Rosenberg addresses key issues

In his first board address, president details goals

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Staff Writer

In his first address to the Board of Trustees, University President Mark B. Rosenberg reiterated the need to become more engaged with the local community, as well as becoming a student-centered university.

Rosenberg, the University’s fifth president, addressed the 13-member council and audience members inside the Football Stadium Club at a BOT meeting on Sept. 11. The newly-installed president called for FIU students to be ready to compete in a global economy.

“We are recognizing as we go forward that our students have to compete in a knowledge economy that is characterized by extreme competition,” Rosenberg said. “We must be ready to compete both globally and locally.”

Rosenberg then gave a PowerPoint presentation, detailing the three areas he plans to focus on during his presidency: access, quality and sustainability, an issue he says “continually challenges us.”

Rosenberg’s contract calls for an annual goal setting course for his administration prior to Oct. 15.

Since there will not be a board meeting in October, Rosenberg is scheduled to present a mid-semester report at the November meeting.

New bus shelters generate revenue

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Amid budget reductions, another change came to the University in an effort to generate revenue.

New bus shelters are being built and since they offer space for businesses to advertise, the University will generate some profit from this change.

The bus shelters are a result of a partnership between the University and MSSMedia.

“FIU’s growing transportation system in combination with budget constraints led the University to explore its options with MSSMedia,” said Amy Sherman, the marketing coordinator at MSSMedia.

The Office of Business Services managed the negotiations with MSSMedia. The person in charge was Gregory Bryant, assistant director for business services.

There have been two new bus shelters added to the Modesto Maidique Campus and one to the Engineering Center.

“Plans for two FIU branded bus shelters at the Biscayne Bay Campus are pending construction for this fiscal year,” Bryant said.

According to Bryant, MSSMedia had the experience that FIU needed when it came to improving the University’s transportation.

Currently, MSSMedia has contracts with twelve universities in the United States.

In Florida, FIU will be the second University’s hazing policies before they rush.

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SGA

Effectiveness of special elections still debated

Francisco Maradiaga
Staff Writer

The University Wide Council created the Proud Panther Program Award and set new deadlines for revisions in the finance codes and the constitution.

The Sept. 9 meeting marked the second time the Biscayne Bay and Modesto Maidaquie campuses’ student governments have come together after canceling their August meeting.

One issue that was left over from the last UWC meeting was the status of the elections committee.

Created in July, the committee was entrusted with studying the effectiveness of special elections held in the Spring semester.

It had been suggested by student government members and advisors in the last meeting that special elections should be done away with because the lack of student participation did not justify the money and time put into running the elections.

Senate leaders from both campuses informed the UWC about their concerns regarding the process of special elections.

“Special elections are coming upon us ... I motion that we force [the senate] to create special elections committees,” Anthony Rionda, President, SGC-MMC, said.

The motion was passed unanimously. Rionda told Student Media that the motion was done out of “motivation” to the senate and not as a condemnation.

SGC-MMC Senate Speaker Pro-Tempore Daniela Gonzalez told UWC, page 3
MSSmedia alleviates budget cuts

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For now, future shelters beyond those additions have not been scheduled,” Bryant said.

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New program rewards student involvement

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Student Media that she also did not see the motion as a lambasting of the senate’s effort.

Pressed on the senate’s delay of the initiative, Gonzalez said that sometimes in the senate an issue is resolved fast, and sometimes not so much.

The Proud Panther Program Committee was created in the UWC meeting. Envisioned by Rionda as a way of rewarding involvement, the committee will reward student participation as well as faculty and staff cooperation.

Both senates will be given the power to give out “certificates or pins” in recognition of service. A more detailed vision is surely to come when the committee is actually formulated.

One of the goals of the Rionda administration has been to foster student involvement. The UWC also passed a motion that would change the date the judicial branch must give recommendations to the UWC on changes and improvements to the Student Government Association constitution. “FIU Constitution Day,” as the constitution declared it, was to be held on Sept. 17. However, it will be pushed back to January. No date was specified as the new “FIU Constitution Day” was “deferred by one semester.” The recommendation for this move was proposed by the judicial branch from both campuses.

“A couple of weeks is not enough time,” said SGC-MMC Chief Justice Juan Gil. The process would involve combing the entire document for mistakes or inefficiencies, come up with recommended fixes and then present them. The judicial branch has already found no reference to Robert’s Rules of Order, a set of procedural guides, in the current constitution. The previous version of the constitution explicitly mentioned Robert’s Rules of Order in Article Two, Section C. If mentioned any issues of parliamentary procedure not specifically addressed within the SGA constitution or the SGC bylaws would defer to the RRO as the authority. The chief justices from both campuses told Student Media that there is no real problem with not having RRO mentioned, but that it helps with how efficiently meetings run. As of printing time, the old constitution is up on the SGA Web site in its form section instead of the current version. Sholom Neistein, SGC-BBC president, was not available for comment despite several attempts. A deadline, set for next month’s UWC meeting, was passed to have the University Wide Finance Code ready. The finance codes are procedures SGA must follow in the implementing of Activities and Services fee funds.
Health Center open house offers freebies to students

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The Health Care Center is lost—that's because most students don't know where to find it. But the center will host an open house to let them know where it's located and what services it offers.

According to Pamela McGuinness, a registered nurse at the clinic, an ongoing outreach program indicated that a lot of students didn't know where the clinic was, which is why the center hosts an open house at this time each year.

The open house will take place Sept. 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Wellness Center at the Biscayne Bay Campus.

There will be giveaways, such as tampons and toothbrushes. Free pizza and salad will also be served.

More than 100 students, faculty, staff and campus visitors attend the event every year, McGuinness said. The center’s goal is to increase that number and encourage students to use their free services, which include high blood pressure screenings, preventative health examinations, family-planning consultations, and medical exams for illnesses and injuries.

Though the event has been held for the past nine years, McGuinness said, no matter how many freebies are given, the turnout is the same each year.

“There's always been the question of 'should we do it?'” McGuinness said, referring to the unchanged turnout despite efforts to attract more students. The services at the fair will be offered by the University, participating hospitals and local universities, such as Barry University, which will bring a podiatrist from its School of Podiatric Medicine. The Aventura Hospital will provide a nutritionist and give students personalized consultations.

Everyone on campus will be able to take advantage of free massages, which are also offered throughout the semester at the BBC Fitness Center. The massages will be given by Shari Little, a certified massage therapist at the Wellness Center. The free massages will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis, so students need to sign up as soon as they get there. Each student will receive 10 minutes of complete relaxation.

There will also be a session for diagnosing computer fatigue. According to Elvira Velez, director of health administration at the clinic, a nurse practitioner will go through a series of procedures, like measuring how close students sit to a computer screen. The nurse practitioner will also assess if students are sitting with proper postures, and will provide them with suggestions to improve their conditions, if any.

Even though the event has been advertised with posters and pamphlets highlighting the center’s services, some people don’t feel the need to attend.

“I always feel like it is such a long walk,” said Skyyler Wolland, a senior psychology major.

But some students who are new to the University feel that visiting the center will be beneficial.

“It's awesome that they do this,” said Aldo Perez, an undecided freshman major. “The fact that the Health and Wellness Center is on campus makes it really convenient, especially because I will learn a lot of information.”

Everyone from the center will be at the event, so students will have plenty of people to talk to about their health concerns, McGuinness said.

“The [students] will find out where we are, so in case they really need us, they’ll know where to go,” she said.

Schools offer financial help

Students encouraged to apply for scholarships

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As a result of economic hard times, many students at the University are in desperate need of financial help. Fortunately, there are plenty of scholarship opportunities available.

According to the University’s Scholarship Web site, students must meet the following requirements for all scholarships:

• Be full-time undergraduate students taking at least 12 credits, or graduate students taking nine credits.
• Write a personal essay about educational goals and how the scholarship would help meet those goals.
• Two letters of recommendation from one of a professor and another from an employer, supervisor or professional who can affirm the student’s academic abilities.
• For students in the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, there are many scholarships to choose from, including a financial award for participating in the South Beach Wine and Food Festival, helping on a spring.

The South Beach Wine and Food Festival, an event that showcases the culinary and hospitality skills of both students and invites celebrity chefs, has generated more than $3,500 in scholarship money, according to Jessica Siskind, senior director of development at HM.

The deadlines for all the nursing scholarships are some-time in January, according to Luis Bohorquez, secretary for admissions and student services for the School of Nursing and Health Sciences.

All scholarships in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication have been awarded for the fall and spring semesters, except for the Banana Advertising Corporation Scholarship. According to its application, students must: be enrolled full-time, be fully-admitted advertising majors during the award period, U.S. citizens or permanent residents, juniors or seniors with a cumulative GPA of 3.0, demonstrate financial need, and submit a five-page typed-written essay on "Advertising and the Hispanic Market.”

The scholarship will provide $2,500 for the academic year, and the deadline to apply is Sept. 18.

To date, no one has applied for the scholarship.

“We were really surprised by the low number of applicants,” said Sarah Anderson, senior secretary for the office of student services at the SBMC. “It’s strange, with the need of today, that not enough people are applying.

There are also scholarships available for undergraduate and graduate students in the College of Business Administration.

One scholarship is the Business Ethics Scholarship. Applicants must be undergraduates, U.S. citizens or permanent residents, and have documented community service hours.

The scholarship will award $5,000, and students are able to apply throughout the whole year.

Additional business school scholarships will be available some-time this January. Students can apply for all the scholarships, but will only be awarded one. Students “need to be involved with the school, read their e-mails and get familiar with the [scholarship] Web site,” said Anezka Martinez-Rios, coordinator for administrative services at the College of Business Administration.

For more information, visit the scholarships’ Web sites, or www.fi.u.edu/scholarships.
IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR OPPORTUNITIES, WE HAVE OVER 100,000 MILES OF COASTLINE TO FIND THEM.

You've always known that you were born ready. You take the lead. You go full throttle. You seek out challenges and overcome obstacles. The U.S. Coast Guard is made up of leaders like you. We don't ride wakes; we leave them. If you're ready to get two years' free tuition, medical benefits and a monthly salary of around $2,200, then you might be one of us. Jump in. Visit gocoastguard.com.

Text "Ready" to 36638 and download the mobile Coast Guard game."
For many students, membership in a Greek organization can be a highly rewarding experience. Members often point to the bonds they form in such groups as lifelong friendships and they consider membership an important part of the college experience. However, as incoming freshmen go through the recruitment process, which begins for sororities two weeks ago and for fraternities this week and began for sororities two weeks ago, it is important that they consider both the benefits and drawbacks of membership in such organizations. Impressively, it is vital that they understand both University rules and state law regarding the practice of hazing.

While many fraternity, sorority or other student organization is required to sign a form declaring that their group will not haze, it is still important that students remain aware of the fact that the practice is strictly prohibited. After all, while both underage drinking and hazing go after the thing most near and dear to the hearts of their children.

Some parents saw this as an act of tyranny encroaching the harmony of their household: President Obama meeting with their children in the classroom – the one place their parents can’t protect them from.

Several members of the nation of the youth. Greer said, “As the father of four children, I don’t see what’s wrong with him coming and talking to the kids, trying to give them responsibility and direct them in the right way,” said an 11-year-old attending Pines Middle School.

In fact, some students found more political divisiveness in the criticism than did with the speech. “I don’t think it was politics,” said a senior at Miami Beach Senior High. Told The Miami Herald. “It was something positive. It was him talking from his heart.”

President Obama was not political in his speech. The children did not see politics. I didn’t really see him as a man speaking to the children.

“Terrorists can help. If you have a friend who’s Muslim, it’s OK to know that he might be coming from dawn to dusk, prompting you to avoid waving that Subway sandwich in their face. If you’re going on a first date with an Indian, you might want to pick a restaurant that has good vegetarian options, just in case. They’re not being oppressed or abused into doing, so don’t try to play the hero and demean their culture and religion by suggesting so. Not only do they want to go home and ask their friends what you said to deny you customer service, they’d probably also hijack the next plane you get on. And then, they’ll set the curve really high on your next math assignment.

“We’re not segregating ourselves by our actions and customs. We’re only defining ourselves – just as you are, when you say like KFC, listening to rock music or camping. Reverse it: All the other races are segregating themselves from us by allowing, being monolingual and by shopping at JC Penny. Nebraskans are not members of the Ku Klux Klan, nor is every Muslim man an anti-American terrorist. Cliché as it sounds, the only oversimplified description that is applicable to everyone is that we’re all human.

Obama’s address to students invokes controversy
Comedian Minhaj helps welcome students back to campus

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When Mohammed Oosman, director for the Student Program-
ning Council, saw online videos of Los Angeles based comedian Hasan Minhaj, he knew that the act would be successful in the agenda of FIU’s prestigious National Diversity,“He’s only around our age,” Oosman said. “But he seems very
mature and easy to talk to.”

INTERVIEW

\[senior Sarah Usman and freshman Minhaj will be performing
at FIU? What was your favorite
moment at FIU?\]

A: It was great. I think it was when I first started getting paid to
work at major clubs at San Francisco. That’s when I realized that I could
maybe start doing comedy full time and really transition it into being a
full-time comedian.

Q: Is there anything you have to
say to our aspiring comedians here
at FIU?

A: Write and perform, as much as you can. That’s it. Nothing else can
replace stage time. Watch the comedians you like and figure out what it is
that you like about them.

Q: Try to see what gives them their
unique voice and perspective, and
then focus on your unique voice and
perspective. Stand-ups do well when
the audience – even if they don’t
grow from there.

Q: When was your big break?
A: It was gradual. I think it was when I couldn’t make the high school
basketball team, and was cut year after year. A friend of mine showed me
a Chris Rock DVD called Never
Scared, and that’s when I knew I
wanted to try standup. I started doing
open mics. I kept writing and it just
grew from there.

Q: Q: What was your favorite
thing much more. Netflix’s
“Watch Instantly” feature has
become the go-to argument
for those who think physical media, like Sony’s Blu-Ray
technology, will be trampled by
high definition video streaming
services and, to an extent, this
is true. As of now, the service is out
of beta for both Windows and
Mac, and is now avail-
able on a handful of
Blu-Ray players. One of its most
notable accolades occurred recently, when
the company signed on
with Microsoft to exclu-
sively support the Xbox
360 gaming console, a move
that looks to use HD streaming
as a way to compete with Sony’s
PlayStation 3 and its excellent
Blu-Ray support.

As far as the technology is
involved, Netflix’s online
service is great. Depending on
your internet speed, the service
will stream any of its available
titles straight to your TV in high
definition. There is a catch though: most of these titles are complete
garbage. Currently the service fails
to maintain a consistent library
of good content. Popular TV shows
like “Heroes” and some movies are usually available to
stream instantly – but only for a
limited time.

Netflix is much like a $3.99
buffet located in the tail end of
an aging strip mall. It doesn’t
cost that much, and you’re likely
to find a few tasty dishes, but,
in the end, you’ll leave feeling
bogusted and wonder why you are there in the
first place. The only difference
is you’ll be back for more.

Though the service is littered
with terrible content (like low-
budget documentaries and the
total catalog of “Larry the
Cable Guy”) that hasn’t
stopped me from exploring Netflix’s
online content. It’s this “simply
because I can” attitude that
has led me to loving every bit
of this service no matter how
shockingly awful some of the
movies on it are.

The idea behind this whole
system outweighs the terrible
movies that currently reside on
it. Netflix has shown us that the concept of streaming high
definition content on demand anywhere with an internet
connection can happen, and it
will work well.

The idea of not having any
digital media is a daunting
one, and a few years ago I
couldn’t see myself thinking
that my endless DVD collec-
tion would be replaced by some
set-top box and an internet
connection. But, as Bob Dylan
wisely said, “the times they are
a-changin’.”

Some argue that the Blu-Ray
format is the ultimate in sound
and video quality. But, as the
amount of bandwidth that end
users have access to increases,
there is no reason HD content
can’t catch up to that quality.

Depending on the internet
speed, HD videos are currently
being streamed at “slightly better
than DVD quality” according to a review of the
service written by the popular
tech blog, Gizmodo.

One thing to note is that
Netflix is expanding its instant
view library daily. It has secured
the rights to stream content aired on premium cable
movie channels like Starz, and
continues to add great movies –
both old and new.

The revolution of streaming
content began with YouTube
and will ultimately end with
100 percent of all television and
film content being avail-
able for instant viewing over
the internet.

A few years from now
when our TVs are connected
to internet modems rather than
satellite dishes or cable boxes,
we will be looking at Netflix as
one of the pioneers behind our
new TV experience.
Multicultural groups share core values

AMANDA BATECHOR Staff Writer

If you missed Pan-hellenic sorority recruitment or are not interested in the opportunities offered by the Interfraternal Council’s fraternity rush week, you still have a chance to go Greek this year. The members of the National Pan-hellenic Council and the Multicultural Greek Council recruit members all year long.

While all of these organizations were founded upon a certain ethnicity, you do not have to be of that particular race or ethnicity to join, but rather share the same values as the members of the organization. In fact, many students join these organizations because of this reason primarily.

“Alpha Phi Alpha is a fraternity of excellence, and the same morals that I was raised on are what the aims of the fraternity are which are mainly, scholarship and love for all mankind. I wanted to surround myself with men that were looking to make a difference in the community and would hold me accountable if I would fall astray,” said Ricardo Ramirez, who is Hispanic and a brother of Alpha Phi Alpha, Fraternity Inc.

While many may feel apprehensive about joining an organization where they feel everyone is different than them, many of those who have joined in that circumstance have stated that they actually have benefited from it.

“I actually have not ever felt like I was an outcast, all my brothers and graduate brothers have treated me just like any other. I would say that I’ve made a little less under the microscope than a regular member but if anything I have gotten more positive attention because I stand out when I do work. Alpha Phi Alpha became interracial in 1954 so there has been 50-plus years of non-African American men joining,” Ramirez said.

On the other hand, Estrella Morejon, a senior and journalism major feels like she wouldn’t go Greek for the simple reason that she doesn’t feel she would have enough time for school and a normal social life while having to be active in any sorority. However, as a Hispanic she feels there would be some benefit from joining a Hispanic sorority.

“I think joining a Hispanic sorority for me would be something positive because I would have people who understand me and have similar issues, and it would work well as a support system,” Morejon said.

If you are interested in joining or learning more about one of these organizations, most of them have informational sessions or “informationals” coming up at the end of the month.

Both MGC and NFHC want students interested to approach them and come out to their events, support their causes and make an attempt to get to know the current members of their organizations.

Several organizations stated that they let people know about upcoming informations usually by word of mouth when a student shows interest in their organization. “I’ve always been skeptical about joining a fraternity. In the past few years while attending Miami-Dade College, I considered the possibility of going greek once I got to FIU, but I didn’t have a clear understanding of what a fraternity is all about. I am going to an informational at the end of the month. I won’t say yes or no – and I’ve looked a little bit into other fraternities as well, so maybe I will go to another organization’s informational at some point and see what they’re all about,” said Kevin Rojas, a junior and criminal justice major.

“At the end of the day, I’m looking for a fraternity where I can do some good and maybe make a difference. Stay tuned.”

TATUFE ARTIST PROFESSOR HOLDS COLLEGES, STUDENTS IN HIGH REGARD

NATALIE LEVY Staff Writer

Anyone who has ever managed to wander out to the sculpture and ceramics compound across the street from the baseball stadium probably knows who R.F. Buckley is. Standing at 6 feet 5 inches tall, he’s very hard to miss. He has been teaching and sculpting at FIU for 32 years.

After teaching for seven years at Washington University in St. Louis, he came to FIU and hasn’t left since.

“It was a totally different place. We worked on the old ‘bully system, everybody knew everybody. And everybody was new and young and excited. On the other hand, we didn’t have anything. We were working on shoe string,” he said.

Down at the sculpture building, which was originally built by the C.A. Professor Buckley is constantly building, experimenting, working with aluminum, plaster and glass. “It’s no surprise when talking to him that he went into one of the most physically demanding fields in the art world, that his inclination toward sculpting came in part from his upbringing.

There was a tendency in the family,” said Buckley. He grew up with two older brothers involved in art, one who graduated from art school. His grandfather was a blacksmith, his father a machinist.

“Genetically, what kind of choices did I have? I’m a very taciturn person. I relate to materials.”

What might strike you most when talking with Buckley isn’t his height, it isn’t the increasingly straightforward manner about him, or even the cut- in-half sneaker he’s taken to wearing while healing from foot surgery, it’s what he says - about his job, his art, his students and his school.

“I’ve just had a great time. I’ve been here a long while and it’s been nice because the University has supported my creativity, it’s not always like that. They respect my time, like the whole art department is respected. That’s why so many of us are still here.”

By most people’s standards, Prof. Buckley is not the coolest man in the world.

In interviews and in the classroom, he doesn’t sugar coat his criticism. Yet his blunt nature shouldn’t be mistaken for discontent. He is a man who truly loves his job.

“There are too many people who are just miserable with their jobs and, boy, that has never been the case for me. I could have fallen into some real snake pits, hell on wheels, but I feel really blessed that I got the opportunity to make my art here with a bunch of people who are just enjoyable to work with. I don’t think there’s anyone on the art faculty that doesn’t enjoy coming here in the morning. They’ve taken good care of me here, I’ll try to take good care of them,” Buckley said.

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This Week On Campus

MONDAY, SEPT. 14
Praksha Meditation
Get centered with this club meeting!
WHERE: 4 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 314
Bahamian Student Organization
Bahamian student holding the name of the game.
WHERE: 3 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 340
Muslim Students Association
Celebrate Ramadan with friends!
WHERE: 6 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC Cafeteria
Caribbean Student Association
Network with fellow students by playing Jenga at this event!
WHERE: 7 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 243
College Democrats
The topic of politics is not all about the game!
WHERE: 7 p.m.
HOW MUCH: $3
WHERE: GC 305
Jared Mary Jane Mondays
Wine down with music and ambiance
WHERE: 8 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: Jared
French Club
Enjoy a movie by the very unique film makers of France!
WHERE: 7 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 125
AFOBETTA SESSIONS
A film that expresses themselves through the arts
WHERE: 3:45 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 106
Black Student Union
Watch a movie and discuss issues!
WHERE: 8 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC Ballroom
Student Occupational Therapy
Suffering from burn-out?
WHERE: 9 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC Table 36
CAMPUS BIBLE FELLOWSHIP
Show your devotion and solidarity
WHERE: 7:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 150
Unite @ FIU
Be a part of a charitable joining a fraternity!
WHERE: 5 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 314
GSA General Meeting
Graduate students discuss success with this meeting
WHERE: 1:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 150
Black Graduate Student Association
Come here to discord opportunities for advancement!
WHERE: 12:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 314
Alpha Phi Alpha
BLOOD DRIVE
Donate and save a life at this drive!
WHERE: GC 140
Shelley Bengt
Enjoy a performance by the world renowned performers.
WHERE: 9 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: Van Dyke Cafe
Tuesday, Sept. 15
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16
Thursday, Sept. 17
S Busy Student
Come here to discuss opportunities for advancement!
WHERE: 12:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 140
Italian Club-General Meeting
Meet other colorful personalities at this event!
WHERE: 3 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 140
No Brainer
Join those Divas as an early start to the weekend!
WHERE: 10 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: PS 14
Dance Marathon
Help and spread a good cause.
WHERE: 2:10 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 140
Italian Club-General Meeting
Meet other colorful personalities at this event!
WHERE: 3 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 140
Buckley
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AMANDA BATCHELOR  
Staff Writer

If you are a male student looking for some fun, while also gaining or extending leadership, athletic and other skills, joining a fraternity might be a perfect fit for you.

The Interfraternity Council’s rush week will start Sept. 14 and end Sept. 18.

Each day, these fraternities will have separate events, some on and some off campus.

You may choose which events you would like to go to, and you can go to as many different fraternities’ events as you would like. Choose wisely because many of the events are around the same time.

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On Sept. 23, The Beacon will release its Fall arts preview. Here is a brief rundown of a few of the events you can read about in that issue, and attend later this semester.

SONIA FLEW

A play by Melinda Lopez, directed by Jennifer Smith. Sonia Flew will run Sept. 24 until Oct. 4 at 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and at 2 p.m. on Sundays.

“Sonia has been hiding a secret while living quietly as a wife and mother in a Midwestern suburb until her son suddenly triggers the memories of her past and her painful recollections are forced to resurface.

“Sonia has spent her life trying to forget what her parents did to her, holding onto an unforgiving resentment against them. Now as a parent, Sonia can begin to understand why they did what they did,” according to the theater department.

The play stars Victoria Collado as Sonia and David Gallegos as Daniel. Tickets are $12 for general admission and $8 for seniors, FIU faculty, staff, alumni and students.

CMENC BENEFIT CONCERT (OCT. 2)

This concert for “The Grant for Music in Need” was created by the students of the Collegiate Music Educators National Conference.

The FIU chapter has been named a Chapter of Excellence in a conference that consists of 130,000 members. The FIU chapter is one of three to be given such a title.

The concert will play at the Wertheim Performing Arts Center Concert Hall at 8 p.m. So far, CMENC has given away about $2,500 for instruments to local elementary schools.

THE 23RD ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE TREES (NOV. 12)

This year’s Festival of the Trees, presented by FIU Interior Design, will be held in the Coverings Showroom, north of the Miami Design District at 6:30 p.m. The festival features various creatively designed holiday trees by several different artists.

The Festival of the Trees attracts hundreds of guests every year, who, in addition to bidding in a silent auction for trees, have the opportunity to vote on the winning entry.

Tickets will be $45 and go on sale Sept. 1. For more information on the Festival of the Trees call (305) 348-0496.

MISTER’S MYSTERY ART SHOW (DEC. 3)

Presented by the FIU College of Architecture and the Arts, this years MMAS will take place at the Ritz-Carlton South Beach and features more than 1,500 original postcards created by hundreds of artists from around the world.

Each 6-by-9 card is sold at $50 a piece, regardless of who the artist is and it is not until the end of the event that the artist is revealed. Organized to benefit the Master of Fine Arts in Visual Arts program at FIU, the MMAS first took place in 2004 with 1,000 pieces by more than 500 artists and celebrities and raised $20,000.

The 2009 edition promises to be bigger and better. For more information call (305) 348-0496 or visit www.mastermystery.com.

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First half goals put team in hole; comeback falls short

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Entering this season, the Golden Panthers men’s soccer team had 10 new players added to the roster. But before their matchup vs. the Stetson Hatters, Coach Munguia Ektebi had to make some unexpected changes to the roster.

“What did not help were the injuries,” Ektebi said. “We had to change the lineup right before kick off.”

He set up the lineup with only two substitutions at bench.

“We are in a tough situation, we are realistically playing with 12 healthy players, we have guys that are hurt that have to play because they don’t have a choice,” Ektebi said.

The Golden Panthers have been losing starting players and it has created chaos for the team. With a thin roster, Stetson was able to make last minute substitutions at bench.

“The Hatters had a 2-0 at the half. In the 64th minute, Sebastian Frings put the Golden Panthers on the board with an unassisted goal. Stetson then followed it up with a goal a minute after to make the score 3-1. “We had guys in different positions, we weren’t able to cope with the change at first. We stepped it up during the second half after the half time speech,” Frings said. “We woke up and stepped it up, and we decided to put more pressure as comparison to the first half. We were pressuring back and a bit lost. Then we got more confidence and pushed more on their side of the half and we then counter-attacked and got some goals.”

With just eight minutes left in the game, defender Marcos Deoliveira made the score 3-2 with a header which came his way after a missed penalty kick by Diego Tamburus.

“All once gave me space I just took advantage of it. I just met the ball and put it in the net,” Deoliveira said.

He and the rest of the Golden Panthers adjusted rapidly to changes with the last-minute lineup in the second half.

“We picked up once we were able to do a quick one, two in the middle, regardless of their speed against us,” Ektebi said.

Frings tried hard to set a positive outlook on the scoreboard for his team.

“I tried to change the results to win the game in the end, at least tie. As a team we wanted to do something, but we just didn’t watch the other team, we were watching ourselves and if you do not watch the other team then you will get scored on.”

Regardless of Hobbs’ unexpected injury, Frings believes that the team could have attacked more.

“Anthony Hobbs is a very important player to us, when he’s not there it just doesn’t feel as safe in the defense. It is not just defense that makes the team, it’s everyone,” he said.

Even though the team is going through multiple obstacles, the Golden Panthers as a team pulled it together in the second half by scoring two goals against the Hatters.

In the last 10 minutes, multiple shots on goals were made by Christian Dominquez and the Golden Panthers had 10 saves.

“But, hey, at the end of the day we have to learn how to deal with it; that is part of the game,” Ektebi said. “I just hope they get healthy soon.”

Season opener vs. Alabama

serves as confidence booster

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Perry’s first carry of the season. The realists looked like genius. But then things started to turn around a bit. On third and 21, Paul McCall hit a streaking Greg Ellingson for a 60-yard first down.

You started to see a little bit of why Alabama head coach Nick Saban said he wasn’t confident coming into this game.

WU went three and out upon coming back from the timeout, but you saw some chinks in the No. 4 team’s armor.

CONFIDENCE

Football is a game where confidence plays a big part. You have to be confident that the guy next to you will hit his gap, stay on his assignment, or hold his block, because if you can’t be confident in that, there’s no point in doing your job, because you are going to get embarrassed by the guy across from you anyway.

But once confidence starts building, it perpetuates itself. The guy next to you picks you up on a play you miss, and you start to truly believe in your team. No amount of pre-game film studying or fiery speeches can compare to the confidence of knowing you can hold your own against anyone.

When the Crimson Tide went down the field again and scored on their next possession, FIU’s main playmaker did what he does best. T.V. Hilton told his teammates, “Don’t worry, this one’s on me” and then proceeded to take the ensuing kick off to the house for the second kickoff return touchdown of his career. A player like T.V. can help a team build confidence in a hurry.

Even though Alabama scored again on that drive, the defense once again stood up in the red zone and kept them to three. Now FIU had a chance to take the lead again of one of the best teams in the country.

In front of 92,012 screaming Bear Bryant disciples, quarterback Paul McCull calmy took his team down the field showing poise in the face of a massive pass rush from Alabama’s equally massive defensive line. McCull took his shots and completed five passes on the drive, capped by a 9-yard touchdown pass to Ellingson, his third in his last five games dating back to last season.

At a time when FIU should have been falling apart, they came together to take a stunning 14-13 lead, helped in part by a costly third down pass interference by Alabama.

Remember what a realist you were before the game? That went completely out of the window. You started to believe maybe the FIU could pull off the biggest win in program history and one of the biggest upsets in recent college football history.

SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO

Of course, FIU ended up losing by 26 points, and was pretty much completely dominated from the beginning of the second half on. The realist in you was right, of course. But confidence doesn’t stop building just because your opponent started to impose its massive will.

FIU wasn’t going to win this game, but to be able to come out in the first half and give all Alabama could handle for 30 minutes is a huge confidence booster.

Coach Mario Cristobal might not believe in paying lip service to moral victories, but every single player on the FIU sideline saw before their eyes that they could play in one of the toughest environments in college football against one of the best teams and more than hold their own.

That has to count for something. Going into next week’s matchup against Rutgers, FIU will be ready to walk into the newly renovated Rutgers Stadium and give another BCS team all it can handle. Maybe this time a more confident FIU will be able to pull off the upset they flirted every so briefly with in Tuscaloosa.

No matter what happens, this realist’s view of this team is starting to change for the better.
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Two of her team-best 17 kills helped give the Golden Panthers another 26-24 set victory.

The third set saw the Golden Panthers begin to break away from the Hurricanes.

Things were going well until midway through the set, when Rosa injured her hand and had to sit out the rest of the game. Despite her absence, the rest of the team pushed forward and went on to seal a 25-17 third set victory. FIU couldn’t find a rhythm as the Golden Panthers pulled away.

After Alabama kicked a field goal and McElroy hit Mike McCoy on a 24-yard touchdown reception on consecutive possessions to start the game, the Golden Panthers scored for a while, but FSU proved to be too much as they rolled on and the Great Danes wore on and the Great Danes couldn’t recover. The second set was the Golden Panthers who jumped out to a 14-5 lead.

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The Seminoles struggled to find a rhythm as the fourth set began, and the Seminoles took advantage, jumping out to a 14-5 lead. FSU was never able to recover and dropped the final set 25-12 as Florida State snapped the Golden Panthers’ five-game winning streak.

According to Tomic, one of the main issues for the team was the number of errors made throughout the match, including 11 service errors and 25 attack errors.

“We made so many unforced errors,” Tomic said. “You can’t beat teams like FSU making so many unforced errors, starting with serving.”

VICTORIA LYNCH/THE BEACON

McCall was sacked five times on the game and hurried many others.

In the second half, the Crimson Tide relied on defensive tackles Terrance Cody, Marcell Dareus, and Lorenzo Washington to step up their pressure on the FIU signal caller.

“That’s my fault, my eyes came down from the coverage and I was looking at things I didn’t need to look at,” McCall said. “That’s inexcusable, and it hurt the team tonight.”

McCall also noted that the push was more intense from Alabama’s defensive line, one that FIU coach Mario Cristobal said came out in the second half playing a lot better.

“We were doing a better job getting after him,” Cristobal said. “They were doing a good job at bringing an extra guy underneath in the box and playing the run game as well.”

The Golden Panthers had just 56 rushing yards on offense, and couldn’t regain the momentum they attained in the second half.

“We can play with the big dogs,” wide receiver Greg Ellington said. “But today they executed better than we did.”

FIU 3, AUBURN 1

The Golden Panthers remained undefeated at home with a four-set win over the Alabama Great Danes Friday to improve their record to 7-1 on Sept. 11 at the U.S. Century Bank Arena.

FIU got off to a fast start and never looked back on their way to a 25-17 first set win.

The Great Danes came out firing in the second set and were able to gain an edge early in the set after a flat start by FIU.

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led by Trent Richardson, who finished with 119 yards on 15 carries. Richardson was helped by Ingram, Terry Grant, Demetris Goode and Roy Upchurch, a group of backs who helped Alabama finish with an average of 6.5 yards per carry.

Alabama quarterback Greg McElroy passed for 241 yards and a touchdown and at one point had 14 straight completions, a Crimson Tide record. Golden Panthers’ quarterback Paul McCall threw for 189 yards and a touchdown, but relentless pressure from the Crimson Tide defense helped hold the FIU offense scoreless in the second half.

“It’s nice to put up point against a defense like that,” McCall said. “Three quarters of a game is not going to do it. You don’t get to many opportunities to play the No. 4 team in the nation and actually get shots like they gave us tonight.”

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“We lost to a better team right now,” Tomic said after the loss. “No matter who you play, you can compete and I don’t think we did.”

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The Seminoles evened the match with a 25-21 second set victory. FIU couldn’t find an answer for Mira Djuric, who led the Seminoles with 16 kills.

In the third set, the Seminoles managed to break through and build an 18-10 lead. The Seminoles stifled any attempt by FIU to mount a comeback, and took the third set 25-17.

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EARLY RETURNS

Despite first half lead, Alabama rolls to victory

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Tuscaloosa, Ala. — Alabama running back Mark Ingram endured flu-like symptoms all week leading up to Saturday’s matchup against FIU. The reigning Southeastern Conference player of the week could not start the game due to the illness, leaving Alabama without one of its main explosive offensive players.

The Crimson Tide compensated by turning to a five-man rotation at the position, and ran for nearly 300 yards en route to defeating the Golden Panthers 40-14 on Sept. 12 at Bryant-Denny Stadium.

The punishing attack was

ROLLING RUMBLE:

Paul McCall (12) bobbles the first snap against Alabama on Sept. 12 at Tuscaloosa, Ala. He gained 189 yards in the air with one touchdown.

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Golden Panthers win two out of three; star player injured

JOEL DELGADO
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As soon as the Golden Panthers’ volleyball team got their three-time All-American back from a leg injury, Yarimar Rosa dislocated her pinky in the third set of the home opener.

FIU still managed to win two of three games during the FIU/UM Invitational from Sept. 10-12. No. 22 FSU was the only team to defeat FIU during the FIU/UM Invitational.

Golden Panthers give fans hope for strong season

A t 6:59 you were a realist. It was too much for a team made up of so many young players to do the impossible.

As Alabama was marching down the field, you knew you were right. The Crimson Tide was imposing its will on a smaller FIU.

The team fought back, but the Hurricanes managed to hang on to a slim lead for most of the first set.

That changed late in the match when a kill by Vergun put the Golden Panthers ahead 24-23).

Although UM managed to tie, FIU took the first set 26-24.

At the beginning it was really stressful for the whole team,” senior Olga Vergun said. “It was a big crowd and we were kind of stressed. But then as the game went on we relaxed.”

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