Transit laboratory gets grant

The funds will link FIU with Miami airport via ‘greenway’

ELYSE COLEMAN
Contributing Writer

A three-year partnership between the Lehman Center for Transportation Research, located at the Engineering Center, and the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority will provide the University’s Engineering Center with up to $500,000 in funds for transit research.

Dr. Fang Zhao, the acting chair of the civil and environmental engineering department, said professor Thomas Gustafson and the MDX are planning an advanced bus rapid transit system with a minimum 10 mile route projected between FIU and Miami International Airport.

“Tom has worked with the Lehman Center to study the feasibility of combining advanced transit-oriented development with high quality transit service,” she said.

Alfred Lurigido, director of engineering for MDX and an FIU alumus, said he sees the partnership as a way for MDX to think outside the box to deliver projects.

“I think reaching out to a local state university bridges that gap by getting grad students involved,” he said. “Once studies develop, we’re curious to see where this goes.”

The projected initial minimum sustainable segment is planned to run between the Gold and Blue Rush Hour: The Lehman Center for Transportation Research opened its Intelligent Transportation System Laboratory in May. It includes a video wall displaying traffic in real time. It became a congressionally designated University Transportation Research Center earlier this month.

Among the findings from the research is the development of a plan which would allow vehicles to prepay for tolls.

“When you go over the bridge, you have a membership card and prepay the toll,” said Professor Thomas Gustafson.

“Instead of waiting in line, you could have a membership card and pay automatically,” he added.

The funds will come from the Transportation Research Center and the MDX.

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Neistein agreed with Rionda, saying the revenue generated from community membership fees should be used and distributed into funding pool operations.

Should we be completely funding the entire operation of a pool that’s used for athletic events? Should we be funding the entire operation of a pool that’s used by the community? No,” Rionda said. “The students pay for everything. If the students don’t use it, we shouldn’t fund it.”

Community members who wish to use the recreational facilities pay for an annual membership plan ranging from $200 for basic membership to $340 for platinum, which includes full locker and towel service.

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Students propose vehicle designs

TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS: Halil Ozen (left) and Yan Xiao (right) work in the newly inaugurated traffic lab: The Integrated Intelligent Transportation System Laboratory.

Garages at FIU’s Modesto Maidique Campus and the Miami Intermodal Center, a planned station accessible by people moving east of MIA that links to Amtrak, Tri-Rail, Metrorail, a high-speed rail and country buses. The route may extend up to 15 miles to downtown Miami or Miami Beach and contain additional Advanced Transit Stops in Sweetwater, Doral and other locations.

Gustafson, the director of government and transportation policy for the LCTR, is anticipating three task assignments before the project intended to decongest the Dolphin Expressway is under way. Each task could take three to four months or up to one year to implement.

The first would be to define the work we do to initially receive, in a broad fashion, the project and all its components,” he said. “The second task would be to put additional planning details down so that we can begin to estimate the costs that would be associated and the third task would be to complete the costing and refining of the project.”

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Gustafson said the $150,000 research facility currently employs seven actively engaged scientists and engineers and at least 100 student researchers. It’s most commonly associated with civil environmental and engineering, but is expanding to the mechanical and materials engineering department.

Sabri Tousounoglu, a associate professor of mechanical engineering, said his semester’s senior project is to improve a vehicle for the proposed transit greenways. He’s putting students into teams to decide how to work on design problems and build a prototype to be tested by the Indus- trial Advisory Board.

“We’re concentrating on building up a project structure for a trolley and most likely concentrating on a specific area,” said Leslie Peredes, a senior mechanical engineering student. “The project is pretty big.”

Gustafson said the transit greenways and vehicle would be conceptu- alized as part of task one, as well as other components, including the tech- nology and tolling.

“For this as a team, we may do specific work on the structure, like making the battery run longer,” said Karina Santa, a senior mechanical engineering student. “First we’ll run tests to see what the main difficulties are.”

Gustafson has also made plans to expand the project into FIU’s Department of Construction Management, the School of Architecture, the Department of Marketing in the College of Business Administration and the School of Journalism and Mass Communications. He would also like to extend into the School of Hospitality.

“Hospitality management is important because no one’s ever really figured out how to make people comfortable getting on a bus. This is not true for getting on and off an airplane or getting in and out of a limousine,” he said. “So how do we fix that?”
Center to focus on FIU tradition

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Meyer, the coordinator of Building Development and Fundraising and last year’s Student Government Council at Modesto Maid- jaque Campus president.

The building, which will cost an estimated $20-$25 million, will be built on MMC, north of Tamiami Park right between the foot- ball stadium and the Wert- heim Performing Arts Center.

Currently, FIU is the only university of its size to not have an alumni center, with the University of Flori- da’s Emerson Alumni Hall having a 60,000-square-foot center and the University of Miami having a building that has everything from a library to a business center.

“When our Executive Director Bill Draughon came in 2006 to FIU, he saw something was missing,” said Meyer. “Right now we don’t have a place on campus that you could go to and feel at home; that we could call home; that we could call “our place.”

We’re taking our vision and what we want to see in the Alumni Center ... [like] ball- rooms, meeting rooms, conference rooms, history of the University...

Arthur “AJ” Meyer, Coordinator of Building Development Alumni Association

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Jorge Valens

Asst. News Director

Former FIU journalism professor Mike McQueen has died.

McQueen most recently served as The Associated Press’ Louisiana and Mississippi Bureau Chief.

McQueen passed away on Oct. 25 from complications with cancer and congestive heart failure, according to the AP. He was 52 years old.

According to the AP, McQueen had 30 years of experience in jour- nalism and was a part of two Pulitzer Prize winning news teams.

During the late 1990s, McQueen was the chair of the University’s School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

“He was a wonderful teacher,” said Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver, dean of SJMC, in an interview with Student Media.

Kopenhaver said that he was a “tough editor” and had “a love for journalism.”

He began as a journalist in 1977 with the Tallahas- see Democrat. Since then, McQueen served two terms with the AP, which he joined in 1980 as a reporter and editor.

He then moved on to The Miami Herald in 1984, where he rose to become an assistant city editor.

“... He was just a fabulous journalist and had an unbeli- eveable capacity for work and loved the craft,” said Rick Hirsch, The Miami Herald’s senior editor for multimedia in an interview with The Miami Herald.

McQueen is survived by his wife Glenda, his son Otto, his brother Chris- pher and his sister, Nicole.

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Marketing director elected for remainder of the year

Student clubs representatives and SOC e-board cast their votes

MELODY REGALADO
Staff Writer

Student Organizations Council members elected their new marketing director for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year after the former director resigned Oct. 5.

Orane Carney, a senior advertising major, was elected marketing director in a meeting on Oct. 26 in the Wolfe University Center Room 159. The newly-elected marketing director said he’s been very involved in on-campus activities and is always around and easily accessible.

“I love promotions and marketing, and I try to pitch in everywhere I can,” he said. “You tell me what you need, and I’ll be your provider.”

Carney also works as building manager of WUC at the Biscayne Bay Campus and is a member of On Point Poetry, a student club under SOC.

Graduate student Mary Humphrey was the SOC marketing director since April 2009, but she officially resigned Oct. 5. Didier Georges, SOC president, said her reason for leaving was far too personal for him to elaborate on, but that her decision was mostly based on a tight agenda, according to an article published in The Beacon on Oct. 19.

“Somewhere along the lines of too much to do is probably a reason she had to step down,” he said to The Beacon.

In his new role, Carney will maintain the SOC display case, serve as liaison between SOC and The Beacon, report the events and meetings held by student organizations, and develop marketing materials to enhance student interest in SOC memberships and attendance at events, among other duties, according to the application package to the position.

“We were looking for someone who knows Photoshop, is flexible, and knows the students and how to work with them. His passion and talent make him a perfect fit for the position.”

Ana Perez, sophomore journalism major

Each candidate brought different experiences and knowledge to the table. They had two minutes to present themselves, followed by a question-answer session by SOC members.

Some of the clubs represented at the meeting were The Science Club, On Point Poetry, The Jewish Invitational Scholars Club.

Each club counted as one vote. Out of eight total votes, Carney received six.

“I think he won because he is extremely knowledgeable in Photoshop and even brought in a sample of his work,” Georges said.

He added that he was confident with the decision the students made and looks forward to working with Carney.

“This campus is his home,” said Ana Perez, a sophomore journalism major. “He knows the students and how to work with them. His passion and talent make him a perfect fit for the position.”

WINNER: Didier Georges (right), SOC president, shakes hand with the new SOC marketing director, Orane Carney, senior in advertising (left) after the special election took place in Wolfe University Center Room 159 on Oct. 26.

HALLOWEEN AT BAY VISTA HOUSING

Students can carve their own pumpkin in the community room at Bay Vista Housing from 7 p.m. on Oct. 29. Students will receive free snacks, drinks and a pumpkin to carve. Because of carving instruments and the pumpkin will be provided for free, the event will be on a first-come, first-served basis. All students are welcome.

HALLOWEEN AT BAY VISTA HOUSING

Students from the David Lawrence Jr. K-8 Center will come to campus for some trick-or-treating at 3 p.m. on Oct. 31. Students are encouraged to participate in the candy giveaway. A haunted house will also be set up, its exact location is yet to be announced, but students can also sign up to participate.

For more information, e-mail ffond001@fiu.edu.

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calling for the restructure of SGA to achieve better unity.

The resolution, a non-binding statement by the senate, gives examples of how to restructure SGA such as a one-president structure or totally independent student governments. It does not endorse a particular method.

Some in SGC-BBC feel the resolution is a veiled attack on the student government at BBC.

Neistein called the resolution “unequivocally threatening” to the BBC government in a previous interview with Student Media.

Rionda vetoed the restructuring resolution during the last SGC-MMC cabinet meeting on Oct. 21.

The resolution passed with a margin of 20 for and six against, the original vote had enough votes to override the veto (two-thirds of the senate).

During the UWC meeting, Rionda ripped up a copy of the resolution and called it “a piece of s--t.”

He stressed the impracticality of having one president commute between both campuses, and referenced an analysis commissioned by his predecessor, Arthur “AJ” Meyer, that also affirmed the need for two campus governments and distinct leaders.

That analysis sought to find if it was feasible to run the student government under one president. The heart of the report asked if there should be a single student body president servicing both campuses.

“This is easily answered in a single word: No,” starts the analysis’ response.

The analysis was conducted by W. H. “Butch” Oxendine Jr. at the time a managing partner at The SG Consulting Group, and executive director of the American Student Government Association, and it was based on interviews with members of SGA, Student Affairs and Student Life.

It found that the two campuses had very different student bodies, climates and cultures, and should therefore have different governing bodies.

“It is unrealistic for a single student government president to adequately represent BBC because of the distance between campuses, time for travel and lack of knowledge of the intricacies of that specific campus,” stated the analysis.

The report also suggests that a move to a single presidency would be “disastrous” in public relations as BBC would feel “slighted” and would add to the pre-existing “inferiority, step-child complex” the campus suffers from.

SGC-BBC Vice President Christian “Cici” Battle asked at the meeting if MMC senators had read this analysis.

“I feel if the senators would have read this, they would have thought twice before making this resolution,” Battle said. “I feel they were misinformed, because they don’t have the proper information to make such a claim.”

Rionda agreed the senate should read the analysis and said he would make it available.

Rionda apologized on behalf of his administration over a comment the MMC comptroller, Christina “Raven” Morales, made during an Oct. 7 Finance Committee meeting calling for the burning down of the BBC campus. The SGC-MMC president stated that it was obvious there was no intent to burn down the campus.

“It was said in the context of a joke,” Rionda said.

LATIN EXPLOSION

HISPANIC HERITAGE:

[Top] Delio Morato, graduate assistant in Campus Life (left), Daris Almanzar, a graduate in nutrition (center), and Yolane Almanzar, a journalism alumna (right), enjoy the music and show at the 10th Annual Latin Explosion Concert hosted by the Student Programming Council at the Biscayne Bay Campus in the ballrooms at the Wolfe University Center on Oct. 23 at 8 p.m.

[Center] Gabriela Garcia Medina, a poet from Los Angeles, recites one of her works for concertgoers at the Latin Explosion Concert on Oct. 23.

[Bottom] The artist known as Javier, who plays several genres on his guitar such as rhythm and bass and country, performs a song as one of the featured performances for the Latin Explosion Concert on Oct. 23.

Members pass resolution to bring back marching band

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LATIN EXPLOSION

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Entertainment news matters too much

JUSTIN JANS
Contributing Writer

Go ahead, the days when citizens used to want to know what was going on in the world, the days when most people were interested in political and economical global events.

Now, most of us are just interested in entertainment and celebrity affairs (extramartial or not).

Journalism is dead, or at least it feels that way. To me, it seems that newspapers have been inundated with gossip and rumors. I’m sure everyone has heard of the recent ”Jon and Kate Plus Eight” scandal.

According to the American Press Institute, the majority of entertainment news used to be found solely in tabloid newspapers and entertainment-only magazines, such as The Enquirer or Star. Yet recently, more and more entertainment stories have received much more attention by conventional news sources.

Searching “Jon Gosselin” via the New York Times Web site will bring up 12 articles posted in the past week, some posted on the same day. Do we really need that much repetition fed to us by the media?

Television news is mainly dominated by entertainment news and gossip as well.

Most of the time the news will be reporting on who is looking up with whom, who is breaking up with whom and which baby Angelina Jolie is adopting from Africa.

It’s good she’s trying to help people, but I don’t need to know that she’s naming the baby Zahara and adopted from Africa.

This is not to say that there is a lack of real news in the media, but people would rather read or watch something entertaining than some boring story about the drought in some country.

They need a revenue to pay their employees.

While they have a responsibility to report on news that most people are interested in, I don’t blame the media for this problem. These agencies are a company trying to make a profit. They need a revenue to pay their employees.

With readership and circulation numbers dropping, they’re merely trying to reach out to us with the news we want, so they can sell their product.

While they have a responsibility to report on important issues, if nobody picks up a newspaper or watches the news, there won’t be any money to report on important issues.

I blame our generation for caring about the unimportant details of the lives of Jon and Kate, who I have never met.

And as soon as other some tragedy or fiasco comes up, we will forget all about them and their 15 minutes of fame.

JORDAN ROSENTHAL
Contributing Writer

Throughout the past few years, entertainment news has been hard not to notice the tough time our nation is facing. Personally, my life has changed drastically after the crashing of our economy, but I know I am not alone. Money — or rather, the lack thereof — has become a major topic of discussion as college students, we are not immune to the effects of this recession.

With the high cost of tuition, financial aid decreasing, many students face the problem of how to pay for classes. Some may try to pick up part-time work, or take out loans.

Walking through the C罚款 Center can make anyone ready for another meal. We all need to eat, but when you are at just how much money can be spent on food a day, you may not be so eager to wait in line at Starbucks.

At the end of my week, I found myself checking my bank account and wondering where all of my money ran off too.

Where is it going?

A grande vanilla latte, my personal favorite, costs $3.85. If I were to have one every morning and ordered nothing more than my vanilla latte, I would be spending about $77 a month on coffee alone.

Though cutting back on frivolous spending may be obvious, there are many not so obvious ways to conserve money with the help of FIU. You can save your car a trip to the gas station.

Many may find the phrase “college student” synonymous with “broke,” but it does not have to be this way. There’s no reason to complain about money, when we are sitting here practically throwing it away.

I believe we need to take responsibility, and learn to be smarter with our money.

Core planning can lead to fuller pockets

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The University also offers shuttled bus rides back and forth from its main campus to the Biscayne Bay Campus for a $4 round-trip fee. Putting money on your Panther ID card can earn you bonus Pantherbucks. These Pantherbucks can be used at any of the food locations on campus. Aside from earning extra Pantherbucks, you are saving your car a trip to the gas station.

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Quotation

“This is the right moment for me to pursue other interests and for the Miami Art Museum to smoothly transition to a new leader who will see this project to its fruition.”

Sorenson Kiley

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Student duo forms local instrumental indie band

MONICA PUERTO  
Staff Writer

Two FIU students are trying to become the new kings of the indie jungle.
Freshmen Volodymyr Rychko and Rostislav Vyaminik, also known as Vlad and Steve, form the local band Fight Like Animals. Born and raised in Ukraine, the duo came together in the early summer of 2009.

Since then, they have been signed to Grainnie Ann Records and featured in The Lead Miami Beach magazine. Steve (Rostislav), recognizes the impact of being featured.

“The added push it gave us seriously helped a lot. It opened doors to Doghouse Records. We’re still looking for my perfect outfit, all that is needed is a nice suit, a buzz cut, and for those over-zealous dressers, a pair of big cans. Many

Halloween Commentary

The Top 10 most popular costumes for Halloween 2009 draw from pop culture

ISABEL MAZA  
Staff Writer

Last year’s Halloween parties were filled with dozens of Sarah Palin, Amy Winehouse and “The Jokers” walking around. Pop culture was the costume theme last year, and it looks like the trend will continue in 2009. Halloween is all about being the top dog, and this year’s partygoers will have to work a little harder to upstage 2008’s costumes. I’ve compiled a list of my predictions for what will surely be among this year’s most popular Halloween costumes.

10. BARACK OBAMA

To perfect this outfit, all that is needed is a nice suit, a buzz cut, and for those over-zealous dressers, a pair of big cans. Many costume stores are even selling an Obama mask, although home-made costumes are usually much more entertaining.

9. LADY GAGA

Although Lady Gaga is known mostly for her musical accomplishments, she is also famous for her ridiculous outfits. Those planning on dressing up as the top-selling artist have the freedom to do just about anything with their costumes. Her VMA outfits will surely be the most popular inspiration, and various Web sites even offer “How-to” materials on how to make the perfect Lady Gaga costume.

8. MICHAEL JACKSON

The King of Pop has always been a

Fraternity offers time and effort for a special cause

For Greek organizations, membership isn’t just about helping.

The Kappa Gamma chapter of FIU’s Kappa Alpha at FIU has been partaking in many volunteer programs in Miami, from holding blood drives at their fraternity house to fund-raising for Mothers Against Drunk Driving. They have been recently recognized for training Special Olympic athletes in tennis.

The United States Tennis Association named PIKE their 2009 USTA Florida October Volunteer of the Month.

“Not knowing what to expect when a fraternity volunteers to help you with Special Olympics athletes, I have to say I was never more surprised by a liner group of young men,” said USTA Florida Tennis Program Coordinator for Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties, Cathy Nordlund. “This group of men were so patient and giving to all the children. Not knowing how to play tennis did not stop them from assisting the tennis pros and lending their support. They are now the first that I call any time I need help with an event.”

They were first approached for the idea of training these Special Olympic athletes from a PIKE brother’s mother, who asked them to assist for one Friday at the Tamiami tennis center to help train the athletes for the tennis portion of the games.

“I was really excited when PIKE was given the opportunity to help with the Special Olympics,” said Ricki Alfonso, a brother of PIKE. “It gave us a chance to give back to our community. PIKes are pretty active on campus and the Special Olympics was the perfect opportunity to do something away from FIU. Helping those kids prepare for their particular events in the Special Olympics is an incredible feeling and I know we are anxiously waiting to do it again from FIU. PIKE was originally replacing the FIU women’s tennis team in volunteering because they had a prior obligation, but after their four-hour session of practice, the USTA asked PIKE to continue helping train for the games. The Special Olympics this year was held in the spring at Miami-Dade College.

“Working with the Special Olympics Organization has truly humbled me,” said Gabriel Fernandez, a brother of PIKE. “I’ve participated in the Special Olympics many times. The happiness those kids express when they are participating is beyond belief. I encourage everyone in partaking in these events because it will change your outlook on life.”

After the Special Olympic Games, PIKE worked another event in Tamiami where they assisted the USTA in their jump start program by helping them promote junior tennis at a park. This was when they were first told they would be under consideration for Volunteer of the Month.

PIKE will be volunteering for the Special Olympics again this spring. At the competition they assist the athletes by being their “hugger” for the day. Their job is to help them as their coach, help them warm up, take them to each of their events and take them to different activities in between their events. For more information about how you can get involved, contact Gabriel Fernandez at gabetherpie@ hotmail.com.
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ActInSport, pointed by the countless, monotonous videos of sports fans show skills on the Web today. ActInSport is a website that allows its members to create, upload and share videos of themselves and their friends participating in a sport of any kind. The sports featured range from BMX to beer pong. The uploaded videos are then put to the test through “Challenges.” Several videos of the same sport are put up in a Challenge to see which users wins. If you win a bet, your video with the most votes from other sports Web sites is that I had never seen anything like these clips before and they made sports that I had never liked seem interesting. I’m dressing up like Godric from Harry Potter, and I wore hazel contacts and gelled my hair so that it stood up. I also used some costume makeup to make the outside of my eyes look kind of red,” said senior and architecture major Andres Penalver. Bella is a little harder to dress up as, but Edward Cullen is the perfect costume accessory. Vampires in general will be a popular costume this year, thanks to the success of the franchise and shows like “True Blood”. “I’m dressing up like Gothic from ‘True Blood,’ who’s even cooler than Edward Cullen,” said senior political science major Robert Lopez. Student group finds faith in friends and film

**WEBSITE REVIEW**

Sports fans show skills on the Web

**ISABEL MAZA**
Staff Writer

Sports fans may be disappointed by the countless, monotonous sports Web sites that exist on the Internet today. ActInSport, however, hopes to change that.

Free Web site www.actinsport.com allows its members to create, upload and share videos of themselves and their friends participating in a sport of any kind. The sports featured range from BMX to beer pong. The uploaded videos are then put to the test through “Challenges.”

I’m not a huge sports fan myself, but I decided to take a look at the Web site and see some Challenges for myself. There are countless sports to choose from and they are grouped in several categories. Viewers can select to see videos of team sports, extreme sports, fight sports, motor sports and many others. Feeling overwhelmed, I decided to just click on the Challenge of the day, which turned out to be “Beer Pong Stunts.”

There were three different videos of what were supposedly the best beer pong shots of all time. I hesitantly decided to watch all three. I stared in amazement as I watched the most ridiculous beer pong “stunts” I’ve ever seen in my life. I decided to watch some of the other videos the site had to offer and I washazily decided to watch the rest. The uploader gossips about the tests and gives his opinions on the subject matter. All students are invited to attend Faith Jams and give their opinions on the subject matter being discussed. The conversation centers on faith and reason. The CSU also plans social and group activities for its members. In the past, the group has attended various bowling and movie nights. Through these socials, the members are able to bond and build relationships with each other. The group participates in service events – several members visit homeless shelters throughout the week. In the past, the CSU has participated in Washington D.C.’s March for Life, an annual anti-abortion rally. More recently, the focus has moved to Catholic Days, an annual event that takes place in Tallahassee, Fla. During this event, Catholics visit the capitol and discuss numerous issues affecting the state of Florida.

The CSU is currently planning a dialogue for the Fall semester about Catholicism and what Catholics believe. It is also planning a retreat called “Awareness” that will take place in December after finals week. The retreat will be held on campus and is open to everyone. Although the union is a Catholic group, people of all religions are welcome to attend its meetings and events. The group focuses on development and faith and strives to provide the necessary tools for the FIU community to achieve these goals.

Halloween costume inspiration

**MEGAN KELLEY**

Once a couples costume, single Kate will be more popular than ever. Stores are even selling the classic “Kate Gosselin” wig. The eight children from the Octomom costume can also be used. The best costume is that I had never liked seem interesting. I’m dressing up like Godric from Harry Potter, and I wore hazel contacts and gelled my hair so that it stood up. I also used some costume makeup to make the outside of my eyes look kind of red,” said senior and architecture major Andres Penalver. Bella is a little harder to dress up as, but Edward Cullen is the perfect costume accessory. Vampires in general will be a popular costume this year, thanks to the success of the franchise and shows like “True Blood”.

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### TAYLOR SWIFT AND KANYE WEST

Another sure-to-be-popular couples costume this year is Kanye West and Taylor Swift. Fans can recreate the VMAs with their own “Moon Man” award and imitating the celebrities’ outfits from the infamous night. Kanye’s shutter shades are a must.

### OCTOMOM

This costume is pretty self-explanatory. Just don an overly pregnant belly or tote around eight small children and oversized lips.

### KATE GOSSELIN

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### BALLOON BOY

Hardcore Halloween fans are expected to go all out for this costume.

This list is just a prediction of what Halloween will look like this year, but there could be some surprises. When dressing up this year, just remember the most important rule of Halloween costumes: originality is key.
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**PERFORMERS OF THE WEEK**

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**FIU 3, ARKANSAS ST. 2**

More records fell on Oct. 25 as the Golden Panthers outlasted Arkansas State University 3-2.

The Golden Panthers are now undefeated in their last nine games, and are on a six-game winning streak, a mark that eclipses the previous record of five set by the 1992, 1993, and 2001 squads.

For FIU, the scoring started off in a familiar fashion.

Moreno was given a penalty shot after a Red Wolves player was called for a hand ball.

As she had done less than 48 hours earlier, Moreno made it look easy as she fired the ball into the Arkansas St. net, giving the Golden Panthers a 1-0 lead after just 20 minutes of play.

The goal tally would increase again as sophomore goalkeeper Katie Rose added another highlight to her breakout season, scoring off a pass from freshman Made- line Hjorth-Stalgren.

"When I saw the ball coming across, I knew," said Rose. "When I saw Maddi with the ball, I got really excited and I was able to finish it."

The second half saw a record 11th different player etch her name into the goal column, the most since 10 different players scored goals in 2004.

Playing in her second game since coming off the injury list, and having already notched an assist on Rose's first half goal, Hjorth-Stalgren once again showed her abilities as she rifled a shot past ASU goalkeeper Susan Brown.

Merely 63 seconds into the second half of the game, FIU held a 3-0 lead over Arkansas St.

With roughly 22 minutes to go, Chest- nutt gave freshman goalkeeper Savage a rest, replacing her with sophomore Melanie Raimo.

The FIU defense was able to keep Raimo out of pressure situations, as she faced only one shot in her first 10 minutes of play.

However, Arkansas St. was able to get on the board after a miscue in front of the net resulted in an own goal for the Golden Panthers.

The Red Wolves would make the home crowd uneasy as they continued their rally with another goal 64 seconds later, leaving the score 3-2 with roughly five minutes to go.

The Golden Panthers would hang on to yet another record-setting victory, stretching their unbeaten streak to nine.

In addition to the victory, FIU was able to take advantage of North Texas' loss to Western Kentucky earlier in the day and catapulted to first place in the Sun Belt Conference standings.

"It's crunch time and teams are fighting for position," Chestnutt said. "I felt like we really came out and did a good job of controlling the game."

The Golden Panthers finish up the regular season with senior night on Oct. 30 against conference rival Florida Atlantic.

A victory would give FIU its first conference regular season championship since it shared the title in 2000 with South Alabama.

Regardless of the tie, the Golden Panthers have gained confidence throughout the season as injured players have come back and have slowly adjusted with the team.

Midfielder Diego Tamburis said the team would have more than five wins if the Golden Panthers played against other opponents the way they played vs. the Gamecocks.

“They have a solid and organized team, but I don’t think they have a team to make the conference final. If we played like we did yesterday all our games, we could be in the final,” Tamburis said.

The Golden Panthers will return to FIU Soccer Stadium on Nov. 1 to host Kentucky at 1 p.m. for their final home game of the season.

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HEAD OF THE PACK
Wins over Arkansas St., UALR vaults FIU to first place in Sun Belt standings

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The Golden Panthers women’s soccer team (10-5-3, Sun Belt 8-1-1) headed into the weekend hoping to break several program records against the University of Arkansas-Little Rock and Arkansas State. With two victories on Oct. 23 and 25, the Golden Panthers set new team records.

FIU 1, UALR 0
FIU sophomore forward Thaisa Moreno made it clear that she knows what she is capable of.

When asked what she was thinking when she was called to make a penalty shot on Oct. 23 versus UALR, her answer was simple. “I was going to score,” Moreno said.

Moreno’s goal 30 minutes into the game was all the Golden Panthers needed in their 1-0 win over the Trojans (6-10-1, 3-5-1). The win extends FIU’s winning streak to five games. The Golden Panthers also broke the record for most conference wins in a season.

Sophomore April Perry was the first to have a look at the opponent’s goal as she took a shot roughly nine minutes into the game, but sailed it wide left.

Senior Amy Jackson, and sophomores Moreno and Katrina Rose each had looks at the net after, but all missed their marks. Then, with a little over 10 minutes to go in the half, Moreno was given a penalty kick that she easily put past UALR goalie Jane Picarelli.

“I wasn’t nervous,” said Moreno of her first penalty shot of the season. “We have been doing those a lot in practice so I wasn’t worried.”

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The Golden Panthers men’s soccer gave the South Carolina Gamecocks (7-5-3, 2-1-1) a run for its money. The Golden Panthers also had a look at the opponent’s goal as she sailed it wide left.

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