Climate change worries officials

CHRISSOPHER NECUZE
Editor in Chief

A study conducted by University researchers has found a strong sense of concern among environmental and political officials in the Florida Keys regarding the adverse affects of global climate change to the region.

While officials agreed overwhelmingly that the Keys should begin preparing for the most likely climate change scenario, 81 percent reported that their agency or organization does not have a plan they know of for confronting the changes and opinions varied on how best to prepare for them.

Assistant professor and environmental economist Pallab Morzunor lead the research, along with graduate student Evan Flugman.

“Florida is at the very forefront of climate change, sea level rise and global warming. The rest of the U.S. is debating these issues, but Florida is different because it is the front line,” Morzunor said. “We need to act on these issues more aggressively than other parts of the country.”

The Florida Keys are on average less than 1.5 meters above sea level, yet are home to more than 80,000 residents. They are adjacent to the third-largest barrier reef in the world, an ecosystem containing more marine species than any other in the U.S.

Their natural wonders make the Keys the fifth most popular tourist destination in the world according to Morzunor.

“A major gap exists today in understanding the science of climate change and how to prepare to avoid climate change and how to prepare to avoid the adverse affects of global climate change to the region.”

H1N1 vaccine accessible on campus

PHILIPPE BUTEAU
Staff Writer

An on-campus solution exists for students worried about the threat of the H1N1 flu.

University Health Services has been administering vaccines for H1N1, also known as the “swine flu,” since last year. Vaccines are still available and UHS is still administering them to students who want to be vaccinated.

From Nov. 30 to Dec. 23, which was the last official day the University was open before the Holiday break, 702 vaccines were administered according to Dr. Oscar Loynaz, interim director of UHS at Modesto Maidique Campus. Vaccines weren’t administered during the break as the University was not open.

The number includes both UHS facilities at MMC and Biscayne Bay Campus as well as the College of Medicine’s Faculty Practice Plan.

The Faculty Practice Plan is a medical clinic that sees the University’s faculty and staff. However, Loynaz said that if a student comes to the practice plan specifically for the vaccine they will be seen.

According to Elvira Velez, director of health administration at BCC, there have been 53 cases of influenza-like illnesses and 11 confirmed cases of H1N1 at BCC.

There have been 58 confirmed cases at MMC. The 69 cases in total are as of April 2009.

The University received 1500 vaccines from the Miami-Dade County Health Department that were paid for by the federal government. They were a combination of nasal and injectable doses.

The nasal vaccine uses the live virus in minute quantities, according to Velez. The injectable has a modified version of the virus. To receive the nasal vaccine the recipients must be less than 50 years of age and have no history of chronic illness.

Loynaz said in the beginning there was a technical issue with ordering single dose vials. But because those were unavailable the University wasn’t getting their order completed. However, multi-dose vials were available and once they understood the ordering process was done there wasn’t a problem.

The vaccines arrived at MMC

Coca-Cola Loses Pepsi Challenge

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Florida International University has signed a new contract with the Pepsi Bottling Company to become the school’s official beverage provider.

Replacing the expired Coca-Cola company contract, which served the University for about 7 years, Pepsi products will now be sold on both the Modesto Maidique campus and Biscayne Bay campus via vending machines as well as food vendors.

The deal, which was signed Dec. 25, is to bring in an estimated eight million dollars to the University.

“I know sometimes the thought is ‘oh it’s about the money’ but it’s really not. If anything I would say it’s about the service,” said Jeff Krablin, assistant vice president for business services at FIU who over saw the bidding process and helped negotiate the contract. “Certainly dollars have a part but it was really the other services that swayed us to Pepsi’s side.”

While the contract may be renewed for up to nine years, the partnership is to last at FIU for five years.

“We know that students’ taste and preferences change over time so we have to have it long enough to get sufficient value to the vendor but short enough that we remain in step with the customers,” said Kenneth Jessell, senior vice president for finance and administration and chief financial officer at FIU.

Lasting about three months, the negotiation of the contract was settled with the help of a committee that included Krablin, a faculty member, an administrator, a student and a staff member from the athletics department.

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One killed after separatists open fire on bus carrying Togolese soccer team

A bus carrying the Togo national soccer team was fired on with machine guns while on their way to the capital, killing one person. The Togolese team was en route to the African Cup of Nations in Angola.

Thomas Dossevi, of the State of Cabinda -- claimed responsibility for the attack.

Dossevi is a member of the Angolan separatist group -- the Forces for Liberation of the State of Cabinda -- and faces a sentence of life in prison.

Foreign policy experts warn that the attack could lead to a new wave of violence in the region.

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Both campuses distribute vaccine

S. Fla. sea level rising significantly

A team of researchers from the University of Miami conducted a survey of more than 850 people and found that 75% of respondents support the creation of a “Community Adaptation Fund” to pool resources in an effort to minimize negative impacts of the climate changes.

According to the report, the South Florida Keys has experienced a sea level rise of about 3.8 centimeters per century. This is expected to continue, with the sea level rising significantly over the next few decades.

The study also found that respondents are concerned about the effects of climate change on the Keys, with more than 75% of survey respondents supporting the creation of a fund to help the community adapt to the changes.

Despite these findings, however, only 10% of respondents said they would be willing to pay a surcharge to help fund the adaptation efforts.

The team also surveyed what Keys residents think the most important ways to deal with climate change are, and the majority of respondents said that reducing greenhouse gas emissions is the most important action.

The researchers also found that respondents are concerned about rising sea levels and the loss of natural resources and wildlife, such as theKeys, which carry U.S. 1 through the Keys.

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Pepsi supports FIU green effort

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"The components that we [the committee] were evaluating were: how do they service the machines, how frequently do they service them, will they react quickly when a maintenance issue occurs and making sure they take coins, bills and Panther Cards," Krablin said.

As the University’s official beverage provider, Pepsi will now sponsor FIU athletics by selling their drinks at all University sports programs, advertising at athletic facilities, and setting up banners around campus with their logo.

They plan on personalizing their products to feature the annual FIU football schedule on the sides of each bottle; while also selling the FIU branded drinks off campus stores located in the community surrounding the University.

Each vending machine on campus, which is supposed to support the University’s green initiatives by using less energy, will now include alternative beverages like Aquafina, Dr. Pepper, Mountain Dew, and Starbucks frappuccinos. After the elimination of the Coke machines during the Winter Break, the number of Pepsi machines increased to serve more locations.

Once the company finalizes their technology, the future plans include running advanced software on the vending machines that can monitor the temperature level and how often students buy a specific product. This will enable the machines to remember their traffic patterns, giving them the ability to cool down at times when purchases are usually low and then power up again during busy hours.

In addition, the company has also agreed to fund a university student as the on-campus liaison between Pepsi and FIU, who will be responsible for the marketing of the products as well as monitoring the needs of the students and faculty.

"I think as a school we’re starting to notice the change more and more with the banners and machines," said Roberto Guzman, a sophomore majoring in international business. "Coke was a lot more popular, but people forget really quickly so it won’t be that much of an issue."

While other colleges such as University of Florida and Florida Atlantic University already have contracts with Pepsi, FIU has caused other institutions like University of Central Florida to be considering a move toward the very same company.

"[Other universities] want vendors that provide service and Pepsi has decided that they’re going to be just that," said Krablin. "And they are going to win some more business because they are more service-oriented than Coke seems to want to be."

Times Talks get name change

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Last semester over 300 students, faculty and members attended the five Tuesday Times Roundtable events.

"The discussions were free-ranging, honest and open; people are hungry for this sort of thing at FIU," said Stephanie Doscher, the associate director of the office of Global Learning Initiatives.

These roundtable discussions are the by-product of a partnership between the Student Government Association, The New York Times and Global Learning for Global Citizenship, FIU’s Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP).

Originally known as the Tuesday Times Talks, the name was changed due to overlapping with another New York Times program, which was also known as “The New York Times Talks.”

According to Doscher, The New York Times then asked all colleges and universities using this name to change. The Tuesday Times Roundtable series is part of The New York Times Readership Program at Modesto Maidique Campus.

As part of the SGA-funded readership program, New York Times newspapers are made available to students daily, free of charge, at locations across both MMC and Biscayne Bay Campus campus.

The first roundtable discussion scheduled for this semester is entitled, “Alternative Energy: Who Could Object?”

Moderated by Mary Pfeiffer of the Honors College, the discussion will explore issues raised in the Jan. 4, 2010 issue of The New York Times, “For Cape Cod Wind Farm, New Hurdle Is Spiritual.”

According to a press release from the Global Learning Initiatives office, the GLI and SGA will be providing a free lunch at every discussion as well as a full menu of topics to discuss.

"Everything from alternative energy to slut lists," Doscher said.

‘Slut Lists’ will be the topic of a Tuesday Times Roundtable on February 10th, based off a subject covered in a September 24th, 2009 New York Times article called “When the Cool Get Hazed.”

"The topics come from New York Times articles, but you don’t have to have read the articles first to attend,” added Doscher.

All FIU students, faculty and staff are invited to the Tuesday Times Roundtable, which takes place every Tuesday from 12-1 p.m. in the Graham Center, Rm. 150, beginning Jan. 12.
Council revises handbook, enlists new members

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Staff Writer

The Student Government Council at the Biscayne Bay Campus and the Finance Committee are making changes, including a tighter agenda, creating a new senate handbook and adding new committees.

SGC-BBC President Shalom Neistein. Battle is the brainchild behind the new senate handbook, created to work as a simple learning tool for newcomers to the senate.

“I wanted to do a project for a semester for people who become senators to learn about the constitution and statutes and how to make a resolution or a bill on student issues,” Battle said.

The new handbook will serve as a “breakdown” of guidelines for the senate and will be no more than two to three pages long, according to Battle.

Available positions in SGC-BBC include a education senator, who will write statements or resolutions voicing issues concerning students, and press secretary, a position that entails serving as a communicator between the press and SGA.

The position, however, “hasn’t really been filled before,” Battle said. “It’s an indispensable program for them.”

No job is exactly alike, but Neistein insists that working for SGC-BBC is a team effort.

According to Flores, students whose parents have not attended college are more likely to have low incomes and paying for college becomes a large obstacle.

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Scholarship program helps first generation students

MAUREEN NINO
Asst. News Director

The First Generation Matching Grant is a scholarship program offered to all students whose parents did not attend post-secondary institutions or have not earned a college degree at the baccalaureate level, but students must qualify based on income standards by the Financial Aid Office.

Daniel Anzueto, a senior psychology major, is one of many students who benefit from the FMGM Program at the University of Miami.

“The money I got from the program allowed me to keep up to date at school and with extracurricular activities and focus my attention on my classes,” Anzueto said.

Florida State Representative and Director of Communication and Civic Partnerships Anitese Flores sponsored and helped write the law when it first originated in 2006.

“It is designed to help those students,” Flores said. “We know there are financial differences for a lot of families and the First Generation Scholarship will provide them financial assistance.”

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Lecture will contrast Jews, Muslims via literary examples

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In a time of rising conflicts in the Middle East and an alerted state of security in the United States, the FIU community is seeking to shed light on the differences between the Muslim-Arab and Jewish community and help students see the situation from a new perspective through a lecture.

The lecture, entitled “Para doxes of Identity: Jewish/ Muslim Otherness & Neahness in 21st Century Israeli Literature” will be held Jan. 12 from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Mary Ann Wolfe Theatre in Wolfe University Center at the Biscayne Bay Campus.

“We want the FIU students and community to be exposed to the cutting-edge research of scholars in the field who are shedding a more profound light on the conflict and also the potential reconciliation,” said Dr. Zion Zohar, director and chair of the President Navon Program for the Study of Sephardic Jewry at BBC.

The lecture will focus on issues relating to Jews from Arab countries, often called Oriental, Mizrahi or Sephardic Jews.

“We are interested in everything that has to do with this specific group of people,” Zohar said.

Because of the ongoing conflict between Muslims and Jews, Zohar thought it would be valuable to bring another perspective, through literature, on how these people relate to each other.

“We are living in a time in which it seems as if we are engaged in an inevitable struggle,” said Ranan Omer-Sherman, professor of English and Jewish studies at the University of Miami.

Omer-Sherman’s work explores Jewish identity and representations of Arabs through literature and film, and although his books are not the focus of the lecture, he is the author of three books – Diaspora and Zionism in Jewish American Literature, Israel in Exile: Jewish Writing and the Desert, and The Jewish Graphic Novel: Crit ical Approaches – that Zohar felt made him “an expert in modern Jewish and Israeli literature.”

“He is a very dynamic speaker,” Zohar said. “Those who listen to him can enjoy him both intellectually and as a person and will benefit from hearing him speak.”

Attendees at this lecture will look at literary examples of how Jewish and Palestinian-Israeli writers examine ways in which categories often seen as polarized are often interlaced.

Jews and Israelis write about expe-
The Student Government Council at Biscayne Bay Campus started the new year with magicians, jugglers and a brand new office.

SGC-BBC's open house was held in Panther Square, where it carried over into the association's new office located in Room 301 of the Wolfe University Center. The one-day event took place on Jan. 6 and included musicians, jugglers, face-painting, balloon animals and a popcorn machine.

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"The Arab Jews, who are Arab in terms of culture and Jews in terms of religion, live in Israel and have the perspective that other Jews might not have," Zohar said. "They know the language and culture."

According to Zohar, they are in a unique position because of their experience in seeing both sides. He said third parties are not familiar with the deep undercurrents of relationships between both societies.

Zohar also said that people who live on both sides of the struggle or conflict and come to terms with both their identities can share important insight that everybody should be aware of.

Because the Muslim world and the West are inevitably in hostile opposition, taking a look at Europe who, dominated by other empires, is enriched, can shed light on the value of understanding differences, according to Omer-Sherman.

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Around 2 a.m., the lights in the Gold Garage turn off leaving it pitch black. This presents a major safety hazard to any students who are on campus late at night studying, participating in meetings, hanging out or any other special events.

The parking garages do close after a certain hour, however this does not mean that students who parked there when it was open do not have to get to their car if they are leaving school late. If you walk through Gold Garage when the lights are off there are usually at least 5-10 cars on each floor, each car representing one student who will have to go get their car in the pitch black darkness.

There are many legitimate reasons to be on campus late. Greek chapter meetings can often last until past the time that the lights go off during times such as recruitment and ritual review. Members of certain councils such as Student Programming and Homecoming undoubtedly have late nights when important guests such as UP Right and Panther Prowl are near, and this is not even mentioning that students could just be hanging out with friends visiting someone in housing or going out to eat or a concert or sporting event in a friend’s car and then having to go back to theirs in the pitch back garage.

I created a group on Facebook with an online petition to “Keep the Lights on in Gold Garage” which quickly garnered over 300 members all posting comments about the said that they had experienced this issue and were made very uncomfortable by the situation.

I contacted the Director of Parking and Transportation Bill Foster about this via e-mail the week of finals and he replied stating that he would ensure that the lights would remain on for the rest of exam week.

While Foster’s immediate action was noted and appreciated, I then pointed out that exam week is not the only time students are on campus late, as evidenced by the 300 students who joined the group. Students also stay on campus studying late not just for finals, but all exams, which are not all on the same week like finals.

I speak to many potential and new students about FIU and tell them that this is a very safe campus. While I generally believe that statement, this oversight is simply to egregious to overlook and is a major hazard, whether someone ends up injuring themselves because they can’t see where they are going or worse, victimized through assault, robbery or rape.

This cause has been noticed by Student Government. I have been contacted by the president and vice president of the council at Modesto Maidique Campus expressing interest in helping, but they will not be able to make our case to the administration unless we have strength in numbers. This is not a lost cause, we can make a difference. Please take action on this issue by contacting the following University officials who have some power in the matter and also joining the Facebook group.

Gold Garage lights need to stay on
Club fair helps students meet new people, explore new interests

JANET CAREAGA
Staff Writer

Student organizations strive to offer a more complete college experience through hundreds of extracurricular activities.

To help students become better acquainted with the many clubs that exist at the University, the Council for Student Organizations will be hosting the Spring 2010 Club Fair on Jan. 12 and Jan. 13 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Graham Center Ballrooms.

More than 100 organizations participate in the club fair every semester, offering a wide variety of activities for every student’s interest.

“The club fair is a chance for students to meet people that have the same interests as them. In class, you focus on learning but not making friends. The club fair is about joining an organization that you can relate to and the great thing is that most clubs are free,” said Cristina Loreto, vice president of the Italian Club and secretary of CSO.
**Talk considers futuristic impact on art**

**Modern British prints discussed**

ASHLEY CAPO

**Shelf Writer**

The anticipated first week of the semester has come and gone. As the lines at the bookstore finally shorten and students are no longer awkwardly looking for their classes, it seems like the perfect time to take in some art history and culture.

On Jan. 12, The Wolfsonian-FLU will be presenting “Lines of Force: The Futurist Influence on Modern British Art.” The talk will be led by Emily Braun, distinguished professor of art history at the Graduate Center of Hunter College, and curator for The Leonard A. Lauder Collection.

Braun will discuss the works of British Vorticists that can be viewed in the museum’s exhibit called “Rhythms of Modern Life: British Prints 1914-1939,” a collaboration with the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The term “Vorticism” is the name of an art movement founded by Wyndham Lewis, launched in June 1914.

Curator for the exhibition at the Wolfsonian, Sarah Schleuning, who will also be a part of the Italian exhibition, said that having Braun here for “Rhythms of Modern Life” is purely coincidental, but a welcome happenstance.

It just happened to be a moment where she was coming and we thought ‘Of course we need to have her speak,’” Schleuning said. “It was a perfect moment.”

The exhibit examines the works of 14 innovative artists of the Vorticism movement, including more than 90 graphic prints.

In a press release, Wolfsonian director Cathy Leff describes how proud she is to see these pieces finally on display at the museum.

“The Wolfsonian collection has many works by these extraordinary British modernists that have been widely overlooked until now. Wolfsonian founder Mitchell Wolfson, Jr. met several of these artists and began collecting their works in the 1980s,” Leff said.

Rhythms of Modern Life highlights the period between the outbreak of World War I and the beginning of World War II. During this time, advancements in technology and the modern age inspired artists to challenge the changes in the world around them through WOLFSONIAN, page 9

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**DECONSTRUCTION AND HEALING**

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GC Ballrooms serve as new location for club fair

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Omicron Delta Kappa.

Tuesday fair will host clubs for students interested in academics, engineering, graduate studies, honor societies, law and politics. Wednesday will focus on art, business, culture, health and wellness, religion and service clubs.

“College is not only about the education you receive at a university, but also your growth as an individual,” said Trang Van, president of CSO.

Unlike previous years where the club fair was held in the GC Pix or outside on the lawn, CSO has chosen the ballrooms for this year’s venue. The tables will be lined up inside the room so that students can easily walk around the room and visit the different organizations without such large spaces between booths.

The club fair is meant to attract students and make them involved in campus. It is also beneficial for those already in clubs to attend and support their organizations.

“The club fair is great for meeting new people and showcasing what the club is about. It is about making students understand you are passionate about your club,” Lorenzo said.

CSO will be hosting a banner contest for participating organizations so they can showcase their artistic and creative skills while promoting themselves.

As students exit, they will see the CSO table with free food, drinks and giveaways. In order to get any of the giveaways, CSO will ask that students visit at least five tables. There will be plenty to choose from considering the amount of clubs that will be present.

They will also be giving away CSO T-shirts for the first time as well as flash drives, water bottles, thermal mugs, caps, duffel bags and more.

The CSO table will be more than just fun and games though.

The club fair is an opportunity to speak with members and leaders of various organizations in a relaxed environment and to hear about their experiences first hand.

“There is so much to learn and gain by being a part of an organization, and each of the CSO organizations can definitely bring something to the table to offer FIU students a great, unique experience to enhance their education here at FIU,” Van said.

Former president of The Invitational Scholars Club and the Catholic Students Association at BBC, senior Miguel Alvarado said his college experience had a lot to do with the organizations he was a member of.

“I became a leader for these organizations and their individual goals and requirements helped to catapult my personality and abilities past places that I didn’t know I could go,” Alvarado said. “These particular organizations, along with all extracurricular involvement groups on campus, can give students the opportunities they need to realize their administrative and social potential.”

There are many reasons to join a CSO organization and the club fair is the one time during the semester that students will have the opportunity to meet with them all at the same time.

“We have so many organizations and they all do something so amazing,” said Van.

Club fair at a glance

• Tuesday, Jan. 12
  11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

• Wednesday, Jan. 13
  11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

• Both days in GC Ballrooms

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Futurist’s influence on British art part of lecture

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The talk will also focus on the influence Italian Futurists had on the pieces displayed in the exhibition, one of the many areas of expertise that Braun has based her career researching, teaching and writing about.

Braun’s presence at the museum is highly anticipated among art enthusiasts, as well as staff.

She is not only lecturing at the museum, but also working on a future exhibition for the Wolfsonian, the Wolfsonian’s sister museum on the Italian Riviera near Genoa, and will examine Italian art and design.

In addition to her work on modern Italian art and fascist culture, Braun has published on Renaissance architecture, late 19th-century European paintings, women’s studies, Jewish history and contemporary painting and sculpture. She has received several awards for her previous works on Jewish history.

The event begins at 7 p.m. at the Wolfsonian located at 1001 Washington Ave., Miami Beach. The talk is free for students and members of the museum; $10 all others.

For more information, visit www.wolfsonian.org.

THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2009

PRERISHA MEDITATION CLUB
WHERE: 2:35 p.m.
HOUR: Free
WHERE: GC 314

CAMPUS BIBLE FELLOWSHIP - MEETING
WHERE: 11 a.m.
HOUR: Free
WHERE: GC 314

PANTHER RGLE
WHERE: 4 p.m.
HOUR: Free
WHERE: FIU

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2009

CHOSEN GENERATION - MEETING
WHERE: 7 p.m.
HOUR: Free
WHERE: GC Cabrera Annex

THE NIGHT JAMES BROWN SAVED BOSTON
WHERE: 8:30 p.m.
HOUR: Free
WHERE: Swatt Recording

JAZZ JAM
WHERE: 10 p.m.
HOUR: Free
WHERE: Chautells

MARY JANE MONDAYS
WHERE: 10 p.m.
HOUR: Free
WHERE: Jax

MIRANDA DELA CUBA - MEETING
WHERE: 7 p.m.
HOUR: Free
WHERE: GC 140

DEPARTMENT OF MULTICULTURAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES - MLK MOVIE
WHERE: 7 p.m.
HOUR: Free
WHERE: GC 140

FUTURIST ERA: THE LONG RIDE
WHERE: 4:45 p.m.
HOUR: Free
WHERE: GC 150

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2009

CHOOSE THE WAY: CHICKEN OR SOL
WHERE: 5 p.m.
HOUR: Free
WHERE: GC 150

ITALIAN CLUB
WHERE: 2 p.m.
HOUR: Free
WHERE: GC 140

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2009

ITALIAN CLUB
WHERE: 2:30 p.m.
HOUR: Free
WHERE: GC 140

FIESTA ARGENTINA
WHERE: 11 a.m.
HOUR: Free
WHERE: Jax

FLORIDA PANTHERS JAZZ NIGHT
WHERE: 6 p.m.
HOUR: Free
WHERE: GC 140
Chris Towers
Staff Writer

With names like Chipper Jones, Alex Rodriguez, and Charles Johnson on his recruiting resume, FIU Baseball coach Turtle Thomas is a stranger to highly touted high school talent in his two decades in the college baseball world.

FIU baseball, however, may have never seen a recruiting class as talented as the one Thomas has inked to National Letters of Intent for the 2011 baseball season. The class includes 3 players who played for respective national teams in the past season and the top position player in both Canada and the United States, according to Baseball America.

“It’s a good class, with maybe a couple more guys on the way,” said Thomas. “I’m very happy.”

Miami Brito High shortstop Manny Machado is the top rated player in the class, rated as the top position player in America by Baseball America.

When asked about Machado, Thomas didn’t hesitate to compare him to one Major League Hall of Fame shortstop and another future Hall of Famer he had a hand in recruiting while with the University of Miami.

“He has outstanding power for a shortstop; at 6-foot-3 or 6-foot-4, he’s very similar to Cal Ripken,” Thomas said. “He has a cannon for an arm. He’s extremely similar to Alex Rodriguez.”

Machado is a good bet to be drafted by a major league team, with various online mock draft websites having him going as high as the 12 pick.

Along with Machado, the draft is very infilled with elite as offensive players go, with just one natural outfielder, Joel Capote from Miami Dade College, among them.

One of the other big additions to the class is the top rated position player in Canada, Kellin Deglan, a 6-foot-3 catcher from R.E. Mountain Secondary School in British Columbia.

Deglan is a power hitting left handed catcher who is still developing his skills behind the plate.

“One of our assistant coaches went to Orlando to watch Deglan with the Canadian junior team in a series of instructional games against big league teams,” said Thomas. “With a wooden bat, he hit 7 balls in a row in a game that would have been out in our stadium.”

Deglan will be joined behind the dish by Isomel Leon, a defensive specialist who looks to limit extra bases with a quick release and strong arm behind the plate.

Mike Ellis, Deglan’s teammate on that Canadian Junior National Team joins him in the class as one of the top pitchers in the class.

Ellis currently flashes a plus breaking ball that can be used as an out pitch, but he doesn’t overpower with his fastball.

“He has it,” said Thomas. “He projects to add velocity and play in the rotation right away.”

Andres Perez-Lobo from Columbus High School and Ricky Perez from Miami Dade College join the class as natural pitchers, while Perez-Lobo’s teammate at Columbus, Jesse Pintado will look to split his time between the infield and the mound as a relief pitcher.

Brothers Wendell and Wes Soto project to play the middle infield, with the elder Soto, Wes of Polk Community College, a 2nd baseman and Wendell a talented defensive shortstop out of Sarasota River-view High.

“They are a little bit different in the state of Florida, “bar none”, David Vidal. Right now, Vidal appears to be a man without a position, but Thomas feels his bat is good enough to play anywhere on the field.

With a number of highly touted players, the class may look somewhat different by the time the players make it to campus in the Fall of 2010 with the MLB Rule IV amateur draft looming in June.

Thomas projects as many as 5 players from the class could be taken in the June Draft, though even if they are taken, the player can still elect to come to FIU.

Machado projects to be a first round pick.

Deglan with his rare mix of size and power from the left side as a catcher could be a first day pick.

The draft will definitely have a big impact on the outlook of the class, and if the class remains mostly intact this could prove to be Thomas’ best of three so far at FIU.

“If they play, it will definitely be our best class,” said Thomas.

Turtle Thomas, Head Coach FIU Baseball

The Isiah Thomas era begins with first class

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...sation with an official during a loss to South Alabama on Dec. 31. During a 84-68 loss to Troy on Jan. 9, Thomas was out of his seat more than usual, again.

Drained from an eight-game road swing in which the team lost six games, Thomas’ team has not accelerated quite as he expected.

“If I have been frustrated with anything, I wish we would’ve given the kids a better schedule coming out of the box,” he said.

TOUGH ROAD

During the daunting road trip, four of the Golden Panthers’ six losses were of the double-digit variety. The lowlight of the journey was a 30-point blowout loss to Sam Houston state to cap off the trip on Dec. 22.

It was a gauntlet that Thomas hopes his team won’t have to handle in the future, but it also proves that expectations should be guarded in the short term.

Last Spring, Thomas inherited a team late in the recruiting period and patched it up with two-year junior college players that will serve more as bandages to cover the team’s wounds than fixtures.

After the unexpected transfer of former Sun Belt Conference Freshman of the Year Freddy Asprilla, Thomas was left without a big man on a team that currently ranks 11th in the SBC in rebounding margin.

Asprilla, who is headed to Kansas State, was still being mentioned by Thomas as recently as last week as a player who could have made a significant difference to his team.

Thomas said before the season that he would like his team to be competitive by the time conference play rolled around, but said the progress was slowed by the tough schedule early on.

Some of that is true, but then there is also the fact that FIU cannot rely on a back-to-the-basket scorer this season, and have struggled to stop anybody.

The Golden Panthers rank dead last in the SBC in scoring defense and scoring margin as of Jan. 9.

THE DIFFERENCE

Before Thomas can sit back and let his coaching in practice carry over to games more easily, he will endure more nights like the loss to Troy over the weekend.

The Isiah Thomas era begins when he brings in his first full recruiting class, with a slew of players with four years of eligibility.
South Florida coach fired following investigation

FRED GOODALL
Associated Press

South Florida fired football coach Jim Leavitt after a school investigation concluded he grabbed one of his players by the throat, slapped him in the face and then lied about it.

A letter hand delivered to the coach and released along with a report on the three-week probe said the university’s findings were based on “independently corroborated statements of persons found to be in the best position to observe your conduct.”

“Coach Leavitt committed a serious violation of our standards of conduct regarding treatment of students,” university president Judy Genshaft said Friday, adding a national search for a replacement will begin immediately.

Reached by telephone, the only coach in the program’s 13-year history told The Associated Press he was “disappointed” and the allegation was “absolutely false.”

Leavitt told investigators he has never struck a player and that he was trying to lift the spirits of a player who was “down” when he grabbed the player’s shoulder pads during halftime of a game against Louisville on Nov. 21.

But the letter athletic director Doug Woolard presented to Leavitt during a meeting with Genshaft stated informed the coach “your description of your conduct toward the student athlete in question was consistently uncorroborated by credible witnesses.”

The school also concluded Leavitt interfered with the investigation by having “direct contact with material witnesses ... at a time you knew or should have known was critical to the review process.”

Leavitt, who was 95-57, just completed the second season of a seven-year, $12.6 million contract.

“I truly wish there had been another outcome to this situation,” Woolard said during a news conference.

Citing Miller’s father, high school coach and five USF players who were not identified, FanHouse initially reported Leavitt struck Miller because he was upset about a mistake Miller made on special teams.

Miller’s father later backtracked, telling reporters Leavitt did not strike his son but rather grabbed him by the shoulder pads while trying to motivate the sophomore walk-on.

Neither Genshaft nor Woolard took questions and specifics about Leavitt’s were not discussed during the press conference.

Investigators talked to several players, who were not identified by name and who either witnessed the alleged incident or were told of it by a player referred to in the report as “Student A.”

The investigation concluded differently.

In his letter to Leavitt, Woolard said the athlete’s statements after the probe began “are unpersuasive because they were contradicted by the same student athlete in his conversations with credible witnesses made close in time to when that conduct occurred.”

Leavitt was hired in December 1995 and launched USF’s program from scratch, operating out of trailers on campus in the early years while guiding the Bulls’ swift progression from Division I-AA to BCS conference member.

USF joined the Big East in 2005 and has played in a bowl game every year since joining the league. The Bulls were ranked as high as No. 2 in the nation in 2007 before a mid-season conference slide dropped them out of the Top 25.

Similar collapses in conference play followed 5-0 starts each of the past two years. The Bulls finished 8-5 this season.
TROJAN SHOOTING FORCE

Roberts’ big night not enough as FIU falls

JOEY CRUZ
Staff Writer

Facing a barrage of three-pointers, FIU (5-14, 2-4 Sun-Belt) was unable to respond in kind, shooting just 22 percent from behind the line in an 84-68 loss to Troy on Jan. 9 at the U.S. Century Bank Arena.

“We shot the ball terribly,” FIU head coach Isiah Thomas said.

The Golden Panthers played a horrid offensive game, making no first half three-point shots along with a mere 40 percent shooting percentage from the field on the night.

“At one point in the game we became really hesitant,” Thomas said. “During the game Troy defenders would be standing at the foul line and we would be scared to shoot.”

TOO LITTLE TOO LATE

Forward Marvin Roberts contributed a game-high 27 points, but by the time he poured in 19 in the second half, the Golden Panthers couldn’t mount a comeback.

“We are constantly trying to dig ourselves out of a hole during games,” Roberts said. “We have to start setting the tempo and making teams start to dig.”

Roberts ended the first half with eight points before his 19 point outburst in the second.

“When we’re losing I try to rally my team back as good as I can,” Roberts said. “I get passionate when I score and that’s what I’m trying to tell my team.”

TROUBLE ON BOTH ENDS

The Trojans (9-7, 4-1) were nearly perfect offensively, we play good defense,” Coach Thomas said.

Forward Marvin Roberts scored 27 points and was one of just two Golden Panthers to score in double digits as the offense stalled in an 84-68 loss to Troy on Jan. 9.

“I think we went too big too early in the line-up,” Coach Thomas said. “I thought we would be able to compensate in rebounds.”

The Golden Panthers had three steals and no blocks compared to Troy’s nine steals and four blocks on the night.

“It seems like when we’re playing good defensively, we play good offense,” Coach Thomas said.

There was no answer for Troy’s starting shooting guard Brandon Hazzard.

Hazzard leads the Sun Belt Conference with 18 points per game and certainly put on a clinic against the Golden Panthers on the road.

Troy’s star went 11-17 from the floor, also shooting a near perfect 6-10 from beyond the arc.

Frustrations not focus of Thomas’ first season

During a game against the University of Louisiana at Monroe on Jan. 7, FIU head coach Isiah Thomas jumped out of his seat on the bench and began to clap and cheer after guard Stephon Weaver drew an offensive foul in the first half.

“I really want their work to pay off,” Thomas said of his team after they defeated ULM. “I see how hard they work and focus on the first half of the season.”

It was a rare showcase of emotion for Thomas, who usually keeps a calm demeanor on the Golden Panthers bench, even in the midst of a 5-14 season.

As his team searches for improvement, Thomas continues to adjust to life as a college coach.

Thomas has cited conversations with college coaching legends Bob Knight and Mike Krzyzewski, and kept in mind the habits of his NBA coach with the Detroit Pistons, Chuck Daly.

“I’m not a guy that gets rattled. I pretty much try to keep an even keel,” he said.

“Chuck Daly had a great saying: ‘Don’t get too high and don’t get too low.’ I try to live that way.”

Thomas hasn’t been able to remain as calm as he would like during the season, however.

There was the instance in which he scolded Antoine Watson from the sideline while Watson held a lighthearted conversation with a teammate.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL: FIU 61 ; TROY 59

Golden Panthers rally late, fall short against Trojans

STEPHANIE GABRIEL
Asst. Sports Director

As the temperature outside dropped into the 40s, the FIU women’s basketball team looked for shelter from the cold inside of the U.S. Century Bank Arena on Saturday night.

FIU (7-10, 2-4 Sun-Belt) was unable to respond in kind, shooting just 22 percent from behind the line in an 84-68 loss to Troy on Jan. 9.

“They were able to compensate in rebounds,” Coach Thomas said.

The Trojans (9-7, 4-1) were nearly perfect offensively, shooting a near perfect 6-10 from beyond the arc.

That one point lead, however, turned into a 15-point lead for Troy after an 11-4 run that was capped off with a Manuel three-pointer with 7:21 remaining in the game.

Gonzalez was able to convert a three-pointer after a Trojan turnover to cut the lead to 10 points at the 6:43 mark. Less than a minute later, teammate Fanni Hutlassa knocked down a three, assisted by senior Marquita Adley, to bring FIU within seven points of tying the game.

From there, Adley went to work and brought FIU to the cusp of a comeback with a series of big plays late. With just under four minutes to play, Gonzalez missed a layup but Adley was there for the offensive rebound. Adley then attempted to go back up for the put-in but she missed and grabbed another rebound which allowed Bosilj to knock down a three that cut the Trojan lead to four points.

“I expected Marquita to play that well,” Gonzalez said. “She’s the best player we have right now. She gets rebounds and plays great defense. She brings great