In the last game of the 2007 season against North Texas, Mario Cristobal got his first career win as a Football Bowl Subdivision coach. Likewise, quarterback Paul McCall notched his first victory as a starter in the memorable 38-19 victory. The Golden Panthers snapped a 23-game losing streak and avoided a winless season in the last bout ever played at the storied Orange Bowl. The momentum led to an upset 2008 season in which the Golden Panthers won a program best five games.

When FIU (2-7, 2-4 Sun Belt) faces North Texas (2-7, 1-5) on Nov. 14 at FIU Stadium, Cristobal and McCall will once again look to beat the Mean Green in order to change their fortunes in what has been a disappointing 2009 campaign. FIU is not eligible for a bowl berth after losing last week to Middle Tennessee, and injuries have piled up like a snowball. The Golden Panthers followed up a thrilling overtime win vs. Louisiana on Oct. 31 with a humbling 27-point loss at MTSU.

“There are some positives to be drawn,” Cristobal said. “Obviously when you give up that many points there are some things that you do have to fix and remedy, one of them being the injury part. You have to go with what you have. A lot of freshmen are playing, and guys that walked on last year are playing and they are doing everything they can.”

McCall is day-to-day with an elbow injury that forced him to sit out the MTSU game, but he practiced this week in a limited manner.

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Students to deliver toys to Nicaragua

MELUSSA CACERES
Staff Writer

With the holiday season around the corner, one group of students is preparing to make Christmas more enjoyable for children living in a place where presents aren’t always found under the tree.

More than five students will be traveling to Nicaragua in the hope of making children’s dreams a reality by delivering toys and other goods through December of Dreams, a humanitarian program centered at FIU.

“In our society, December is supposed to be a very happy time and in these undeveloped countries, unfortunately, it’s not always as positive as we see here,” said student coordinator Andrea Cruz, a sophomore majoring in journalism.

Created in 2005 by Christian Jarquin, who was then an Honors College student, December of Dreams is a growing project that collects school supplies and toys for impoverished children in Nicaragua.

“I was born into a top middle class family and then, after the war in Nicaragua, I lost everything,” said Jarquin, an FIU alumnus who currently serves as the program’s director. “I’m trying to give back to the children who are playing in the...”

DREAMS, page 2
Students win first place at cook-off

ASHLEY SALAMANCA
Staff Writer

Carefully sliced brisket, doused in a barbecued sauce and sandwiched between a homemade roll, and a vanilla-pear champagne sorbet for dessert was part of the winning menu at a brisket cook-off Nov. 7.

The menu belonged to students of the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, who won first prize for the second year in a row at the annual competition. Bianca Rojas, a HTM graduate student, Metro Thomas, a senior HTM major, Christian Poole and Max Albano, both junior HTM majors, along with the guidance of Chef Instructor Michael Moran, competed against students from 1,500 colleges and universities.

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one million Xbox Live users banned

Microsoft has banned over one million users of its popular online service Xbox Live. The ban is directed at users who alter the hardware of the Xbox 360 in order to cheat or play pirated games.

That has a lot to do with the program run by the Rhode Island School of Design, not a culinary school,” said Vignesh Doraiswamy, a junior HTM major, along with the guidance of Chef Instructor Michael Moran, competed against students from 1,500 colleges and universities.

“The one main factor they have in common is their rapid growth and the way they are operating within the economy. They’re all providing a lot of jobs to people around the world and that is what makes them such an important part of the global economy,” said Richeal Dora...
Enjoy brunch and mint-flavored water at low cost

So I am officially broke! Okay, not really, but I did lose my debit card for the millionth time this weekend. I only had $20 in my wallet, so I decided to make the best of it and have a low-key Sunday morning to spend less money. I started off at the Bagel Bar Bakery located at 1990 NE 123rd St. in North Miami. From the outside, this place looks boring. It's just a white building with the name painted on the front. But when you walk in, it looks like someone put a Jersey diner right in Miami. It's one of the few places in South Florida where you'll see a massive Jets flag right next to a tiny Dolphins one. I sat down at the bar and ordered two eggs, which also came with home fries and a bagel, with a cup of coffee for $6.95. Well, they say they gave me two eggs, but I think it was way more than that, which is awesome if you know my love for food. Big portions are always a plus. My plate, which was a foot long and oval shaped, was covered. I mean, it's not hard to mess up eggs, but it happens from time to time. The place was very clean, and everything looked very appetizing. This is one of those places where you get hungry just by looking at the plates of the people sitting near you. I am not going to lie and say the coffee was good. It was not where near as strong as what I am used to. But at this point, if it doesn't taste like dirty water, I'm happy. I am no foodie, so I cannot tell the differences in bagels, no matter who makes them. The people at Bagel Bar say they make their bagels fresh, but I couldn’t tell. I got my bagel toasted, so it was warm and crispy on the outside, and chewy on the inside. My one complaint is if you're like me and like your bagel with more cream cheese than bread, make sure you ask for an extra cream cheese because they don’t give nearly enough. I could barley smother both sides of my bread with cream cheese. The service was decent, even for a Sunday morning. No one was rude or left me waiting near you. The service was decent, even for a Sunday morning. No one was rude or left me waiting. The place was the water. Hear me out: they just leave it out in pitchers, which is semitype- cal, but they also put pieces of mint inside the water, so it was semi-flavored. I thought this was kind of cool and unusual. I had a great weekend, and I hardly spent any money, which made it that much better.

Read Weekends with Paradise every other Friday for more tips on places to go in the North Miami area. If you have any suggestions, e-mail paradise.afshar@fiusm.com. The columnizer pays for all food and experiences.

HTM takes home first prize

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sweet barbecue sauce.

The Florida Culinary Institute in West Palm Beach prepared a brisket marinated in Coca-Cola, along with cornbread spiked with whole kernels of corn and diced jalapeño peppers. Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts prepared a tri-color coleslaw with green and red cabbage with cilantro, and a succotash made of corn, lima beans and bacon, along with their brisket.

The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale offered up their version of barbecue beef brisket in a sandwich.

The cook-off competition was held at Flamingo Gardens in Davie, and was organized by The South Florida Chapter of the American Institute of Wine & Food, a non-profit organization founded in 1981 by famous chefs such as Julia Child to increase appreciation of fine foods and wine among its members. The South Florida Chapter was founded in 1992, and one of its major initiatives is to provide scholarships to local culinary schools.

AIWF-South Florida has hosted this competition for the past four years, but this year was its first time hosting the brisket-themed cook-off. In the past three years, the competition’s theme was pork ribs, and the event was held at the Anne Kolb Nature Center in Hollywood, Fla.

“We changed to brisket thinking it might be easier for the guests to eat, and possibly hit a wider audience,” said Richel. “I am pretty certain we will stick with the brisket next year.”

The event also included wine tastings, food samples by local restaurants and a variety of pastries for desert.

Each school received a $1,500 scholarship from AIWF-South Florida for participating, which will be divided among the students. HTM also received a unique trophy for winning first place—an ceramic cow.

For last year’s win, they took home a ceramic pig.

“We created the competition as a way to hand out the scholarships to all schools in a fun and inventive way,” Richel told The Beacon.

The winning menus created by the HTM team reflected South Florida’s unique tropical offerings, and the students were proud of representing its roots.

“We are FIU. We are South Florida. We’re not the Carolinas or Texas,” said Moran. “We’re our own place and that is OK, and that was the driving force behind putting those ingredients together, from the guava in the sauce to the mango in the slaw. We have the cuisine of the sun.”

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WILD WEEKEND

Electro-acoustic festival could be a ‘FEASl’ for the ears

On Friday, Nov. 13 and Saturday the 14 the third bi-annual FEASl festival, sponsored by Red Bull and Culture Shock Miami, will showcase several unusual musical acts, along with guest lecturers including Juraj Koj, Nathan Wolek and Orlando Jacinto Garcia.

Garcia is both a composer of classical music and the director of the Composition Program for the FIU School of Music.

The musical acts will consist of students playing electro-acoustic music, a combination of live and prerecorded electronic music.

According to the event’s promotional materials, the event is hosted by the Electro Acoustic Research Society at FIU, School of Music, College of Architecture + The Arts, and Council for Student Organizations. The FEASl in FEASl stands for Florida Electro-Acoustic Students.

The Festival will feature several concerts, including one on Nov. 13 at 8 p.m. and two on Saturday evening, at 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. The concerts will be held at the Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center, while a reception with live music will take place from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday in the Frost Art Museum.

Among the more interesting acts will be the FLEA ensemble. FLEA is an acronym for “FIU Laptop & Electronic Arts,” and the group consists of several FIU students who make music with their computers rather than conventional instruments alone.

More information on that particular group can be found on the web at http://www.myspace.com/fleurensemble. For more information and tickets for the entire festival, visit http://carta.fiu.edu or call 305-348-0496.

‘Ultra’ to feature official Miami Heat DJ

On Nov. 13 the FIU Homecoming Council, along with the Student Programming Council at Modesto Maidique Campus, will be hosting ‘FIU Ultra.’ FIU Ultra is a yearly music festival held during Homecoming Week.

This year’s performers will include the official Miami Heat DJ, DJ Irie and Sirius XM radio DJ Kaeno. Admission is completely free, and the event is taking place between the Blue and Gold parking garages.

Apart from Irie, performers will include local DJ Danny Daze, who, according to the Homecoming Council Web site, “enjoys all sorts of music,” and “used to play tennis.” Jorge Felix, who has been a DJ since early adolescence, will also be performing. Aside from being a DJ, Felix is an accomplished sound engineer.

Having worked with such artists as Nas, Gloria Estefan, Shakira and Kelly Clarkson, DJ Kaeno will also be spinning at the concert. Kaeno, an FIU alum, has released many tracks and performed at many concerts around the world and has a podcast on iTunes called “The Vanishing Point,” which features a wide variety of trance, tribal and house music.

The event carries a few restrictions, however. Attendees cannot bring large bags and will not be allowed re-entry if they choose to leave during the performance. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. and students can pick up their tickets in the Campus Life office. Disabled students may call 305-348-2138 for assistance in attending the event.

For more information on the show visit this and other Homecoming Week events, visit http://www.fiu.edu/~hc-

COMIC REVIEW

‘New Avengers’ not the same old comic book series

The stereotypical superhero fights crime every night. The cops always agree with whatever the protagonist in tight has to say and free reign is given at all times. This is not what The New Avengers deal with.

Living in a world where they are hunted by the law for refusing to reveal their masked identities, the New Avengers try to stick to their ideals of doing the right thing, despite their outlaw status. The team comprises of a mix of well-known superheroes such as Spider-man, Captain America and Wolverine and less commonly known ones like Luke Cage, Ms. Marvel, and Mockingbird.

Headquartered in a normal apartment, The New Avengers try to get out and fight crime whenever they can. To further complicate their lives, the man in charge of hunting them down is Norman Osborn. Before foiling the American public into thinking he is an honest patriot, Osborn spent most of his time as the insane criminal, and archenemy of Spider-man, The Green Goblin.

The current story arc involves a sickly Luke Cage falling in the middle of battle due to a failing heart. Due to his unbreakable skin, The New Avengers have no choice but to turn to authorities, and Osborn, to obtain the necessary medical equipment and save Cage’s life. Writer Brian Michael Bendis handles this turmoil with a fine attention to detail and a realistic tone. Every team member has a differing opinion on what should be done about their situation whether it be Captain America’s qualms about being captured,
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more Greek houses on campus, where she stated that FIU is interested in doing so.

Phi Gamma Delta, aka PKE, was the first house built on campus. When FIU was founded, many of the houses built are still there. If there are plans to build a house, another possible location would be somewhere near the main campus.

She also stated that FIU could change their design plan for this campus to accommodate more houses, such as moving roads.

Of course there is risks in having Greek housing such as, occupancy and organizations defaulting on a loan, which FIU is aware about and will be taking into consideration while planning for more houses.

“As much as I could understand why housing suites would make sense, I don’t like the idea of multiple Greek organizations living under one roof. For starters, it would be harder to prevent pranks, there would be an increased chance of fights, and the secuity that is essential to Greek organizations would be more in jeopardy,” said Jephrem Perez a member of Phi Kappa Phi who is a junior and advertising major.

“I think fraternity houses are a great way for organizations to create a strong internal bond by having a common place for them to gather away from GC,” but not off campus. It gives them a place to work on event-planning and have meetings, without needing to go on the endless search for a available room somewhere on campus.”

In the spring another meeting for interested Greek organizations will be held to discuss the criteria for an organization to have a house.

What will be talked about will be figures about how much a house would cost, how many lots are available, financing options, and how much needed up front.

Historically each organization, if interested in having a house, would have to present a business plan to present to FIU and demonstrate cash flow for the house, drawing plans that are up to code, how much an organization has in their reserves and demonstrate some type of collateral.

Comic features compelling artwork

Spider-Man’s confusion over how a criminal can gain the public’s trust, or Jessica Jones’ (Luke Cage’s wife) anger at the team for giving up her husband. Bendis makes sure to spotlight not only this believable emotional turmoil that the team is going through, but also the high flying action that every superhero comic needs.

Adding to both the rich storyline and dialogue is the style of Stuart Immonen’s art. He wields the ability to serve epic fight scenes that truly illustrate the power that the characters possess. Along with action, Immonen livens up Bends’ dialogue with subtle, but unique, facial expressions and quirks. With his refusal to slack in any department, Immonen makes every page pop.

Whether you’re a beginner in the realm of comics, or a veteran collector, you’ll notice that The New Avengers offers an eclectic mix of everything that is right in the comic book industry. Picking up this issue, or any in the current story arc, will entertain without the need of back-story or research. If you’re looking for a cheap way to enjoy the many characters that exist in the Marvel Universe, The New Avengers offers a little bit of all of them, along with an exciting story and great visuals to match. Getting a pleasurable comic book fix is guaranteed with the creative team of Bendis and Immonen at the helm.

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Team loses season debut against No. 6 opponent
JOEY CRUZ Staff Writer

Golden Panthers coach Isiah Thomas was asked what his whirlwind of emotions was in his collegiate coaching debut vs. the defending national champions University of North Carolina Tar Heels.

With the media spotlight concentrating on Thomas already, he received more attention when his mother Mary had open heart surgery in Chicago. He was with her on Nov. 8 and flew to Chapel Hill the next day.

Despite numerous attempts, Coach Thomas was unavailable for comment.

Losing its four starters from last season did not stop No. 6 ranked North Carolina from rolling to an easy 107-48 victory over FIU in a close contest 88-72 for the Coaches vs. Cancer on Nov. 9. Thomas was also playing under a former coach of his: Roy Williams. Williams was an assistant coach under Bobby Knight in Indiana, where Isiah played and won an NCAA national championship.

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Panthers roster hurt by injuries
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Backup Wayne Younger tossed for 178 yards against MTSU in McCall’s absence. Cristobal said Younger was serviceable, but he faced tremendous pressure from MTSU defenders and the team did not protect him as adequately as they would have liked.

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Junior Championship in her home

Darius Carey and Jamaal

a pair of newcomers who

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Cristobal estimates that Hilton is “80 percent” healthy, which he noted is an improvement from last week.

Linebacker Toronto Smith will play after minor knee surgery that has side-lined him over the last two games, and running back Darritt Perry is day-to-day with a wrist issue.

Cornerback Anthony Gairor will play and is almost fully recovered from a shoulder injury.
WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

HANDLING THE ROCK: Guard Asia Wilson will have to help the guard play if the team wants to improve upon its 6-24 record last season.

Junior Liene Jekabsone will also be called upon. The 6-foot-1 forward from Latvia played in 18 games last year with a lone start against Arkansas State.

BACKCOURT

In the backcourt, junior Michelle Gonzalez will remain the starting point guard. Gonzalez ranked first in the Sun Belt Conference last season in average minutes played (37.03) and was the team’s second leading scorer with 9.3 points per game.

“[Gonzalez] definitely gained a tremendous amount of experience with the role she played last year,” Russo said. “Now we’ll reap the benefits because she’s a poised point guard. She had a good summer, and she has come back very strong mentally and physically. Her game has developed.”

Monika Bosilj will also return to play her last season as a Golden Panther. Last month, the senior was named to the Preseason All-SBC second team for the second year in a row.

Bosilj tied the school record for three-point shots made in a single season last year with 65 and averaged 14.4 points along with 2.17 assists per game.

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