Rosenberg addresses key issues

In his first board address, president details goals

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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 attend the August meeting.

Golden Panthers fall short against No. 4 Alabama

SPOTLIGHT

WELCOME TO MIAMI

I’M IN FIU ... TRICK:
Chart topping artist LMFAO performed to more than 1,000 people outside the FIJI House on Sept. 9.

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Effectiveness of special elections still debated

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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 Maidique 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 that not much had been done with this initiative.

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

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

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
**MSSmedia alleviates budget cuts**

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Business services will coordinate the build-out of the shelters and manage the contract as a whole,” Bryant said. According to Sherman and Bryant, FIU’s partner-ship with MSSmedia is currently contracted to last five years but the contract can be renewed at any time, if need be.

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**NEW ON CAMPUS**

There are new bus shelter at both Modesto Maidique Campus and the Engineering Center. New ones for Boca Bay Campus are on the way.

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**Programs get spared from being cut**

Factors such as decreasing population growth, unemployment that is higher than the U.S. average and less consumer confidence affect the state’s general revenue. Yet, Rosenberg was undeterred.

“We’ve been through this before, those of us who love Florida understand that it goes through these ‘booms and busts’ cycles and we are going through one of those,” Rosenberg said in an interview with Student Media. “Out of these cycles some great opportunities.”

Jessel understands this financial situation; he and I have spent a lot of time in Tallahassee understanding this financial situation,” said Rosenberg, who before becoming president was head of the Florida Public University System.

Rosenberg also said more money will be spent on infrastructure for the University in order to better serve the student body.

“We currently have $220 million dollars reserved over the next four years in new infra-structure spending, so you’ll be seeing a lot more development soon,” he said. “But our student needs are insatiable and we know we have to do better ... particularly in the area of service to our students, that’s very important.”

While the operating budget was discussed, the board did not discuss the future of four popular degree programs which were spared from being cut during the last full board meeting.

During the December 12 meeting, the trustees unanimously voted to allow the administration, until the next board meeting, to present an alternative budget that would allow the programs to survive, as well as give former President Modesto Maidique and Rosenberg time to look for donors for the programs.

The four programs that were saved were:

- Recreational SportManage-ment, B.S.
- Recreational SportManage-ment, M.S.
- Athletic Training Educa-tion, M.S.
- Religious Studies Program, B.A.

According to Elizabeth Perez, a spokesperson for the Religious Studies Depart-ment, the program will have enough funding for the 2009-2010 school year, but next fall the programs will be put up to vote once again.

“All depends on our fund-raising effort,” Perez said.

The department is looking for an important boost from the Dalai Lama, who will be visiting FIU in the spring to raise funds for the program.

Back in June, the Tibetan spiritual leader donated $100,000 to the department and even wrote a letter to then-President Maidique to keep the program.

So far, the board has not received a response on the fate of the four programs.

“The administration is still working on those programs,” said new BOT Chairman Albert Donzis. “We have not gotten a definitive answer on those yet ... they are still being looked at by the administration and when they bring something to us, we will take a look at it.”

According to Donzis, he is not sure when the report by administration will be ready.

Donzis replaced former Chairman David Parker.
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. It 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.

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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 Web site, students must meet the following requirements for all scholarships:
• Have and maintain a 3.0 GPA.
• Be full-time undergraduates studying 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.
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“Providing scholarships is very important to the school,” Sikand said.

Those interested in applying for scholarships within the school must submit their applications by the first week of the semester, according to Virginia R. Rogers, budget manager in HM. Students in the School of Nursing and Health Science can apply for the Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Florida Nursing Scholarship. To be eligible, applicants must be graduate nursing students with at least a 3.0 GPA. Nursing students can also apply for the Hedy Blanchard Nursing Scholarship. To be eligible, applicants must be undergraduate students, demonstrate economic need and have at least a 3.0 GPA.

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 Nursing and Mass Communication have been awarded for the fall and spring semesters, except for the Carter 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 essay written 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 undergrad- uate and graduate students in the College of Business Administration.

One scholarship is the Business Ethics Scholarship. Applicants must be undergraduate students, 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 scholar- ships 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, read their e-mails and get familiar with the [scholarship] Web site,” said Anezka Martinez-Rios, coordinator for administrative services at the College of Busi- ness Administration.

For more information, visit the school’s Web site, or www.fiu.edu/scholarships

STUDENT LIFE

BISCAYNE BAY CAMPUS

“Erasing Hate” discussion on campus

The Office of Campus Life and Orienta- tion will present “Erasing Hate: A Com- munity Discussion,” on Sept. 15 from 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in room 155 at the Wolfe University Center.

The lecture is free to students, and lunch will be provided.

For more information, call 305.919.5804.

Mega Career Week

The Office of Career Services will host a Mega Career Week, from Sept. 14 to Sept. 18. Informational sessions will take place everyday, with topics such as resume writing, interviewing skills and job search strategies.

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REMEMBRANCE: The Rev. Danny Joffredo from the Miami Shores Presbyterian Church leads students and faculty in a moment of silence and prayer for the victims of 9/11. The vigil was part of Involvement Week’s Festival of Faith in Panther Square on Sept 11.
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The fine line between stereotypes and racism

Assumption aren’t always bad

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“You people segregate yourself,” said my psychology professor. As much as I respect the fact that said educator must have had to intensely observe the human condition for a long time to get tenure, I’m going to have to question the validity of this statement when the entire Asian race was referred to as “you people” (coupled with an exaggerated expression).

I don’t think my “people” – Indians – ever had time to give a decent counter-argument to this, considering the fact that we’re too far too busy performing yogie headstands, sacrificing goats, worshiping cows, solving calculus problems for fun, being valedictorians, being socially awkward, being oppressed, being terrorists, crying over A-Minuses, charming snakes and planning the arranged marriages we’re forced into.

We don’t all sound like Jackie Chan and we don’t all walk a 942-K-E-Mara-V and have a Ph.D. as Apu Nahasapeemapetilan from “The Simpsons.” Our names might be just as hard to spell, though.

Stereotyping is defined as an oversimplification of a culture, a race or class. Even though there’s a negative connotation attached to it, it’s not always bad. We just have to know the difference between being offensive and considerate.

FIU takes pride in being one of the most diverse schools in the nation. Don’t stereotypes can help. If you have a friend who’s Muslim, it’s OK to know that they 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, 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 parents to call 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 mathassignment.

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, dating, being monolingual and by shopping at JC Penny.

Students of our country, who now, before you unintentionally insult your bisexaul immigrant CEO?

Stereotyping isn’t being racist until the stereotype becomes an obstacle in some-one’s life.

I don’t think your friend would be offended if you assumed they danced well because they’re Hispanic, but they probably wouldn’t be as happy when you asked them if they’re an illegal immigrant who just learned English.

Obama’s address to students invokes controversy

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It was around 15 minutes of captivity for the children.

Students of our country, who have yet to find their skills, their passions and their personalities were welcomed back to school through a nationally broadcast speech spoken by the president.

From that high school gymnasium, President Obama spoke to everyone: from the young kindergartners to the senior citizens on the campus of adulthood and every student in between.

And the students listened, nodded and giggled toward the suggestion of not spending “every waking hour in front of the TV or with that Xbox.”

The speech was a plea for the children to find their skills, talents and loves. And throughout the speech the president’s speech no childrenishes at the television set, nor did any high-schooler disrupt the assembly to shout, “You lie!”

But there’s another side to the story – the outrage that a man standing as a political foe would go after the thing most near and dear to 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 am absolutely appalled that taxpayer dollars are being used to spread President Obama’s socialist ideology.”

So if Obama is guilty of pulling a Clockwork Orange on the young and impressionable souls of our school system, what happened in the past, some of which have resulted in such tragedies. However, students must remain aware of the rules to ensure that this practice is strictly prohibited.

At FIU, students who undergo the recruitment process should feel confident that the University and its organizations have all taken a public position against and fully opposed it. Nevertheless, students should be aware of their rights as well.

Concurrently, officers of all student organizations need to remain committed to ensuring that events like those at the University of Nebraska never occur at FIU.

Winning or Losing

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President Obama, in an internal fuel, sped for 2 years until the meet of a public health option. The president gave pass on when he and made sure the House of Representatives was still wide.

S.C. Rep. Wilson made a name for herself during President Obama’s healthcare speech when Wilson shouted “You lie!” Wilson has since apologized to the president, but not to her mother, because she thought it better than that.

The current national poverty rate in the US, a 7.2% increase from 2008.
Netflix’s online streaming service struggles to deliver quality titles

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 biased 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 entire 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 can work well.

The idea of not having any physical media is a daunting one, and a few years ago I couldn’t see myself thinking that my endless DVD collection 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 available 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 BATECHORL 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, leadership 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’m a little more 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 those interested to approach them and come out to their events, support their cause and make an attempt to get to know the current members of their organizations.

Several organizations stated that they let people know about upcoming informationals 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 and 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.”

Longtime art professor holds colleagues, 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 oil buddy 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 shoestrings,” he said.

Down at the sculpture building, which was originally built by the CIA, 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 tactile 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 has been respected. That’s why so many of us are still here.”

By most people’s standards, Prof. Buckley is not the cuddliest 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 disinterest. 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.
Bevy of activities planned for rush week

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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.

The previous week these fraternities will be tabling in the Graham Center and passing out fliers of their events for the week.

The fraternities in IFC are Beta Theta Pi, Lambda Chi Alpha, Delta Lambda Phi, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Sigma Kappa, Pi Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Alpha Mu, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and Tau Kappa Epsilon. They hold rush week in the fall, spring and summer.

Some of the fraternity events are Pi Kappa Alpha’s Pig Roast on Sept. 14 at 8 p.m., which will be held at the PIE K house.

“This is a great opportunity to meet our gentlemen in a casual atmosphere as well as take a tour of the house,” said Daniel Ybanez, vice president of recruitment for Pi Kappa Alpha.

Beta Theta Pi will host a barbecue Sept. 14 in the Betty Chapman Plaza from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. They will also have a laser tag event Sept. 15 from 9 p.m. to 12 p.m. in front of the GC Ballrooms.

Each fraternity will have events similar to these throughout the week up until Friday.

Lambda Chi Alpha will be hosting a Niteflow Paint Party from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Housing Quad. On Tuesday they will be hosting a chili cook-off at the same time in the same location.

Most fraternities suggest coming to as many events as possible for the one fraternity that you are especially interested in, so more brothers are able to meet you.

This way you will be more likely to receive a bid into becoming a pledge for that fraternity and, eventually, get initiated after learning more about the brotherhood and participating in things such as community service events.

As a pledge you will also participate in fun activities, like sorority mixers.

There are also fraternities who are members of the Multicultural Greek Council and National Pan-Hellenic Council.

Most of these organizations recruit members all year long, and they will also be tabling the first few weeks of school, so you will be able to talk with brothers in person.

If you are interested in learning more about any of these fraternities or any others that are members of IFC, MGC, or NPHC, visit www.fiu.edu/~greeks where you can read a little bit about each fraternity, view pictures and get linked to their local Web site and see what they’re all about.

Disclaimer: The Beacon does not endorse any Greek organization and the aforementioned events were chosen by the author.

FIU ARTS PREVIEW

Upcoming preview to showcase University’s premiere arts events

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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 on to 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. The FIU chapter has been named a Chapter of Excellence in a conference.

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 event 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.

MASTER’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.

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Season opener vs. Alabama serves as confidence booster

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Ferry’s first carry of the season. The running backs looked like geniuses. But then the first carry failed on a 2-yard run on the second play of the game, and the offense was never able to get going. On third and 1, Paul McCullar hit a streaking Greg Ellingson after a 40-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 week. FIU went three and out upon coming back from the timeout, and 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 up on a play you didn’t, 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.Y. Hilton told his teammates, “Don’t worry, we’re going to come back out here and repeat this performance.”

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

“Once they 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.

“Once we were in the game, we felt like we could do a quick one, two in the middle, regardless of their speed against us,” Deoliveira said.

Friggs 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, Friggs 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 Dominguez and the Golden Panthers had 10 new players added to the roster.

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 Munga Eketebi had to make some unexpected changes to the roster.

“What did not help were the injuries,” Eketebi 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,” Eketebi said.

The Golden Panthers have been losing starting players and it has created chaos for the team. With a thin roster, Stetson head coach Munga Eketebi had to make some changes in their lineup.

“Even though the team is going through some chinks in the No. 4 team’s armor. The realist in you 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 so ever briefly with in Tuscaloosa.

No matter what happens, this realist’s view of this team is starting to change for the better.
Hilton sparks team with return; Ellingon makes key receptions

No. 22 FSU hands FIU only loss during home opener

led by Trent Richardson, who finished with 119 yards on 15 carries. Richardson was helped by Ingram, Terry Grant, Demetrious 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.”

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 the first time this season with the player that scored the first touchdown in 2008.

T.Y. Hilton took a LeGree Tiffin kickoff 96 yards for a score after being touched only once as he sped down the field to silence the 92,012 fans at Bryant-Denny. The return set the stage for a solid second quarter in which the Golden Panthers controlled the time of possession (9:37) and actually got an extra point lead.

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two of her team-best 17 kills 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 early edge in the set after a flat start by FIU.

“I think we could have beat them in three,” said outside hitter Roderick Rangel. “I think we were too comfortable and in the second set they came back.”

The Great Danes competed for a while, but FIU proved to be too much as they rolled into a crucial 25-17 third set victory.

Both FIU and Albany kept the fourth set close early, but the Golden Panthers manufactured a sizable lead as the set wore on and the Great Danes were unable to recover.

FSU 3, FIU 1

The Golden Panthers (-2) ended their otherwise successful weekend on a sour note on Sept. 12 night at home, falling 3-1 in four sets to the No. 22 Florida State Seminoles.

“We lost in the first set that we can beat this team,” said McCall. “You have to play every single point, and we didn’t do that tonight.”

The Golden Panthers struggled to find a rhythm as the fourth set began and the Seminoles took advantage, jumping out to a 14-5 lead.

Strong Hit: Outside hitter Olga Vergun attempts a kill against ULM. With Yasmine Ross out of the lineup, Vergun was the team’s biggest offensive threat.

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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.

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 275 rushing yards.

Golden Panthers give fans hope for strong season

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

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

And when FIU managed to hold them to just a field goal on their first drive, all you thought was, “Well, it’s better than a touchdown.”

And then came the fumbled snap that pushed the Golden Panthers to their own five. And then there was a two-yard loss on Darriet

Golden Panthers win two out of three; star player injured

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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.

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RUNNING WILD: Trent Richardson runs pass the Golden Panthers defense. Alabama recorded 275 rushing yards.

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