This is also why the debate arising from the issue of plate waste and of “healthy trash cans full of fruit” misses the point. Exposure to healthy and wholesome foods takes time and has long-term value. Children should grow up knowing that fruits and vegetables are indeed part of their meal experience.

We challenge our teachers, our administrators, and our state and government officials to look at the school breakfast and lunch not just as a meal program but also as what they were originally intended to be: enrichment programs. School meals enrich students’ developmental growth. They are practice for life. More importantly, they enrich student success in school.

Healthy and delicious meals
enrich your body and your life

We challenge our teachers, administrators, and our state and government officials to think of school breakfast and lunch not just as a meal program but also as what they were originally intended to be: enrichment programs. School meals enrich students’ developmental growth. They are practice for life. More importantly, they enrich student success in school.

The opinion presented within this page do not represent the views of The Beacon Editorial Board. These views are separate from editorials and reflect individual perspectives of contributing writers and/or members of the University community.

Send us your letters
Have something on your mind? Send your thoughts (100 words maximum) to opinion@fiusm.com or drop by our offices at G210 in WVEU C4.

With your letter, be sure to include your name, major, year, and copy of your student ID. The Beacon will only run one letter a month from any individual.

Editorial Policy
Editorials are the opinion of the editorial board, which is composed of associate editors. They don’t reflect the views of the rest of the editorial board. The Beacon welcomes all letters regarding or in response to its editorials. Send them to opinion@fiusm.com.

Send us your letters
Have something on your mind? Send your thoughts (100 words maximum) to opinion@fiusm.com or drop by our offices at G210 in WVEU C4.

With your letter, be sure to include your name, major, year, and copy of your student ID. The Beacon will only run one letter a month from any individual.

Editorial Policy
Editorials are the opinion of the editorial board, which is composed of associate editors. They don’t reflect the views of the rest of the editorial board. The Beacon welcomes all letters regarding or in response to its editorials. Send them to opinion@fiusm.com.
**PANTHER REGGAE FEST: JAMS AND JUICE**

**photo courtesy of Hanah Davenport**

**The Fashion District: An ever-changing landscape of Miami’s wholesale haven**

**photo courtesy of Hanah Davenport**

**DREAMS OF DAVENPORT: Student songwriter moves across the state, but doesn’t forget her roots**

**photo courtesy of Hanah Davenport**

**“Kill the Messenger,” a film about honest morality**

**photo courtesy of Hanah Davenport**

**ONE TREE HILL:**

**photo courtesy of Hanah Davenport**

**photo courtesy of Hanah Davenport**

**photo courtesy of Hanah Davenport**
FOOTBALL

Defense ready to settle down Marshall

HERD, PAGE 1

On Saturday, Cato will face his toughest test of the season thus far. He’ll be going up against a Panthers defense that has the most takeaways (24) of any team in the nation. They’re also towards the top of the nation in points against; holding opponents to under 20 points per game.

Junior cornerback Richard Leonard leads FIU’s secondary with four interceptions on the year, two of which were returned for touchdowns.

Senior safety Demarkus Perkins is also having a solid season in the secondary. He leads the team with 50 tackles and has one of FIU’s eight interceptions on the year.

Juniors Michael Wakefield and Denzel Perine lead the Panthers up front. Both are tied for the team lead with 5.5 sacks. Wakefield leads the Panthers with 9 tackles for a loss. It will be important for them to get pressure up front if the Panthers hope to contain Cato.

The Panthers already had some experience containing a high-powered offense. In week five, they visited a University of Alabama at Birmingham team that was averaging over 40 points a game. The Panthers held them to just 20.

“UAB has a really good offense,” Turner said. “They put up 56 last week on North Texas. These guys [Marshall] are better than ever before. They have speed, they have strength, they have size and they’ve got power. Most importantly, they have a great quarterback. You can be very marginal at every other position but if you have a great quarterback you’ll always have a chance to win.”

The Panthers have lost three homecoming games in a row. Their last homecoming win was a 42-35 double-overtime victory against Louisiana-Monroe. A victory against the 25th ranked Herd would be huge for both the football program and the fans.

“They [the players] know the importance of the homecoming game,” Turner said. “But they know they importance of every game. We’ve got 12 opportunities. They know the importance of every one of them. It’s not like basketball where you have 82 chances or baseball where you have 162. You’ve got 12. But homecoming is very important. We’ve got a lot of people coming back and there’s a lot of school pride. We wanna go out there, play well and put on a good show.”

Quarterback Alex McGough avoids rush of University of Texas at San Antonio defensive end Cadie Brooks during the Saturday, Oct. 11, game in San Antonio.

We’ve got a lot of people coming back and there’s a lot of school pride. We wanna go out there, play well and put on a good show.

Ron Turner
Head Coach
Football

SOCcer

Owls and Mean Green on the Miami horizon for women’s soccer ‘family’

James Profetto
Staff Writer
james.profetto@fiusm.com

A conference game and another delay last weekend, Oct. 10-12, provided an up-and-down ride for FIU’s women’s soccer team. The match against the University of Alabama at Birmingham is rescheduled for a later date in November, a game that Head Coach Thomas Chestnutt expected to play before next week.

The reason for the delay was reports of tornadoes in the area. Against Middle Tennessee State University, Oct. 12, a whirlwind of two early goals by the Blue Raiders gave the Panthers their sixth loss on the year.

But all of this noise is put into the rear-view mirror. The most difficult weekend for Chestnutt and his team is on the horizon with two of the top three Conference USA opponents waiting in Miami. North Texas University (10-3-1, 4-0-1) and Rice University (7-2-3, 3-1-1) are controlling the C-USA with confidence.

Ever since C-USA play began on Sept. 26 for North Texas, Head Coach John Hedlund has helped his team become the most dominant in C-USA to this point and presents a tough obstacle for the Panthers to overcome.

For North Texas, Head Coach John Hedlund has helped his team become the most dominant in C-USA to this point and presents a tough obstacle for the Panthers to overcome.

Before seeing the Mean Green on Sunday, Oct. 19, the Panthers face Rice University on Friday, Oct. 17. Rice and the Panthers have seen each other only once and a 5-2 victory for Chestnutt and his team became the result.

The same success will be harder to come by, though. As Rice is only allowing eight goals on the season (outscoring opponents 24-8), a common trend for the top-tier of the C-USA.

If the Panthers want to defeat the Owls, they must change the narrative of goals allowed (allowing 13 this season).

Rice has struggled just a tad on the road this season, going 3-2-1. The Panthers can exploit the Owls’ defense in the first half by grabbing an early lead.

Both losses by Rice this season came in overtime, so if the Panthers play a close game, a victory is sure to follow.

Top goal scorers this weekend for both sides will be Panthers redshirt senior forward Chelsea Leiva (seven), Mean Green Karla Pineda (six) and Owl Holly Hargreaves (eight).

Defense will be key during the eventual weekend. Freshman goalkeeper Nevena Stojakovic has 33 saves on the season and will look to add to that total.

The “iron-core” of the Panther defense comes at the feet of redshirt juniors Sara Stewart, Nikki Rios and seniors Marie Egan and Caroline Hernandez. They will be busy stifling the different shot attempts that they’re used to seeing.

An early test of what competition may be seen if the Panthers can make the C-USA Tournament is ahead. On Friday, Oct. 17, kick-off is at 7 p.m., while North Texas finds its way into FIU Soccer Stadium 1 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 19.

There is one aspect of this Panther team that cannot be statistically recorded, though; one factor that separates the ladies from the rest of the herd.

“I think this team is more like family,” said Stojakovic. A family bond should help in victory.
QUEST TO CONQUER IN CONFERENCE COMPETITION

ALEJANDRO AGUIRRE  
Contribution Writer  
sports@fiusm.com

By achieving two big conference wins on the road against University of North Carolina at Charlotte and Louisiana Tech University last weekend, the volleyball team is now riding a three-game winning streak into this weekend’s matches. The volleyball team looks to continue that streak when they go up against conference rivals Middle Tennessee State University and University of Southern Mississippi.

With two-thirds of the season already done, every conference game gets more and more important. FIU sits second in the Conference USA standings with a solid 3-3 record. These two matches can change the tide for the team, as it can either put them above .500 and go up in the standings or bring them to a losing record and could hurt their chance to make the conference tournament.

This Friday, Oct. 17, at 6 p.m. at FIU U.S. Century Bank Arena, the Panthers will face their first opponent: Middle Tennessee, who has a conference record of 2-4 which will be their bye week. They have won their last 2 conference games, which is why they put their conference record below .500. The Blue Raiders have had trouble playing outside of home, as they have a 1-4-4 away record. This is something the Panthers have to take advantage of, since they have shown in the past that they can beat other teams that struggle playing away. From a statistical standpoint, MTSU has been outscored 1005 points to 917 and has struggled on the defensive end as well only recording 971 digs while their opponents have recorded 1017 digs.

The key for FIU to win this match is to score consistently and early because MTSU has shown to be a bad team when playing from behind. They have a record of 1-7 when playing three-set matches. A sweep is the ideal scenario for the Panthers to win this match.

For the Blue Raiders, they need to get out of this losing streak they are going to rely on junior outside hitter Chelsea Ross. With an overall record of 6-14, she is going to be heavily involved in the offense and defense to try to turn their season around. Ross has started every match and leads the team in kills with 327 and blocks with 79. She is also second on her team in digs with 191. It is obvious that she leads the offensive attack and anchors the defense as well.

FIU does the same to have a certain extent with their own junior outside hitter, Carolina Castro. Recently, with some lineup changes the coaching staff has put Castro more to the front so she can focus more on offense. Even though their game styles are slightly different, it is going to be a match-up between Castro and Ross.

The following game is against University of Southern Mississippi on Sunday, Oct. 19, at 1 p.m. They have a conference record of 4-2 and sit two spots ahead of FIU in fifth place in the standings. Compared to MTSU on a statistical standpoint, Southern Mississippi has an impressive overall record of seven perfect games and play well on the road as they have a solid 4-4 away record. As a team, the Golden Eagles have performed at a high rate compared to their opponents. The have outscored their opponents by a large margin of 1133 to 870. On the defensive side, they have recorded more digs with 1192 compared to 956 recorded by their opponents.

For the Golden Eagles, Garcia will be someone the Panthers have to be careful of. As Garcia is a seasoned and experienced player in the past four years. For example, the UG has produced All-SEC players in the past four years. Garcia will be someone the Panthers have to face with caution, given her experience in last year’s tournament. She has a lot of youth in the starting lineup and with youth, mistakes are expected to happen. Expect this game to have many players heavily involved for FIU as they try to keep them at bay.

For FIU to come out on top, they must limit the amount of mistakes they do and set the tone of the match early to keep USM off their game. This task can be difficult for the Panthers due to having a lot of youth in the starting lineup and with youth, mistakes are expected to happen.

Expect this game to have many players heavily involved for FIU as they try to keep them at bay. They have a record of 1-7 when playing three-set matches. A sweep is the ideal scenario for the Panthers to win this match.

Expect this game to have many players heavily involved for FIU as they try to keep them at bay.
SGC-BBC appoint new positions and budgets
ALEX BLENCOWE
Staff Writer
alex.blencoe@fiusm.com

Earlier this week, the Student Government Association appointed new Office of Student Life (OSL) members to various positions in an effort to bring about a positive change in student life. The council asked candidates on their availability and what their future goals for the association are.

Candidates were interviewed for the council positions of press secretary and graduate senator. The council asked candidates for press secretary to define leadership and student input. They defined leadership as a true sense of competition. Members will get an opportunity to engage with elementary, middle and high school students in paired reading sessions and to distribute school supplies to those in need.

It’s about leadership. It’s about giving back to the community,” Berson said. “It’s about networking, because you never know who you’re going to meet in the future.”

The SGC at the Biscayne Bay Campus also approved a $1,200 budget for catering at the Meet Your Dean event on Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 2 p.m. in the Wolfe University Center Ballrooms, which will include vegetarian options.

Jeffrey Berson, president of the Kiwanis Club of North Miami Beach, proposed an alignment with the SGA to recruit students to form a Circle K International club at the University. The Circle K Club will have students meet and attend district conventions throughout the year.

The Homecoming Parade at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus on Saturday, Oct. 18 will have T-shirts, sunglasses and beach balls as giveaways.

Tamiami Pool to host alumni meet for Panthers
JAHREL FRANCIS
Staff Writer
jahrrel.francis@fiusm.com

The Women’s Swimming and Diving team will be hosting their alumni meet at the Tamiami Pool Saturday, Oct. 18, at 11 a.m.

The Homecoming Alumni Intrason squad meet will consist of friendly competition for the Panthers who will be swimming against former students.

The undergraduate swimming team will aim for strong results.

Two teams from the undergraduate roster, made weeks prior to the event, were determined by their abilities.

Based on their expertise they were distributed to either team, having someone of similar skill being placed on the opposite team. This may not have been aimed for fairness, but to gain a true sense of competition.

Alumni will also have another chance to swim and dive in the pool they trained in.

The Intrason squad meets hand-in-hand with Homecoming festivities, falling between the Homecoming Parade on Saturday Oct. 18 at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus and stiff competition at the Homecoming football game following the parade.

The event, previously held at Biscayne Bay Campus Aquatic Center, will be hosted at Tamiami Pool near MMC.

The next competition is Saturday, Oct. 25 in Lake- land, Florida against Florida Southern College. A starting time has not been determined yet.

Panther forecasts upcoming costume climate
RACHEL KEIDA
Staff Writer
rachaelkeida@fiusm.com


As Halloween rears its horrifying head upon us, it seems appropriate to ask: what will you do for Halloween? I took to the Biscayne Bay Campus to find out.

Freshman Addina Hibbert hopes to show off her costume on campus. “I was actually planning on being a cat,” Hibbert said. “I was going to paint my face and have a little pink nose and whiskers. I also want to make cat ears.”

A surprising majority of students named Party City and Michaels as their Halloween costume stores. Sophia Sanchez, a senior studying public relations and marketing, seemed unfazed about the upcoming holiday. “I’m in a sorority so a lot of the Greeks throw different parties each night. I will probably be a vampire, like every year, put some contacts in, two fangs and call it a day.”

Sanchez said she is glad that Halloween has gotten away from the gore, at least for the students that she knows. It has actually become more humorous, less horror show.

It’s in style to dress up like a loofah,” Sanchez said sarcastically. “I have a feeling my costume on campus.

Oscar Ramirez, a senior in secondary education, and Roshanee Amin, a junior studying education, paint crafts at the Dia de la Artesania on Monday, Oct. 6.

Candidate profiles for the council positions of press secretary and graduate senator.

The Women’s Swimming and Diving team will be hosting their alumni meet at the Tamiami Pool Saturday, Oct. 18, at 11 a.m.

The Homecoming Alumni Intrason squad meet will consist of friendly competition for the Panthers who will be swimming against former students.

The undergraduate swimming team will aim for strong results.

Two teams from the undergraduate roster, made weeks prior to the event, were determined by their abilities.

Based on their expertise they were distributed to either team, having someone of similar skill being placed on the opposite team. This may not have been aimed for fairness, but to gain a true sense of competition.

Alumni will also have another chance to swim and dive in the pool they trained in.

The Intrasquad meets hand-in-hand with Homecoming festivities, falling between the Homecoming Parade on Saturday Oct. 18 at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus and stiff competition at the Homecoming football game following the parade.

The event, previously held at Biscayne Bay Campus Aquatic Center, will be hosted at Tamiami Pool near MMC.

The next competition is Saturday, Oct. 25 in Lakeland, Florida against Florida Southern College. A starting time has not been determined.