Students, staff encouraged to send spending suggestions

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Staff Writer

The University’s administration is currently accepting student and staff feedback on how to implement the money generated from the technology fee.

The new fee, which added 5 percent of students’ total tuition cost to their bill, was approved at the beginning of Fall and generated $5.5 million for the University.

The objective of the technology fee, authorized by the state legislature and approved by the Board of Trustees, is to have a new stream of revenue specifically geared toward improving the use of technology in the classroom and around campus to enhance student learning.

As stated in the Florida Statutes (Section 1009.24), the technology fee can be up to 5 percent of the tuition; the amount is left to the discretion of the institution implementing the fee.

The deadline for the proposals is Oct. 16. Proposal forms can be found and downloaded from the Division of Information Technology Web site, http://itinfo.fiu.edu/techfee.

“We expect to receive more proposals as the deadline approaches,” said Min Yao, chief information officer and vice president of IT.

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New courses add global outlook

DAVID BARRIOS
Staff Writer

Members of the University community are continuing to respond to two years of work to implement the new Quality Enhancement Plan.

The QEP, entitled “Global Learning for Global Citizens,” calls for the creation of new curriculum requirements for all FIU students.

Incoming undergraduate students, starting in the Fall of 2010, will be required to take two classes that fulfill a newly created “Global Learning” requirement, including one class that satisfies their University Core Curriculum to meet exit eligibility.

“The purpose of the QEP is to provide every FIU undergraduate with the educational opportunities to acquire the knowledge, skills and attitudes of global citizenship,” said Hilary Landorf, director of the Office of Global Learning Initiatives.

Anew Global Learning menu will be placed in the UCC for lower division students to select newly created classes that fulfill the objective of the new QEP, which includes raising global awareness and knowledge among students.

“Six of these foundation courses were developed this summer by teams of three faculty members each. They are interdisciplinary courses that address global problems and give students the opportunity to solve these problems from an interdisciplinary point of view,” Landorf said.

Upper division students will be required to take one other Global Learning class offered within a discipline, though it is not mandated that the course be from their discipline or major.

“Each academic discipline is submitting a model in order to meet this Global Learning course requirement within their discipline,” Landorf said.

Each department is given the choice of revising their curriculum in order to meet the Global Learning requirement, developing new curriculum within their areas or having their students take Global Learning classes outside of the discipline.

Beginning in Fall 2011, exit requirements for incoming transfer students with an AA degree from a Florida institution will include two upper division Global Learning courses.

Incoming transfer students without an AA degree from a Florida institution will be required to successfully complete one Global Learning course in the UCC and one in the upper division curriculum.

Students already accepted in the University will not be affected.

Four of the six foundation courses for the UCC will be offered in the Spring of 2010.

The QEP is a required part of the University’s bid for reaccreditation in 2010.

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Dj charged with killing freshman

RICK MARTINEZ
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Former FIU student and South Florida disc jockey Juan Carlos Portieles was arrested for the murder of FIU freshman Jaclyn Elisse Torrealba on Oct. 11.

Portieles, 30, went to police and confessed the murder while Torrealba’s body was in his car parked outside the police station.

Portieles, known as DJ Seasnare, arrived at the Miami-Dade Police Midwest Station on Sunday and told the desk officer he had murdered his girlfriend and was arrested immediately.

According to the arrest affidavit, Portieles and Torrealba, 19, were in a romantic relationship for approximately two years.

The couple was, according to the affi davit, involved in a “heated verbal alteration” and Portieles beat and hit Torrealba. When Torrealba retaliated, he choked her until she was motionless.

Portieles was charged with second-degree murder.

Torrealba was reported missing during the weekend by multiple FIU students on the social networking Web site Facebook.

Torrealba was a class of 2009 graduate of G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School in Miami. According to friends, she was very involved in high school and was a star student. She was a cheerleader, part of the dance team and several honor societies.

Kristen Guzman, FIU sophomore, was Torrealba’s peer advisor this past summer and attended high school with her.

“You know that one girl in high school that gets along with everyone? That was Jackie,” Guzman said about Torrealba. “She loved [FIU], she loved her.”

Portieles had been arrested before with charges of burglary with assault and battery when he was 18, in 1997. Records show he violated his probation in 2000.

When Portieles was at the University he acted as promotions director for the student radio station, Radio FM (WRGP).

The cause of the fight is still unknown.
Students bring up wireless connection problems

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The tech fee process is always looking for feedback. Nicholas Autiello, Student Government Council at Modesto Maid- sage Campus deputy chief of staff and member of the advising committee for the technology fee, said that students who wish to submit a proposal can make an appointment with either him, Senator Altanese Phen- elus, Senator Loren Frautre, and at the Biscayne Bay Campus, contact Com- troller Robert Chung or Irene Hats.

Until today, they have received a few proposals but they still get many phone calls and e-mails asking questions about the form. The advising committee for the technology fee will meet on Oct. 23 to study and rank the proposals.

The money will be invested on the highest ranked proposals, according to Yao, even though the provost has the final decision.

Yao asked students and the FIU community to be patient as they have to make decisions before taking action to fix and enhance the instructional technology, wireless access and computer labs.

Students, faculty and staff can address their ques- tions or concerns by e-mailing techfee@fiu.edu.

The tech fee process began in 2007. Before the fee was approved, there was the intention of distributing a survey among students to hear their opinions but instead, as Yao explained, a town hall meeting was held last Spring in order to answer the questions raised by the students on this issue.

The initial concern brought up at the meeting was that students would have to pay an extra fee.

"Once the students understood the purpose of the fee, they just wanted to make sure that the money would be spent for its stated purpose, that is, for the benefit of the students," Yao said.

Students also complained about having to pay both a technology fee and a fee for online courses.

Yao explained that the technology fee is not destined for the support of online courses. "It wouldn’t be fair for students who don’t take online classes," he said.

The slow internet connection in some open areas and especially at the Green Library was also a concern brought up by students and the IT staff at the library.

The increase in the number of laptops on campus has made the wire- less access points become obsolete.

The solution would be to increase the number or wire- less access points as well as their quality. The inten- tion is to get newer, faster and more powerful access points to be combined with the old ones, according to Yao.

"We don’t have a completely wireless campus, let alone some of the more advanced tech- nologies you find at better funded universities," Auti ello said.

Even though the Univer- sity was authorized to implement a technology fee, FIU authorities seemed reluctant to establish it at first citing the current economic situation.

An advising committee was then established to decide the future of the fee. Students from both campuses were represented by six student government members.

Curriculums embrace global initiative

**QEP, page 1**

The program is the newest addi- tion made by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the organi- zation which accredits public univer- sities in the region. The other major portion of the reaccreditation process is the compliance certification report, a statement by the University on its compliance with the core require- ments, comprehensive standards and federal requirements involved in reaccreditation.

"The membership felt the old criteria were too rigid and prescrip- tive and more flexibility needed to be built into the system," said Belle S. Wheelan, president of SACS in a 2008 interview with The Beacon.

To meet the regulations of the QEP, the proposed plan must display broad based involvement in choosing the topic and its implementation, while being focused on student learning. The institution must also be able to demonstr- ate its capability to support the plan with all goals for the QEP being iden- tified with the ability to assess these goals.

"The goal of this plan is to enhance student learning, not to put a burden on them," Landorf said.

The new QEP will also call for new co-curricular activity to supplement in- class work. The activities, planned by students affairs organizations, are still being planned as of press time.

Among the newly planned activi- ties will be "Tuesday Times Talks," a weekly discussion forum for students to discuss articles posted in The New York Times on global matters.

The Student Government Asso- ciation, The New York Times and the Office of Global Learning Initiatives will sponsor the Times talks events. The Times talks meetings will be held in GC-220.

Members of SACS will be making an on-site visit to FIU from March 9 -12 next year. They will be assessing the QEP along with the overall state of the University.

**CORRECTIONS**

The article titled “FIFA contest for soccer enthusiasts set for Hispanic Heritage Week” on Oct. 12 issue, should have stated that the game will be played according to traditional soccer rules with 45-minute halves.

**NEWS FLASH**

The Miami Heat sign FIU player

Former Golden Panther basketball player Carlos Arroyo has been signed by the Miami Heat.

According to Athletics, during his time at FIU, Arroyo has been a three year starter and second team all-conference and has been a member of the NCAA tournament three times. Arroyo also scored a career high 45 points in an NCAA tournament game.

**LOCAL**

Seventh-grader set on fire in Deerfield Beach

A Deerfield Beach seventh-grader was doused with accelerant and set ablaze.

Fifteen-year-old Michael Brewer was attacked on Oct. 11 at the pool of his apartment complex. Officials believe that the accelerant and set ablaze.

The Miami Heat, per their policy, did not disclose the identity of the victim.

**STAFF!**

The BEACON is always looking for talented and reliable individuals to join the staff. If you have an interest in writing, photography or even grammar, don’t be shy. Stop by one of our offices lo- cated in GC 210 and WUC 124.
Distracting by the stories of battered women, Ada Alvarez decided to take a stand against the struggle of domestic violence and wrote her first book Lo Que No Dije (What I Didn’t Say) at the age of 16.

“It’s a story that lets you get into the mind of an aggressor and a victim,” said Alvarez, a mass communication graduate student.

October is annually recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and promotes the participation of the entire nation to recognize the important issues of victimized women and their struggle to find a voice.

It evolved from the Day of Unity, created by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, in October 1981. The Day of Unity was extended to monthly awareness in October 1987, and was created to support domestic violence programs and educate victims on a new awareness.

This collaborative effort is recognized as the Domestic Violence Awareness Project, which is a collaboration between several organizations that “supports the rights of all women to live in peace and dignity,” according to its Web page, www.dvam.nodije.com.

Domestic violence is a pattern in which one or more partners in a relationship shows aggressive and controlling behavior toward the other. Such abusive behavior can be expressed physically or emotionally through verbal abuse. An aggressor also controls his or her victims financially, isolating them from others.

“They take away your power and usually that happens because there is a low self-esteem issue,” Alvarez said.

Alvarez, who was born and raised in Puerto Rico, started writing at the age of 14 as a volunteer for her school newspaper, where she was assigned an article about domestic violence.

When she intervewewed battered women for the story, she decided to educate other women with her book, which can now be found at the University Bookstore.

“I saw statistics that showed that almost 51 percent of the victims were 12 to 25 years old. This alarmed me, and I wrote the article noticing some signals in my boyfriend,” she said.

“One day I came up with a poem and decided to write: ‘The greatest sorrow I feel in this farewell is what I didn’t say on time.’”

With that poem, she started her novel, which was published when she was 19, making her Puerto Rico’s youngest novelist, she said.

Alvarez also created a blog and Web site, www.loquenodije.com, which offers quizzes to help visitors evaluate if their relationships are violent or abusive.

According to Alvarez, nobody took the then 16-year-old aggressor seriously, but she never backed down. Since turning 19, she has spoken at more than 20 conferences in the U.S., Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic.

“I’m proud to help women find a voice. It all starts with determination and information, and I have no doubt gives us power, especially in both languages,” she said.

Domestic violence is an issue that can lead a victim to live in isolation, fear, pain and poverty. In 2003, among all female murder victims in the U.S., 30 percent were slain by their husbands or boyfriends, according to a 1996 U.S. Uniform Crime Report released in 2003. Yet, according to an FBI report published in May 2000, two million men per year continue to beat their partners, and every nine women, a domestic violence is reported.

“It’s said to see that they had a celebrity like Rihanna in order for dating violence to get some spotlight in the media, but that is how things are, and it is not going to change,” Alvarez said.

Alvarez speaks at conferences and lectures to teach students how to prevent abusive relationships from forming, and how to escape if they are already in one.

“A lot of things are made for intervention, but a few are done for prevention, and that is why I have done it,” she said.

Domestic abuse is responsible for two female deaths each week, an estimate from the U.S. Department of Justice. It is the reason why three out of four women will experience some kind of violence in their lifetimes.

About 75 percent of all abusive men watched their fathers batter their mothers, and 79 percent of violent children have witnessed violence between their parents, according to the Family Prevention Fund.

According to www.financialcounseling.com, a Web site that helps people find therapists, physical violence is estimated to occur in four to six million intimate relationships each year in the U.S.

Yet, according to Psychology Today, a Web site that provides health information about emotional issues, there are 1,500 women shelters compared to the 3,800 animal shelters in the U.S., and only 5 percent accept women with children. Fifty percent of homeless women and children are on the street because of violence in their homes, based on a 1998 National Survey of Shelters for the Homeless.

Students experiencing abusive relationships can get help at the Counseling and Psychological Services Center located at the Biscayne Bay Campus in the Wolfe University Center, Room 320, or at the Modesto Maidique Campus in the University Health Services Complex, Room 270. Victims of abuse can also go to the Victim Advocacy Office at MMC UHSC, Room 210.

Students can also contact the 24-hour hotline, 305-348-3000, or visit www.vac.fiu.edu.

“Everything here is confidential. They don’t have to say their name, and it could be totally anonymous,” said Raquel Henry, a junior psychology major and office assistant. “We are a support guide.”

“Students can also reach out for immediate help through The National Domestic Violence Hotline, 1-800-799-7273, and The Daring Hotline Violence Hotline, 1-866-331-9474, which offer assistance and shelter referrals.”

“The first step is recognizing you are in an abusive relationship and having at least one support that will remind you that you are worth it, and you need to get out of there. All the aggressor wants you to do is to keep quiet,” said Alvarez. “Don’t become a victim of silence.”

High school students clean campus for credit

Every Friday the South Knight will publish the school’s top news events specifically for students and parents.

The students served lunch in the lunchroom, main gym, and study hall, where they cleaned the floor, swept the floor, and worked on the lockers.

The students also cleaned the cafeteria, playgrounds, and hallways.

The students were divided into five groups, and each group was responsible for cleaning a specific area of the school.

Michael Farnham
Contributing Writer

Angelia Baglino is a sophomore at Alonso and Tracy Mourning High School, but she comes to the University to help clean up the bay.

“We’ve got everything from old shoes to needles, and everything in between,” she said.

Baglino is one of 20 high school students who partake in the monthly International Coastal Cleanup, a program that started Sept. 19 and lead by the Biscayne Bay Community College’s environmental affairs.

The cleanup is part of Discover Your Backyard, an environmental awareness partnership between Alonso and Tracy Mourning High School and BCC. The idea came about in one of the leadership councils by BCC Vice Provost Steven Moll, the high school’s principal, Sally J. Alayon and Grym.

“We had our first coastal cleanup and the turnout was great,” Grym said.

“We walked around with trash bags gathering up the debris on the shoreline.”

Keeping BCC’s shoreline free of trash is just one of the current under takings of Discover Your Backyard. The University is also working with the high school on a green initiative to plant mangrove trees inside the school’s new greenhouse.

“Inside that greenhouse, we have planted over 250 mangrove seeds in paper cups, and eventually those will be planted all around both campuses,” Grym said.

Miami Dade County Public Schools paid for the greenhouse, according to Grym, but the University provided tools and also the seeds, like shovels and wheelbarrows.

“We’re extremely pleased to be able to share it with the high school,” Grym said.

Baglino is president of the Ecology Club at her school and has been involved in environmental activities since the sixth grade.

“I’m looking to major in marine archeology, and this [Discover Your Backyard] is something that will benefit me in that field as well as show colleges that I was a well-rounded student,” she said.

Participation in this program will benefit the students when applying to college, Moll said, especially because the University and the high school have a dual enrollment agreement.

“It’s wonderful because not only do kids get to participate in their envi ronment, but in the process they can earn college credit and be exposed to college courses and professors,” he said.

“That experience is only going to help them when that make that transition from high school to college.”

The college credits in the dual enrollment program count in the University and other institutions in Florida. For students to qualify, they must have completed their freshmen year in high school, have achieved a 3.0 unweighted GPA or higher, satisfied any course prerequisites and received approval of the high school principal, according to the University’s Web site.

During a Sunny Isles Beach City Commission meeting on June 18, Alayon gave a presentation to the community, where she explained the partnership with the University.

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The debate behind Obama's prize

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**Fraternity hosts pageant featuring sorority ‘divas’**

**ANAMDA BACHTELOR Staff Writer**

This week, an FIU fraternity is holding a beauty pageant – with a twist.

The Fourth annual Diva Pageant, hosted by the gentlemen of Delta Lambda Phi, will take place tonight, Oct. 14 at Azaarac night club, located at 2301 SW 32nd Ave.

“It’s an unconventional pageant from an unconventional fraternity,” said David Dial, a senior majoring in nursing and president of DLP.

The event’s theme is “Call of the Wild.” The women aspiring to be DLP’s 2009 Diva will be competing in a series of rounds.

During the night, the contestants will represent Delta Lambda Phi, in another round they need to represent their organization and, in the final round, they will be representing the theme by dressing up as an animal.

The pageant will feature ladies dressed up as wild animals such as lions and peacocks. In each round they will represent animals with their outfit and explain why they chose to wear it and why it is significant to each of the categories.

This event will raise money for DLP’s philanthropy, Cam Resource, which is the largest and oldest HIV/AIDS research organization in South Florida. Tickets are being sold in GC for $7 or at the door of the event for $10.

“We usually have sorority girls competing to be our female representation,” said Christian Rodriguez, brotherhood director of DLP.

Students do not need to be in a sorority to compete, but they do need to be in an organization at FIU. The Diva’s role throughout the year before the new DLP Diva is crowned is to support DLP in any way they can, whether it is helping them out with their philanthropy, helping to plan events or attending their rush events.

Last year’s DLP Diva was Christy Fuentes of Alpha Xi Delta. She will host the event with a drag queen named Lilly Leigh. Last year’s DLP Diva theme was “Femme Fatale,” for which Fuentes chose to be the Batman character Poison Ivy.

“I feel a diva is a confident, beautiful woman who is not afraid to be who she is, who will stand up for whatever she chooses and does not let anyone or anything intimidate her. I see all these qualities in myself and in the gentlemen of DLP and that is why I decided to run for the title of their Diva,” Fuentes said.

There will be drag queen performances in between the different rounds throughout the event.

Ariel Rodriguez, a member of Alpha Omicron Pi, is one of the contestants competing this year to be the 2009 DLP Diva.

“After getting to know some of the members of DLP this year, I’ve really seen how great these men are and how much passion they have for their philanthropy. I would be honored to be their Diva and feel I would be a good choice as a DLP Diva because of my own passion for philanthropy as well as my fence attitude,” Rodriguez said.

Doors open at 9 p.m. There will be music and dancing all night long, so attendees are free to stay after the pageant and, if 21 or older, there will be drink specials as well.

“Set the standards high last year so I look forward to seeing the lovely ladies competing,” Fuentes said.

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**Students balance school schedules while making music and performing**

**HAU NEAL Contributing Writer**

For three student musicians, balancing a school, a job and other extracurricular activities takes a combination of practice and sacrifice.

Veneger is a five piece band which includes three students from FIU.

Finance major Christian Espinales is one-third of the rhythm section of Miami-based hard rock band Veneger. As the band’s drummer, he balances class two days a week along with various events or attending their rush events.

However, there are occasional difficulties, he said. Beta Alpha Pi, with the本校的乐手, has mandatory meetings every Friday along with various events like job fairs, business etiquette meetings and other social events. Sometimes it’s hard to schedule shows because of these mandatory meetings, Espinales said. The band also has to arrange meetings with concerts or promoters around all their schedules.

“We have to pick the really important shows because we can’t do them all with our schedules, especially with out-of-town shows, because of class or work,” Espinales said.

It sometimes causes tension within the band, since both school and the band are of equal importance to Espinales.

For example, when he has exams for his Wednesday class, he studies Tuesday morning so he can still go to practice in the afternoon. The tension comes in when they’re trying to plan shows and can’t because he values his school schedule so much.

“T’s sometimes causes tension in the band when they want to plan shows and can’t because he values his school schedule so much. Though music is important to him, he is having a backup plan.”

“T’m confident the band will be successful, but I want to get the bachelor’s degree now so I can become a record executive later on,” Espinales said.

Veneger started when business management major Jose Gonzalez, lead singer Juan Amato (who is not an FIU student), and Espinales were attending Miami-Dade College together in 2004.

They went through a lineup of different bassists and rhythm guitarists before they started performing with their current lineup. The band placed ads on both Craigslist and Band Mix – a classifieds Website for musicians – for a bassist and a rhythm guitarist. Their call was answered by international business major and bass guitarist Diego Rossin and rhythm guitarist Oscar Lafitte.

When asked how they decided on Veneger as their name, Espinales explained that it’s “a trade secret.” Upon further questioning, he revealed that there was no real meaning behind their name; they all just thought up words, picked letters from them and then combined them.

After performing on the club circuit for three years, Veneger released their debut album, The Fourth Prime. It was self-released in November 2007. It’s available on iTunes for $7 and at their shows for $10. They are about to release a new EP produced by Paul Trust at Bieler Brothers Studios in Pompano Beach. According to Espinales, some songs featured on this EP are going to be featured on CBS NFL on highlight reels and replays.

When asked to describe their sound, Gonzalez said, “We’re like Sevendust vs. Alice in Chains.”

Veneger has opened for such acts as Static-X, Hitt, Framing Hanley, Egypt Central and Since October. They have also been recently confirmed as an opening act for Sevendust on Oct. 30 at Revolution Live in Ft. Lauderdale. Tickets are on sale now for $24 on ticketmaster.com and livemaven.com. They have also traveled to California and Tennessee to perform. When asked what they like about performing, Espinales, Rossin and Gonzalez all gave different answers.

“The crowd reaction. The adrenaline rush that you get on stage when you’re performing,” Gonzalez said.

“When people come up to you and say ‘that was amazing’, Having people listen to our music and enjoying it,” Gonzalez said.

“The thrill. You know that there are a few people that have public speaking?” According to Rossin, “That’s one thing we need to work on more,” Espinales said.

“More information about Veneger can be found at www.venegerband.com or http://www.myspace.com/veneger.
ISABEL MAZA
Staff Writer

This Fall semester is packed with performances and concerts brought to our students by the School of Music. On Oct. 20, the school will host a special performance by the Amernet String Quartet.

The Amernet String Quartet is FIU’s very own ensemble-in-residence, which refers to groups of musicians associated with a university who perform at the school and attempt to stimulate creative interest in their field.

The quartet gained international recognition in 1992 when it won the gold medal at the seventh Tokyo International Music Competition. The ensemble had only been in existence for one year before winning the award. Three years later, they won first prize at the Fifth Banff International String Quartet Competition.

Since then, the ensemble has received praise from several publications. The New York Times described them as “an accomplished and intelligent ensemble.” The German newspaper, Nürnberger Nachrichten, was also quoted as saying the ensemble is “fascinating with flawless intonation, extraordinary beauty of sound, virtuosic brilliance and homogeneity of ensemble.”

The quartet held residencies at several universities across the nation before coming to FIU. They were named Quartet-In-Residence at the University in the Fall of 2004.

The ensemble includes two violinists, a cellist and a violist. The four musicians are Misha Vitensim, Marcia Littley, Michael Klotz and Javier Arias.

Misha Vitenson is a violinist from Uzbekistan. He began studying the violin with his father and then immigrated to Israel, where he won numerous scholarships and awards. He started gaining recognition internationally and then moved to the United States for his master’s degree. He received his Master of Music degree from the Juilliard School and joined the Amernet String Quartet in the Fall of 2002.

Marcia Littley, the second violinist, is one of the founding members of the quartet. She also attended the Juilliard School where she received her Bachelor of Music degree. She has appeared as a soloist for orchestras across the nation and has been recognized with countless awards and honors. She currently teaches violin.

Michael Klotz, who plays the viola in the quartet, made his musical debut at the age of 17 with the Rochester Philharmonic. He has collaborated with various artists and symphonies and joined the quartet in 2002. He was awarded a double master’s degree from the Juilliard School in both viola and violin. He teaches viola.

Javier Arias, the cellist player, is the second founding member of the quartet. He was born in Mexico and has performed all over the world. He currently performs around the U.S. and has recorded with several different labels. He received his Bachelor of Music degree from the Juilliard School where he was awarded scholarships and awards. He serves as the chair of strings for FIU and teaches cello and chamber music.

The performance will consist of works from Franz Joseph Haydn, Steven Gerber and Felix Mendelssohn, and will feature a highly virtuosic violin part.

“The Amernet Quartet is an extremely talented and professional group of musicians and I would recommend everyone to go see the concert,” said music education major and junior Elizabeth Cid.

The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center. Student tickets will be sold for $5.
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PERFORMERS OF THE WEEK

For the third consecutive game, April Perry provided the Golden Panthers with a spark. Dating back to Oct. 4, the sophomore has scored four goals in three games, including a goal effort in the Golden Panthers rout of the Warhaws.

Rossi, a sophomore forward, scored her first goals of the season in the team’s 5-1 win over the Warhawks of Louisiana-Monroe. The pair of goals marked the first time she’d found the back of the net since an August 2008 match vs. UM.

Greg Ellingson made up for T.Y. Hilton’s absence due to injury by picking up 132 yards on five catches with a touchdown. His 65-yard third quarter grab was the longest of his career, topping a previous long of 49.

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The 5-foot-10 freshman outside hitter recorded a career-high 18 kills in the Golden Panthers 3-0 (25-22, 25-22, 25-23) win over North Texas. She also recorded the team’s two service aces in its 3-0 win (28-26, 25-20, 25-23) over Denver.

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goalkeeper with 11 minutes left in the half, increasing FIU’s lead to 2-0.

Roughly three minutes later, ULM cut the lead in half when Amy Porch connected with Ashleigh Fitterer off of a corner that rebounded off of Gambill who had slid across the goal to keep the ball from going in.

In the second half of the match, sophomore Courtney Bergin gave Rossi the ball, allowing her to record her second goal of the game while giving Bergin her first career assist.

“I’ve got to say, we’re really happy to see Deana get on the board,” said Coach Thomas Chestnutt. “She’s been working awfully hard and for her to get two is awesome.”

With only 11 minutes left in the game, Rose drew out the ULM goalie on a shot, allowing Perry to capitalize on the rebound for the empty netter, giving FIU a 4-1 lead.

However, FIU was not done, as a flurry of substitutions late in the game brought fresh players onto the pitch.

With approximately 4:30 left in the match, Pappas sent a corner kick right to the goal, giving freshman Kelsey Rene the opportunity to head her first career goal.

For senior Amy Jackson, the recent success can be attributed to changes in formations, and she hopes it is a catalyst for future wins.

“We have to be aware to get back in time to defend, and therefore I think the midfield has their work cut out for them,” said Jackson. “It’s starting to be beneficial already. You haven’t seen the best of us yet.”

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**SPORTS**

**WOMEN’S SOCCER**

Team blows out opponents in weekend series

**CHRISS GREEN**
Staff Writer

The women’s soccer team outscored two of its opponents 8-2 in a weekend that saw the greatest back-to-back offensive outputs for the Golden Panthers since October 2003.

The team scored seven goals in a 7-0 shutout of Louisiana-Lafayette on Oct. 11. "It was the Golden Panthers’ first home victory over ULL in nine years," said Coach Danijela Tomic.

The Pioneers hung in there with the Golden Panthers throughout the match, but FIU's ability to hang on and finish each set proved to be the difference.

Yarimar Rosa helped the Golden Panthers extend their winning streak to nine games. "I think everyone as a team had a scoring opportunity two minutes into the game," said Coach Munga Eketebi.

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**Men’s Soccer: UCF 2, FIU 1**

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Staff Writer

The men’s soccer team’s comeback fell short when it scored a goal with three minutes remaining in the match against the Central Florida Knights.

Steven Jar Cabas’ goal cut the lead to 2-1, but the Knights held on to win on Oct. 7 at FIU Soccer Stadium.

“We tried too late, we should have played the whole time the way we did in the last 20 minutes. Our team came through too late," Cabas said.

The Golden Knights (3-7-0, 0-3 CUSA) had a scoring opportunity two minutes into the game. The Knights (4-4-1, 1-2 C-USA) Shayne Doyle came out of the box and received a pass for a goal. This gave the Golden Knights a free kick opportunity for a shot on goal. Diego Tamburis took the shot, but goalkeeper Shane Doyle blocked it.

“Early in the game, UCF’s leading scorer, freshman Nicholas Keon-Robson made his fourth goal of the season when a penalty kick was awarded to him after a foul was called on defender Jahari Williams. Shane Lopez missed the block, giving the Golden Knights a 1-0 lead.

“The defender made the right call. We committed a foul and later on we tried to equalize the score,” said Coach Munga Eketebi.

With just three minutes left on the clock, Tamburis made another attempt, bending the ball from the left toward the goal, but the ball soared high, keeping the score at 1-0.

In the 73rd minute, junior Yaron Bacher scored the second goal for UCF. Bacher was found in the middle of the box on a pass from freshman Jeffrey Simmons. The Golden Panthers followed up with Cabas' goal assisted by Sebastian Frings.

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