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Florida International University
Lot Six new tailgating spot

JORGIE VALENS
Asst. News Director

Housing students gathered at a town hall forum to address issues regarding parking on campus, including a change in the tailgating location, parking lot security and the amount of available parking spaces.

The forum, held on Nov. 4, was second in a three-part series of town hall forums sponsored by the Office of Housing and Residential Life.

Parking and Transportation executive director, Bill Foster, was on hand to answer student questions.

I like doing the forums with students,” Foster said. “Sometimes it gives them a different perspective on it. Sometimes they agree and sometimes they don’t.”

Foster announced that on the upcoming home game on Nov. 14, tailgating will be held in Lot Six instead of in Tamiami Park. Lot Six was originally designated as a tailgating area before Lakesview Housing was built. The lot, across from Everglades Hall, will play a bigger role in the University’s tailgating activities, according to Foster.

The University is concerned that Lot Six will not be full and is discussing ways to make it more attractive.

Tamiami Park may not always be available to tailgaters and wants to set Lot Six as the tailgating area, Foster said.

Foster said that the three remaining football games will be a learning experience for the department and that this instance will inform students of the change, which would go into full effect next year.

“The University wanted to go back to creating that atmosphere, especially when we may not always be able to use Tamiami Park for tailgating,” Foster said.

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If they pass, the applicant will be invited to a workshop where potential peer advisors will be exposed to practice questions and information sessions they will be involved with in the future.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Homecoming Pop Rally, Nov. 9, 12 p.m. in the student center. This event will feature the SGA, the men’s basketball team, the Student Programming Council and the SGA-BBC. The event will be hosted by the Student Programming Council and the SGA-BBC.

Panther Prowl Comedy Show, Nov. 9, 8 p.m. Enjoy the comedic talents of Daniel Chapman and others at the US Century Bank Arena. Tickets are $5.

Up Home Around the World, Nov. 10, 8 p.m. Homecoming performance of students performing songs, games and trivia in the US Century Bank Arena. Admission is free.

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A Forum for Free Student Expression at Florida International University

Talk discusses ethics in medical community

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Concerns over a recent, growing trend of medical ghostwriting provided plenty of debate and discussion between students and faculty members at the latest Tuesday Times Talks. Tuesday Times Talks, the weekly series that is part of the SGA and Global Learning Initiative’s revamped The New York Times Readership Program, took place for the second time since its inception. The latest talk was moderated by social work professor David Cohen, who also chose The New York Times article for the talk.

“I picked this article because to me it’s very fascinating. It touches on science, ethics and patient care; all of the issues that we can associate with medical research,” Cohen said.

Medical ghostwriting happens when pharmaceutical companies pay professional writers to produce papers, meanwhile paying doctors and scientists to attach their names to these papers. Those papers are then published in a medical or scientific journal. However, these doctors and scientists have little to no involvement in the pharmaceutical company’s actual research.

The problem that medical journals now fear is that doctors who read these published ghostwritten articles will be influenced into prescribing medicine to their patients based on biased opinions or false information.

“There have still been some remains of the idea that you could go see your doctor and the information you would get from him/her, of which you would make your opinion yourself, was his/her opinion. Whereas now, you’re not really sure, because they’re reading that literature and they’re getting their views from this opinion that someone else wants them

MONEY MATTERS

JULIAN PINHEIRO
Staff Writer

The Homecoming Council has been preparing for Homecoming by discussing and planning various aspects of the week-long event, such as the budget, sponsored events and donations within Homecoming.

The Homecoming Council is holding a fund-raising event, cost $5,000 donation from the Student Programming Council and $2,000 from Ultimate Software.

According to its budget, production of all the events cost $10,166; and the cost of the Homecoming court is $1,200. Panther Prowl, a comedy show that is part of the SGA and Global Leadership Initiative’s revamped The New York Times ReaderShip Program recruits new peer advisors

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Teen unemployment rate hits record high

Panther Prowl, five at the Homecoming parade and seven at Ultra.

Gabe Villaneuva, director of production and communication for Homecoming Council, said he hopes that the same amount of officers are available during this year’s events.

Public Safety officer Douglas Ochupa explained that after analyzing the events schedule, they estimate how many officers are needed in each event.

“We usually give them the same amount of officers every year since there hasn’t been any issues or problems with past events,” Ochupa said.

On Oct. 15, members of the Homecoming Council started to distribute and post flyers all over the Modesto Maidique Campus and the Engineering Center for both Panther Prowl and Ultra.

According to the Homecoming Web site, Panther Prowl is one of the biggest events and traditions at the University. The event will take place on Nov. 9 at the U.S. Century Bank Arena and will feature guests and comedians such as Daniel Tosh, Kevin Hart and Andrew Kennedy.

Lip Sync around the world, an event that showcases students’ dancing and singing abilities, will take place on Nov. 10 at 8 p.m. in the U.S. Century Bank Arena.

Christina Perez, a junior majoring in public relations, is going to be performing for the first time on the lip sync contest.

“I’m just looking forward to going out on stage and showing my school spirit as well as just having fun with my sisters,” said Perez, a member of Phi Sigma Sigma.

FIU Ultra, a dance party event that will be held between the Blue and Gold Garages on Nov. 13, will present DJs Lie, Keno, Danny Daue and Jorge Felix. The event will be held from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

“(FIU Ultra) was once a block party but now it is a DJ event that plays rock, hip-hop and dance,” said Alex Para-

yuelos, FIU Ultra chair.

“Homecoming will begin Nov. 9 with the FIU spirit pep rally at the Betty Chapman Plaza.

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coming because our goal was to recruit diverse groups other than Greeks. This year’s going to be a lot new school spirit because of the diverse groups,” said Dawn Ogali, recruitment chair.

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Homecoming court back in action

“I think it kind of like our gina pig since we’re not putting as many restric-

tions,” said Quintana, a junior psychology major. “We’re going to try and see what’s going on and what ends up happening.”

Last year, the court was canceled by the Homecoming Council due to accusations of cheating among the candi-

dates. Claims of excessive internet campaigning and mishandling of the Box Tops for Education Drive were brought up against every candidate.

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tially funded by student services but is not responsible for the company or vendor.

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Homecoming court will reign once again as the council in charge of the pageant makes adjustments to the rules and regulations for this year’s candidates.

Each candidate is now allowed to campaign by word of mouth and have one poster on campus, according to Court Affairs Chair Alina Quintana.

She also added that the Box Tops for Education Drive will no longer be an event that every candidate must participate in. Instead, they are to take part in a collab-

orative community service project with other students from each of their respective organizations.

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Students object to fliers on their cars

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Foster added that though he understood that this change may be inconvenient to housing students, who would have to move their cars before the game, the decision came from various parties, such as the Student Government Association and the Office of Student Affairs.

Students also brought up concerns regarding security on campus parking lots and promotional fliers on cars.

Graduate student Katiey Genrich, who recently had her housing decal stolen, asked Foster if the department will be taking any steps to prevent the theft of housing decals.

Foster said they are looking into having registered, numbered housing decals as early as next year.

Students were also concerned with solicitors leaving fliers and pamphlets on their cars, which stick to the cars when exposed to the rain and sun. The 2009-2010 Student Handbook states that the placement of fliers or pamphlets in cars is prohibited.

Foster also told students that Parking and Transportation has allocated 250 spaces for housing students, with the Blue Garage available to accommodate any overflow. The reason for this, he said, was in lieu of FIU’s decision to not build additional housing-specific parking to replace the spaces lost after the construction of Lakeview.

“If you build parking just for housing, housing will be the one who pays for it,” said Foster. “If you build parking for the University and you put housing spaces in it, then it can be paid with Parking and Transportation funds.”

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Joseph Haefel, assistant director for Residential Life, said that though attendance to the forum was lower than the first one, held on Oct. 4, he “appreciated” that students still came out to ask questions.

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Hands On

IN THE FIELD: Erica Burns (top) reaches out to hold a baby alligator at the Miccosukee Indian Village and Cultural Center. Members of FIU’s Anthropology Through Film class (bottom) partake in an airboat ride through the Everglades as part of a field trip to the Indian Village.

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Students voice distrust of pharmaceutical industry

Three years ago, the drug company Merck released a highly publicized study of a drug called Vioxx to the media. The study was presented as a breakthrough in understanding the causes of heart disease. However, after the study was published, the company quickly stopped promoting the drug, insisting it was unsafe.

Data from the study was publicized almost immediately, and the news spread quickly to the public. People were surprised, shocked, and angry. They began to question the motives of the pharmaceutical industry and its role in shaping medical research.

“Why are they doing this?” people asked. “Is it because the drug is dangerous? Or is it because it doesn’t make them enough money?”

Parents of children with heart disease were particularly concerned. They wanted to know if their children were at risk. They wanted to know if they should stop using the drug.

The pharmaceutical industry was quick to respond. They claimed the study was flawed and that the results were not conclusive. They said that the drug was still safe and that people should continue using it.

But many people were skeptical. They felt that the pharmaceutical industry was trying to cover up the truth. They felt that the company was more interested in making money than in protecting people’s health.

“The pharmaceutical industry is a big business,” one person said. “They’re more interested in their bottom line than in the health of people.”

Others felt that the study was just the tip of the iceberg. They believed that the pharmaceutical industry was involved in many more unethical practices.

“I think it’s a bigger problem than just Vioxx,” said another person. “The pharmaceutical industry is just one example of the kind of things that are happening in medicine.”

The public’s distrust of the pharmaceutical industry has not gone away. People are still concerned about the safety of drugs and the motives of the companies that make them.

But the pharmaceutical industry says it is doing more to address these concerns. They say they are working to improve the way they conduct research and to be more transparent about their findings.

“People have a right to know,” said a spokesperson for the industry. “We are doing everything we can to be more open and honest.”

But many people are not satisfied with these promises. They believe that the pharmaceutical industry is still trying to cover up the truth.

“I don’t trust these companies,” said one person. “They’re not telling us the whole story.”

The issue of the pharmaceutical industry’s role in medicine is likely to continue to be a hot topic for years to come. People will continue to ask questions and demand answers.

“Until we know the truth, we can’t trust the pharmaceutical industry,” said one person. “We need to hold them accountable.”

Campaigning rules change

than necessary and we’ve got such a small group of people trying to regulate a big event, it gets very difficult,” said Campus Life Director Stanek. “At the end of the day, these companies are looking out for their profits instead of the people who they make medicine for.”

“The training marathons are one big, hot mess...of fun,” he said, adding that it was a great bonding experience with his fellow advisors.

When the summer orientation season comes, peer advisors have received a full semester of training and are prepared for any of the parents’ concerns or students’ questions. A typical orientation work day begins at 6 a.m. and ends roughly at around 11 p.m. Orientation runs daily during the summer session.

On one occasion, a peer advisor was “to think of peer advising as an internship. You don’t go to school or work while you have an internship, you’re there for the experience.”

Peer advisors also attend a number of events outside the University.

This year, they will travel to the University of Louisville for the annual Southern Regional Orientation Workshop, where peer advisors from across the country will meet.

In addition, a peer advisor retreat is organized so they can take a weekend off and relax among their friends. The last trip was to Fort Myers, Fla.

“I applied because I wanted to help the students who were quiet,” said Wen-Ju Chien, a peer advisor coordinator. “It helped me to develop personal and leadership skills. It’s the opportunity of a lifetime.”

Program allows students to hone leadership skills

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Dance series offers students free ballroom lessons

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Contributing Writer

Sophomore Isabel Angelova has been taking dance classes since her junior year in high school, but she had to stop because she couldn’t afford them.

This semester, she started taking dance classes for free at the University.

“The ‘Dancing with the Wolfe’ series is especially great simply because ballroom lessons are very expensive and that’s the reason I stopped dancing in high school,” said Angelova, an economics and international business major.

The Student Programming Council at the Biscayne Bay Campus created the ‘Dancing with the Wolfe’ series about eight years ago.

The series offers weekly dance classes for students.

The classes take place every Monday in the Wolfe University Center Room 155 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. for ballroom dancing styles, like cha-cha, tango, and rumba, and every Tuesday in the Recreation Center’s aerobics room from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. for hip-hop lessons.

All the classes are free to students.

Georgia Bedeau, SPC’s secretary, calls them “cultural entertainment.” “‘Dancing with the Wolfe’ is a series of workshops to teach the different dance styles, and we wanted it to be affordable for the students so we made it free,” said Bedeau, a hospitality management major.

Alia Silvera, a senior public relations major and SPC’s treasurer, said that although the classes are meant to teach specific types of dances, students can request dance instructors to teach them different styles.

“Every semester we either add or switch a dance style,” she said. “We want to make it free, so we take care of the cost.”

Bedeau also said SPC plans on adding more styles for future semesters.

“The hip-hop lessons are kept all the time because of its numbers in attendance, but we plan on adding belly dancing soon,” Bedeau said.

During Fall 2008, the University’s Department of Dance stopped receiving applications from dance majors due to budget cuts.

Colette Hanna, a senior public relations major and the SPC marketing chair, was pursuing a minor in dance.

“She said she likes the classes because the school doesn’t have a dance program anymore.”

“I do modern dancing mainly,” said Hanna. “The Wolfe series is great because I get exposed to styles that I do not normally do because the dance program is getting cut.”

Bedeau and Silvera also want students to be more aware of the opportunity they have to take free dance classes and encourage many to attend.

“We wanted to do more and give more options for student activities, all while making it free,” Bedeau said.

The dance series has let Angelova get back to her passion and work on her dream of dancing professionally.

“She said she enjoys the classes a lot.”

“The styles all have their own themes to it: Argentinean tango is more of passion, and the ordinary tango is a dance of spirit,” she said.

“All the dances are taught by request, so the different styles of ballroom to learn are endless.”

For more information, contact SPC at 305-919-5280.

SPC-BBC

Senators pass resolution to make algebra count for credit

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Staff Writer

After hearing several concerns from students about the Undergraduate Core Curriculum, the Student Government Council at the Biscayne Bay Campus wrote a resolution on Nov. 2 to change MAC 1105, College Algebra, from its status as an elective to the status of a UCC credit.

The resolution was written at the beginning of the Fall semester by Natalya Cohen, SGC-BBC senator-at-large, after overhearing a conversation when she was studying in the learning center.

“A student was expressing that this was his third time taking the class,” she said. “And I heard him say ‘it doesn’t even count as a UCC.’

According to Cohen, SGA is working to get more advisors for both campuses to end the confusion.

Cohen brought the issue to the attention of the senate, and the motion was made by Leatrice Gachette, SGC-BBC nursing and health services senator, during the senate’s meeting on Nov. 2.

The motion was seconded by Zahera Arbabi, lower division senator.

“The purpose of passing the resolution is to make MAC 1105 a core course instead of being an elective. It will save students money,” said Gachette. “It will still count toward their degree education, the University is the only public institution in Florida that does not consider MAC 1105 part of the UCC.

“In 2003, the University decided to combine general education and core curriculum; however, this created some problems for students who transferred into the University from public institutions and did not have an associate’s degree,” she said.

When students enter the University, they must take a placement test that will place them in a math class based on

Students need a very strong college algebra background for some courses. The class does fulfill college credit and students are given a grade, but the course is counted as an elective.

Valerie Morgan, assistant dean Undergraduate Education

Homecoming 2009 at BBC
Visions of Atlantis – The Lost City

Events:
• Homecoming Pep Rally, Nov. 12 at 12 p.m. in the Wolfe University Center Panther Square.
• Visions of Atlantis Homecoming Dance, Nov. 12 at 8 p.m. in the Wolfe University Center Ballrooms. Free admission for students with valid Panther ID, $10 guests.

Homecoming Court
• Prince: 1. Junior Naksea Calvert. Major: History

Voting for the Court takes place Nov. 9 - Nov. 11 at the SPC stand that will be located in Panther Square.
Senate wants math class to count for UCC

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their results, and in some cases, they are placed in MAC 1105.

“Students need a very strong college algebra background for some courses,” Morgan said. “The class does fulfill college credit and students are given a grade, but the course is counted as an elective.”

Although the resolution was passed unanimously by the senate, it must still be presented to the administration.

According to Sholom Neistein, SGC-BBC president, the resolution must now be approved by the administration and follow the chain of command.

The provost, Douglas Wartzok, would make the final decision. Afterward, the resolution would have to be passed to the state board to see if MAC 1105 would fulfill the UCC requirement, according to Neistein.

“Just because student government passes a resolution it does not mean the faculty will approve it,” Morgan said.

The resolution also points out that students have other UCC math courses to choose from, such as Finite Math, that do not serve as prerequisites to high level courses, like Calculus for Business, according to Morgan.

The ultimate decision is up to the faculty, Morgan said.

“I think it’s great that the students are taking interest in helping each other. If it does get approved, it will help students who decide to change majors after taking College Algebra,” she said.

Senate wants math class to count for UCC
FIU's annual Homecoming festivities have arrived with this year's theme: “The Tradition Continues.”

The events begin Nov. 9 and will lead up to the Homecoming game on Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. against the University of North Texas.

“We want students to have more understanding of FIU tradition. FIU is a huge school and we do have traditions. Homecoming itself is a tradition,” said Cristine Ale, a junior majoring in international business and assistant director of finance for the Homecoming Committee.

The festivities commence with Monday’s pep rally at the Betty Chapman Plaza from noon to 2 p.m. The football team will be there along with music and tons of giveaways for participating students.

At 8 p.m., the annual Panther Prowl comedy show will be happening at the U.S. Century Bank Arena featuring stand-up from Daniel Tosh, Kevin Hart and Andrew Kennedy.

The show is free but tickets are required for admission. They can be picked up with a valid student ID in Campus Life.

This year’s Lip Sync contest will be held on Nov. 10. FIU organizations will be rallying their most talented members and putting together an FIU-spirited performance in hopes of winning the competition.

This year, the competition is also open for students to compete individually. The show will be also be at the U.S. Century Bank Arena at 8 p.m.

“We have a lot of teams this year that are not just Greek-oriented, which is a big difference from last year. Lip Sync has a more international feel so it incorporates the different kinds of students we have at FIU,” said Alina Quintana, a junior majoring in psychology and the Court Affairs chair for the Homecoming Council.

On Nov. 11, the University will be closed for Veteran’s Day but those running for Homecoming court will be attending a community service event at the Tropical Audubon Society.

The court, along with five members of each competing
President Rosenberg
grand marshaling
revamped parade

ADRIANA RODRIGUEZ
Staff Writer

This year’s Homecoming Parade will focus on bringing back school pride and reflecting on the University’s accomplishments over the years.

To do that, the Homecoming Parade has not been a huge success. Many students had been unaware of the event. “I didn’t even know we had a Homecoming Parade. I think students don’t have school spirit here and we don’t get too involved in school activities,” said Tatiana Correa, a junior broadcast journalism major.

So, why did the Homecoming Council decide to bring back the parade?

“The past, the parade hasn’t been such a strong tradition within our Homecoming Week. This year, I wanted to really improve it and I’m trying to get things to motivate students to come,” said Daniela Gonzalez, sophomore criminal justice major.

The new addition is part of the Homecoming Council’s goal to make this week more about the University as a whole instead of just those apart of the Greek system. “The new addition is part of the Homecoming Council’s goal to make this week more about the University as a whole instead of just those apart of the Greek system,” said Gonzalez.

The parade plans on taking a retrospective look at FIU’s accomplishments. “The way I see Homecoming Week is it’s a way to unify the school and bring back the alumni and share the school spirit between the alumni and students so we can see how the FIU has come. It’s just a chance to see the ways FIU has grown from such a small university and enjoy it together,” Gonzalez said.

This year’s grand marshal will be the University’s new president, Mark Rosenberg. FIU alumni and State House Representative Andrew Franks will also be participating and will be riding alongside student government President Anthony Rionda in a spirit car provided by the Homecoming’s sponsor, Esserman International.

Gonzalez said they chose Rosenberg as the grand marshal because he represents the good things to come for the University. “With our new president, it’s like a kick start for FIU. We see a new era, a new beginning. We have a new medical school and a new student, we have so many accomplishments that I don’t think anyone has really taken note of. Nobody’s really taken into consideration how much we’ve grown.”

The parade starts its route in Lot Five traveling toward the Frost Art Museum and ends at the stadium. It’s shorter than in previous years.

“I made the route shorter than previous years just because that way people know where to go and we aren’t spiritual throughout campus. There will be less confusion on where to go. I’ve also put up for bleachers to be placed near the judges in front of the Frost so they can enjoy this comfortably. I haven’t put it outside, so try to accommodate to that as much as possible,” Gonzalez said. “We want to encourage the student body to come out and celebrate FIU.”

There will be plenty of fun activities at the event like T-shirts and other FIU memorabilia.

Gonzalez says that it is an important goal to make sure that the event is open to every student.

“We’re really emphasizing on getting everyone involved and promoting school unity and pride. So we really tried to make an effort to not only involve the Greeks but also get the [Council of Student Organizations] clubs to get involved. We have a few colleges participating and making spirit cars, so that’s also very new. We’ve never had any of the colleges in the past do this,” she said.

One notable addition to the parade is the new College of Medicine, which will be making a spirit car for the parade.

The new addition is part of the Homecoming Council’s goal to make this week more about the University as a whole instead of just those apart of the Greek system.

Angelina Gonzalez, a senior elementary education major and member of Alpha Xi Delta, says the Homecoming Parade is important to the student body for many reasons.

“It takes a lot of time and dedication to put a Homecoming float together. This encourages the student body to come together to create a masterpiece that will then be displayed during the parade,” she added.

She added that the Homecoming Parade is an exciting way to see how proud students are to be Panthers.

Daniela Gonzalez added that she feels that Homecoming Week is all about traditions.

“Even though they are so young, our traditions unify our student body. We’ve become such a great university in such a short time,” she said.
Festivities to feature ‘Fun Run’ for charity as well as parade

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Panther Prowl to include former shoe salesman turned comedian, star of TV show

ISABEL MAZA  Staff Writer

FIU’s annual Homecoming Week has arrived and one of the week’s first major events is the Panther Prowl comedy show. Panther Prowl is an annual Homecoming event. It is a free comedy show open to all students. This year’s Panther Prowl will take place on Nov. 9 in the U.S. Century Bank Arena at 8 p.m. The show will feature comedians Daniel Tosh, Kevin Hart and Andrew Kennedy. Daniel Tosh is the star of his own show on Comedy Central entitled “Tosh.0,” which airs Thursdays at 10 p.m. The show deals with all things Internet-related and often features clips from YouTube and commentary from Tosh himself. “Only Daniel Tosh knows how to combine the right amount of sarcasm and truth to make his comedy not only original but incredibly hilarious,” said sophomore nursing major Patrick Iglesias.

According to the Homecoming Web site, Tosh made his debut on “The Late Show with David Letterman” and his TV credits include “The Late Late Show with Craig Kilborn,” “Jimmy Kimmel Live” and “Last Call with Carson Daly.”

Kevin Hart was a shoe salesman before he got into the field of comedy. He decided to give stand-up comedy a try by participating in a local comedy night. His performance was a success and he soon began performing at comedy clubs around the nation – mostly in Boston, New York and Los Angeles. Since then, he has appeared in films such as “Scary Movie 3,” “Scary Movie 4: Along Came Polly,” “Soul Plane” and “Paper Soldiers.” He also co-produced, wrote and starred in the 2004 ABC sitcom “The Big House.”

Andrew Kennedy is a comedian with a diverse ethnic background. His father is British and his mother is Colombian so Kennedy is fluent in both English and Spanish. He uses his experiences traveling the world as a platform for his comedy to discuss his unique observations of life, family and politics. He recently produced, developed and starred in a CBS pilot that was based on his life and comedy. His comedy revolves around his multicultural background and unique upbringing.

Last year’s comedy show featured comedians Tony Rock, Craig Robinson, who can be seen on the TV show “The Office” and former “Last Comic Standing” contestant Ralphie May.

“Last year’s Panther Prowl was really funny and entertaining. I’m excited to see how this year’s will be,” said junior Rebecca Fuentes. Attendees of this year’s Panther Prowl will also be entered in a raffle to win comedy CDs and DVDs as well as a football signed by Miami Dolphins receiver Ted-Ginn Jr. “The council has been working very hard on this year’s Panther Prowl, and we know it will be an amazing event,” said Homecoming Council member Andrea Passerini.

The event will feature a portion where council members will hand-out free Homecoming giveaways to the crowd. The council will also show a video at the event introducing the students involved in the Homecoming Council and a preview of the week’s events.

Panther Prowl is just the first of the Homecoming events to occur during the week of Nov. 9-14. All Homecoming events are free to students and will occur on campus throughout the week.

THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS: HOMECOMING EDITION

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2009

HOMECOMING PEP RALLY

WHERE: 12 p.m.
HOW: Free
WHERE: GC Cubans-Plaza

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WHERE: 12 a.m.
HOW: Free
WHERE: GC Pe.

FRENCH CLUB
Literature Conference

WHERE: 8 a.m.
HOW: Free
WHERE: GE 243

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2009

INVISIBLE CHILDREN

WHERE: 11 a.m.
HOW: Free
WHERE: GE 243

CAMPUSS BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

WHERE: 7:30 p.m.
HOW: Free
WHERE: GC 1235

PANTHER PROWL COMEDY SHOW

Bring your favorite comedians of Daniel Tosh and more!

WHERE: 8 p.m.
HOW: Free
WHERE: GE 55
WHERE: U.S. Century Bank Arena

LIP SYNC AROUND THE WORLD

Homecoming competition of students performing songs, dance, and karaoke!

WHERE: 8 p.m.
HOW: Free
WHERE: GE 1235

AMERICAN MARKETING ASSOCIATION Dinner

WHERE: 11 a.m.
HOW: Free
WHERE: GE 243

DANCE MARATHON 100 DAY CELEBRATION

WHERE: 12 p.m.
HOW: MUCHE Free
WHERE: GC PN

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2009

VETERAN’S DAY CELEBRATION

WHERE: 9:30 a.m.
HOW: MUCHE Free
WHERE: Main Quad, 405 Brockel Ave.

AN EVENING WITH RICHARD POWERS

WHERE: 8 p.m.
HOW: MUCHE Free
WHERE: University Center Conference Center

DIRTY HAIRY FEATURING RACE ROX

WHERE: 8 p.m.
HOW: MUCHE Free
WHERE: GE Dataset Arnes

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2009

VOTE FOR HOMECOMING KING AND QUEEN

WHERE: 9:30 p.m.
HOW: MUCHE Free
WHERE: GE 1235

MUSLIM STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

WHERE: 5 p.m.
HOW: Free
WHERE: GE 305

SOUND OF LIGHT ENTERTAINMENT Live Performance at SUN!

WHERE: 8 p.m.
HOW: MUCHE Free
WHERE: WUK Ballroom

DIVERSITY UNIVERSITY EVENT

WHERE: 7:30 p.m.
HOW: Free
WHERE: GC East Ballroom

Compiled by Marianna Ochoa.
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When voting on the state bill, CS/CS/HB 885, entitled the “Student Health Insurance Protection Act,” which would have required students to have health insurance to enroll in a public Florida university, the senate passed a resolution against the state bill.

SGC-MMC President Anthony Rionda vetoed the resolution because he felt the senate needed more time to better understand the subject they were voting on. This is the second resolution Rionda vetoes this semester. The first veto was the resolution which sought the restructuring of both SGC-MMC and SGC at Biscayne Bay Campus.

When making rulings that require research and reviewing state bills, the senate should spend more than one meeting to arrive at the best possible decision.

Especially if the resolution is significant such as the health care resolution or as complex as the restructuring resolution, the Speed Pass Act should be an exception to the standard way of passing legislation.

But this semester, the SGC-MMC senate has overtaken the act and it could become difficult to break the habit.

The senate should adhere to the rules set forth in the campus bylaws which state that bills or resolutions must be read twice during two different meetings in order to be passed.

This method, though more time consuming, allows for discourse and will ultimately yield a more informed decision.

What method the senate uses to vote for bills and resolution should be decided on a case-by-case basis.

If a resolution is a minor piece of legislation or has been tabled for an extended period of time, then the Speed Pass Act is acceptable.

For example, in October 2008, the senate proposed a resolution to condemn the beating of a student at a football game, but it was put aside until February 2009. However a resolution that calls for the complete restructuring of student government is an issue that would require more consideration and scrutiny.

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**OPINION**

**SGC-MMC senate should use Speed Act judiciously, bite with bigger issues**

The Student Government Council at Modesto Maidique Campus senate should have the option to pass or reject a bill or resolution that the day it is presented.

However, the Senate Speed Pass Act, which allows the senate to pass legislation after a first reading instead of the two readings set by the campus bylaws, should not be used as the primary method of passing legislation.

So far this year, nearly every resolution has been passed using the act.

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**BONUSES AIM TO EASE HARM DONE BY EXECUTIVES**

Excess is quickly becoming an issue in American public discourse: the excess of government spending, the excess of American consumerism and the excess of Wall Street all enter into our political discussions at one point or another.

Between the three though, the overindulgence of corporate executives elicits perhaps the most ire – as far as most people are concerned – such greed got us into this mess, and has gone largely unpunished, even continuing to this very day despite the lingering economic malaise.

While several banks and companies seemed needy enough to require billions in taxpayer aid to survive, some apparently seemed well off enough to provide their high-overs with billions in bonuses: Goldman Sachs, for example, awarded $20 billion to its executive staff, a near-record, despite having also acquired billions in federal aid.

Even firms that are still taking a loss for shareholders, such as Citigroup and Bank of America, continue to pay hefty executive bonuses.

To add more to this injustice, many of those responsible for driving their companies to the ground – and helping bring the economy down with them – had received “golden parachutes,” large pay packages, when they resigned or were fired. Such extravagant bonuses were bad enough without apparently affecting failure and incompetence.

The federal government has received the most taxpayer aid. Altogether, these plans will apply to 28 of the country’s largest institutions.

The intention of all this is so much to curb high pay altogether, but to crackdown on a perverse system that awards executives massive amounts of money in return for garnering high profits.

In retrospect, this makes sense: the point of these bonuses is to attract talented people and incent them to bring in the money.

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One motivation was to bring in the money, however possible, in order to get their bonus money.

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Most girls grow up wanting more than fairy-tale endings

PAMELA PATTERSON
Contributing Writer

When looking for reliable sources of information, many people look to popular news outlets like Fox or MSNBC. Why they do so varies; some look for coverage others for reaffirmation of their own views. Although these outlets may seem like reliable sources of information, they often offer coverage that only serves the media's purpose, which makes things even more complicated.

A new study from Stanford University indicates that people with extremist views are more willing to share their opinions because they believe that the views are the majority. Kimberly Vanega, an art history major, who looks to Disney princesses as a model of a perfect guy.

“I'm looking for Prince Charming. I have standards and the princes are there,” she said. However, she said if everyone meets that perfect man, she will most likely think he's a "creep." That feeling is pretty much felt across the board. We watch these movies to escape reality and pretend that these things can happen to us ... but we don’t actually want them.

I know that the odds of falling in love with someone over a radio show will never happen, but that doesn’t stop me from loving the story line in Sleepless in Seattle and wishing it could be one day with me and my favorite movie. "All it does is give you hope, then you realize it's never going to happen," said Freshman Tiffany Beale, a mechanical engineering major.

Let's face it, perfection is overrated, and when presented with a perfect guy, or most people don't want it. As those for sharing their opinions because they believe their views are more willing to speak out on their stories about our current country is, for the most part, split.

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MSNBC, on the other hand, falls on the other end of the spec- trum and constantly sings Obama’s praises, aligning itself with Demo- cratic views.

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It’s not about socialist punishment against private citizens either, as more paranoid opponents suggest. As a compromise to those fearing too much government power and those who feel some regulation should be exerted, the Fed is aiming to merely change the process of executive compensation; for example, mandating that bonuses reward transparent practices and long-term profits benefits, or requiring details of these bonuses, which are often secretive, are open to the public and company shareholders.

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Second year club looks to make big impression

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Division II national champion. The team practices five days a week. The practices are team oriented and physically and mentally exhausting, says Garo.

“You’re there to work, so it’s best that you go in with the right intentions,” Garo said. “If you have the right attitude and enough discipline, you will get a lot out of it.”

When asked about what the best part of the team was, Garo said it was the possibility of becoming a better wrestler.

“It’s basically knowing that you’re pushing yourself as hard as you can, you know you’re improving with a great coach as well as representing FIU.”

One of the regular season tournaments that will be a highlight for the team is the Florida Classic at the University of Florida in Gainesville. The tournament, which will be held Dec. 5, is one of the biggest tournaments on the NCWA schedule, likely to be hosting over 10 teams.

The tournament will play a fairly important role in qualifying for the championship, as well as generating publicity for the teams that are competing.

Co-President Manny Carbon says in addition to having an outlet for further generations and a winning program, the talent pool in South Florida is also one of the most overlooked in the nation.

“Miami-Dade has some excellent wrestlers, and it would be good to let them know that just having a place to go and wrestle.”

How to Join

There are limited fees to join, including a $10 a month payment that goes toward the coach for his services, and a one-time registration fee.

You must be a student at FIU to compete, however anyone can partake in the practices.

For any information about joining the team, or any questions about the team’s schedule, feel free to contact Co-President Alexis Garo at 954-248-6532, or go to www.FIUwrestling.com.

Hopes of bowl eligibility gone

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“We knew we had to contain him because he’s the heart and soul of that offense,” said linebacker Scott Bryant. “We just didn’t play assignment football.”

The Golden Panthers, without starting quarterback Paul McCall who was unable to play due to an elbow injury, struggled to produce on offense both on the air and on the ground in the first half. Quarterback Wayne Younger completed 14 of 29 passes for 178 yards.

“We were inconsistent across the board on offense and that falls on everybody,” Cristobal said. “If offensively we don’t get the ball moving against a team like that, you’re going to dig yourself into a pretty big hole. We started digging out of it but it certainly wasn’t enough.”

The Blue Raiders would pour it on for the rest of the half until the Golden Panthers scored on a two-yard run by Kendall Berry with 24 seconds left in the second quarter. The Golden Panthers went into the locker room trailing Middle Tennessee 34-7 at halftime.

The Golden Panthers began turning things around in the second half by shutting down Dasher and forcing him to throw three costly interceptions.

“We got some good push up front disrupting his passing lane and made some picks,” Cristobal said. “It gave us an opportunity to score some points.”

Berry rushed for two touchdowns in the third quarter and finished the game with 103 yards on 19 carries with three touchdowns, becoming the first Golden Panther to rush for 100 yards in a game.

He was also involved with the Wildcat formation, which was used for the first time this weekend on a couple of occasions.

“We decided to put that in this week just to try and change things,” Berry said. “I think we did alright, we need to work on it a little bit more.”

The Golden Panthers offense was unable to capitalize on opportunities, however, and the Blue Raiders scored twice in the fourth quarter and shut down the FIU offense to seal the victory. They return to action on Nov. 14 against North Texas for their homecoming game at FIU Stadium.

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The No. 1 seed Golden Panthers (11-6-3, 9-1-1 Sun Belt) were the favorites to advance to the second round as they faced the No. 8 seed University of Arkansas-Little Rock in the first round of the 2009 Sun Belt Conference women’s soccer tournament. They defeated UALR 1-0 during the regular season and were on a seven-game winning streak headed into the tournament. The Golden Panthers hoped to add a conference championship to their best regular season since 2001.

This would not be the case. UALR (8-11-1, 4-6-1 Sun Belt) kept FIU from scoring since 2001.

At the end of the day we as a team can be happy with the things that we have achieved," Jackson said to the FIUSports.com. "It's been a good year, it's been a good season," Chestnutt said. "Every point counts, the second half counts, the overtime counts...for the girls that have more time here at FIU because with the potential that we have here, I think big things are going to happen in the future."
Monday, November 9, 2009

FOOTBALL: FIU 21, MTSU 48

Dasher dices FIU defense in blowout

JOEL DELGADO
Staff Writer

The talk surrounding the Golden Panthers match against the Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders was centered around one player that Sun Belt Conference opponents knew could cause serious damage.

That player is Middle Tennessee quarterback Dwight Dasher, and he did just what was expected, racking up over 300 yards of total offense on Nov. 7 at Floyd Stadium in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

The game proved to be the perfect showcase of his dual-threat capabilities as the elusive quarterback threw for two touchdowns and ran for three more as the Blue Raiders (6-1, 4-1 Sun Belt) dealt the Golden Panthers (2-7, 1-4 Sun Belt) a 48-21 loss, simultaneously dashing any hopes of having a bowl-eligible season.

“He got off to a great start,” Coach Mario Cristobal said of Dasher’s performance. “He got himself pretty hot and we didn’t find a way to stop him until the end of the first half; he’s a tremendous playmaker.”

The Blue Raiders wasted no time getting points on the board as Dasher ripped through the Golden Panther defense with a 70-yard run to give the Blue Raiders a 7-0 lead early in the first quarter.

On the very next possession Dasher torched the defense again, this time through the air with a 27-yard touchdown pass to extend the lead to 14-0.

Golden Panthers one victory away from perfect SBC record

JONATHAN RAMOS
Asst. Sports Director

FIU (26-2, 16-0 Sun Belt) set a goal before the 2009 season to go undefeated in conference play. Although they still have to take out FAU on Nov. 14 to accomplish that feat, the Golden Panthers assure that they clinched a Sun Belt Conference regular season title when they grinded out a 3-1 (24-25, 22-22, 25-26, 24-26) win at Middle Tennessee State on Nov. 7.

Yarimar Rosa led the team with 21 kills, and Olga Vergun was not far behind with 18 as FIU won their 19th consecutive match. Natalia Valentin had 52 assists on the night to pace the team.

The Golden Panthers surpassed their program record of 15 conference victories from last season with a 3-1 (20-25, 25-21, 25-21, 25-23) win against Western Kentucky on Nov. 6. Trailing 1-0 in a match for just the fourth time this season, FIU stormed back in the second set to take a 15-6 lead, and eventually raced up the match with a 25-22 second set victory.

From that point on, FIU took leads in each set, and defense many times before this season, seemed poised as a unit that they held off a pesky WKU team playing in front of its home fans. Rosa continued to be a force as she recorded a double-double with 20 kills and 14 digs. Sophomore Andriko Lavkovic had seven kills against a single error for a hitting percentage of .429 and recorded three solo blocks and three block assists.

Valentin picked up 35 assists to lead FIU in that category.

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SPORTS

NEW BEGINNING

Thomas era begins against defending champs

TIM REYNOLDS
AP Wire

Isaiah Thomas was midway through a question-and-answer session with some FIU alumni last month when someone stood up and put the Halftime of Fame player on the spot.

“So, how will you prepare for an opener against North Carolina?”

FIU’s new coach, in his credit, didn’t hesitate before giving the guy his answer.

“Well, Cinderella doesn’t have to come in March. She can come in November,” Thomas said.

Everybody laughed. Thomas laughed. The event continued.

The reality is, there are long shots, and then there’s whatever FIU will be Monday night when the Golden Panthers open the Thomas era in the 2K Sports Classic at No. 6 North Carolina, the defending national champion and a popular pick to win it all again this season.

The odds are thickly stacked against FIU this season, despite the presence of a basketball icon on the sideline.

Only one of the Golden Panthers’ top four scorers is back from last season. Combine that with the regime change, and Williams didn’t mind revealing that he has “no idea” what FIU will try Monday night.

“I’m not trying to put their program down,” Williams said. “I wasn’t the coach there last year. Doesn’t do us any good to look at the tape from any games that they had last year.”

Thomas isn’t all that concerned about North Carolina, either.

“Let’s clarify that point,” said Thomas. “This is absolutely concerned with what the Tar Heels can, might and likely will do to run his team out of Chapel Hill. But Thomas’ focus Monday night will be on watching his program take the first steps on what he knows will be a long road if it’s to reach college basketball’s top level.

“It’ll be a very teachable moment,” Thomas said. “So many times in life, you run into that immovable object or you get knocked down. When you get knocked down, you’ve got to find a way to get back up. … The most important part is getting the kids ready to go in and face something they’ve never faced in their life. It’s what they all dream of, but when they walk in, it’ll be a different story.”

GOING UP: Junior transfer Phil Gary poured in 15 in the Golden Panthers exhibition loss to Northwood.

VOLLEYBALL

Golden Panthers one victory away from perfect SBC record

FIU (26-2, 16-0 Sun Belt) set a goal before the 2009 season to go undefeated in conference play. Although they still have to take out FAU on Nov. 14 to accomplish that feat, the Golden Panthers assured that they clinched a Sun Belt Conference regular season title when they grinded out a 3-1 (24-25, 22-22, 25-26, 24-26) win at Middle Tennessee State on Nov. 7.

Yarimar Rosa led the team with 21 kills, and Olga Vergun was not far behind with 18 as FIU won their 19th consecutive match. Natalia Valentin had 52 assists on the night to pace the team. The victory only took four sets to complete, but FIU could not shake off a resilient MTSU team easily as each set was determined by a slim margin.

During the decisive fourth set, the Golden Panthers held off the Blue Raiders rally, and eventually took the set on a couple of MTSU service errors. The Golden Panthers avenged last season’s loss to MTSU with the win.

FIU now has just two matches left before the SBC tournament commences on Nov. 19.

FIU 3, WKU 1

The Golden Panthers surpassed their program record of 15 conference victories from last season with a 3-1 (20-25, 25-21, 25-21, 25-23) win against Western Kentucky on Nov. 6. Trailing 1-0 in a match for just the fourth time this season, FIU stormed back in the second set to take a 15-6 lead, and eventually raced up the match with a 25-22 second set victory.

From that point on, FIU took leads in each set, and defense many times before this season, seemed poised as a unit that they held off a pesky WKU team playing in front of its home fans. Rosa continued to be a force as she recorded a double-double with 20 kills and 14 digs. Sophomore Andriko Lavkovic had seven kills against a single error for a hitting percentage of .429 and recorded three solo blocks and three block assists.

Valentin picked up 35 assists to lead FIU in that category.