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Some majors worse off than others, graduating students rethink careers

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Recent information from the Career Services office shows that some majors will be doing significantly worse than others in South Florida when it comes to finding jobs right out of college. Traditional majors such as philosophy, English, history, journalism and political science are going to face challenges as the job market in those fields have been decreasing, according to information compiled by Career Services from U.S. news and the Department of Labor Statistics. This news has caused several graduates to rethink what they will do with their degrees.

Christopher Lee Reyes received his Bachelor’s in Arts degree in political science and international relations Spring 2010. While he would love to see himself working as a congressional aide and analyst in Washington, the 23-year-old is now taking a professional aide and analyst in Washington, D.C. Reyes is living in Florida for the rest of his time here before he goes to law school in the fall. According to Reyes, he neither has a job nor plans to be looking for one at the moment. While he would love to continue learning his major, Reyes believes that his degree may not be enough to land him the ideal job right after he graduates. While Reyes is currently looking for a job in the area, he is planning to look for work in the region 5 to 10 years after graduation. "FIU’s history is sort of [about] opening up doors to students, but those doors aren’t necessarily local," said Reyes. While smart job searching is important for all fields of study, Ledesma believes certain majors will be better off as Florida moves slowly out of the recession.

Job markets such as nursing, engineering, computer software, computer engineering, information technology, occupational therapy, special education, and financial advice are now seeing increases by as much as 26 percent. More jobs are promised in environmentally related fields. Emily Eisenhauer, a research associate at the Labor Center’s Research Institute on Social and Economic Policy said that “there’s a lot of interest in anything that promotes green and environmentally friendly areas; everything from trades and constructions related jobs.” Another option for students to consider is the Federal Government. Ledesma states that the FBI is known to hire those with accounting, known to hire those with accounting, and is now anticipating the process in which they would be willing to pay. This year, the class of 2010 is expecting to be the first BOT meeting during the fall semester. If the BOT approves the fee, it would then be taken to the State University System Board of Governors for final approval.

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Gulf oil spill prompts action from FIU researchers and student groups

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While the British Petroleum oil spill continues to wreck the waters of the Gulf of Mexico, researchers and environmental organizations at FIU are taking the helm of crisis aid and prevention research across the state.

Since the April 20 Deepwater Horizon explosion, which resulted in the death of 11 workers, millions of gallons of oil have spilled into the Gulf, resulting in severe devastation to wildlife on the shores and in the ocean. The ongoing destruction has prompted action from FIU student groups and faculty members alike.

Dr. Michael Heithaus, the Director of the School of Environment and Society, is mobilizing research and providing public education about the impact this oil spill will have on the human and environmental society.

Heithaus has corralled a team of FIU researchers to study the current water quality and biological communities of southern Florida. By understanding the state of ecosystems before oil arrives, Heithaus and his team expect to be able to effectively document the effects of the oil.

Through the efforts of the school’s researchers and Dr. Heithaus, FIU is involved in numerous projects aiming to improve the current situation in the Gulf and spread education that will reduce a demand for oil.

Aside from the tech-in conducted by a panel of experts on May 15, FIU is also collaborating with other universities involved in the State University System’s Oil Spill Academic Task Force, hoping to appoint the most equipped team to bear on the problem in the Gulf. By doing so, it is the hope of Heithaus and FIU researchers that they can prevent another disaster like this from occurring—especially after witnessing the damage being suffered by the Gulf’s ecosystems.

“Huge areas of marsh that provide haven for many species of fish, birds, invertebrates, and other animals have been destroyed or damaged. It is going to take years or decades for the marsh ecosystems to recover,” states Heithaus.

It is this ecological destruction that has sparked such fervent involvement from one of FIU’s prominent environmental voices, Student for Environmental Action (SEA).

The organization has hosted several events across campus, and is currently working with a non-profit organization, Matter of Trust, focusing on the collection and creation of hair booms. According to SEA President, Cara Cooper, “Hair booms are essentially nylon panty hose stuffed with hair clippings. They are extremely efficient at removing oil from water as well as off the beaches.”

While any student can offer assistance by visiting the Students for Environmental Action Facebook page, SEA is now urging students to contact their elected officials and voice their support for energy alternatives.

Heithaus gave another suggestion that he believes will create a more permanent effect.

“Probably the best things that most people can do is to reduce their use of energy so that there is a reduction in demand for oil. This will persist the chances of something like this happening in the future.”

Florida economy faces slow recovery

Major layoffs and cutbacks have continued during the past 3 to 4 years, primarily due to the economic downturn during the recession. This has resulted in a decrease in consumer spending, which has slowed economic growth.

Employment has been sluggish, with the unemployment rate remaining at about 9% for most of the year. While some sectors have fared better than others, overall employment has not rebounded as quickly as expected.

Consumer confidence has also been weak, with many people remaining unsure about their financial prospects and delaying major purchases.

As a result, businesses have been slower to invest in new capital and expand operations, limiting job creation.

Economists are now saying that while the state and the nation’s employment is recovering, it is going to be a long time before pre-recessionary rates are seen. The Federal Reserve predicts an 8.1% to 8.5% unemployment rate by the end of 2011.

“This is going to be a very slow recovery and it’s turning out to be even slower than what the pessimists said,” said Thompson. “If we’re lucky, we might be down to 9% by next year.”

The slow decline in unemployment can be attributed partly to higher health care costs, which have been pushing employers to offer more part-time and temporary positions to reduce workers’ benefits.

While the unemployment rate can be discouraging, the biggest mistake, Ledesma says, are people who are still insistent in their career path and end up working at a well paying job that they dislike and suggests “don’t do what’s in the demand, follow your passion.”
The idea of team loyalty, or hometown loyalty for that matter, doesn’t exist in sports anymore.

With the recent departure of LeBron James from the Cleveland Cavaliers to our Miami Heat, we saw an ugly side of the average NBA fan.

Fans from the teams who thought they had the chance turned to the Internet to voice their displeasure.

Furthermore, the hatersedia flowed heavy in Cleveland, where fans took to the streets to burn his jersey and protest the departure of their hometown hero. The pyromaniacs in the streets, though, did not commit the biggest trespass of all.

That evening, Cavs owner Dan Gilbert wrote a scathing open letter to fans criticizing James’ decision.

“This shocking act of disloyalty from our homegrown ‘chosen one’ sends the exact opposite lesson of what we would want our children to learn. And who we would want them to grow-up to become,” wrote Gilbert in a font fit for a child’s birthday invitation.

It’s funny how quick things change when the guy you herald as the king leaves your kingdom.

What was Gilbert expecting here? That James would suddenly realize how much the Cavaliers love him and stay? This was a business decision. From the free agency timing with Chris Bosh and Dwayne Wade to the ESPN one-hour special, LeBron James made a business decision geared at advancing his career.

Moreover, where is Gilbert’s tearful open letter after not bringing back free agent Zydrunas Ilgauskas? Gilbert is completely broken-hearted and mad to see James walk off and form a powerhouse team, but for Ilgauskas, a fourteen-year veteran who averages about 14 points a game, it’s all business.

Where is the loyalty there?

This idea of team loyalty in sports today is a naïve assumption, both on a professional and collegiate level.

Whether the player leaves as a free agent, is out on the injured list, or is traded by the front office; sports is a business and in business there is only the bottom line.

College athletes stick to a team hoping that playing for that team will get them a chance to go pro. Though the chances of a college athlete leaving their team is less prevalent than in pros, it has happened, and it has led to similar controversies.

In 2009, after former Golden Panther basketball coach Sergio Rouco was on his way out and Isiah Thomas was on his way in, Golden Panther standout Freddy Aspriila wanted to leave FIU, but Athletics and its director Pete Garcia were having none of that, and didn’t release him from his scholarship.

Garcia refused to comment on the matter, opting to not write an open letter to fans on FIUSports.com that looked like a child typed it up on PrintShop Pro. But it is safe to say that Athletics could have released this student from his scholarship, letting the star center go on his merry way. Just saying.

Whether it was personal or not, Aspriila’s situation, and the University’s decision to not release him from his scholarship was a business decision.

A sport in this country is a lucrative business; sometimes you win big and sometimes you lose hard. But people in the front office, people in the stands forget that, or rather try to forget that the best they can.

In the end, LeBron James coming to the Heat, Freddy Aspriila playing for FIU is a great thing, but they aren’t beholden to us. They are businessmen, doing what they think is right for them.

They don’t want games or championships for us. They win for their legacies and their bank accounts.

FANS FROM THE TEAMS WHO THOUGHT THEY HAD THE CHANCE TURNED TO THE INTERNET TO VOICE THEIR DISPLEASURE.
Jimenez will start over Johnson at all-star game

JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Baseball Writer

Ubaldo Jimenez is always eager to share his accomplishments with a support system that runs from Denver to the Dominican Republic.

His home nation and adopted hometown will be tuned in when Jimenez takes the mound for one of his most memorable outings yet. The Colorado ace will start for the National League in the All-Star Game, while the AL will try to break the losing streak.

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Incoming freshman Domonique Ferguson told Student Media last week that Thomas assured him during the recruiting process that he would not leave FIU before next season.

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Isiah Thomas (right) was mentioned over the weekend as possible GM candidate for Knicks.

Isiah Thomas FIU Men’s Basketball Coach on Feb. 6

Although that was argued by Walsh, who told him Thomas was hired to be the head coach of the Golden Panthers in the spring of 2008.

Thomas, who saw FIU go 7-24 last season, has stated as recently as the season that his desire was to remain with the Golden Panthers. Last April, Thomas’ name came up in a report in The Chicago Tribune about the same job at DePauw University.

A few months before, foxsports.com stated that Thomas could join the Los Angeles Clippers, in which FIU team spokesman Paul Dodson said that no offer was made shortly thereafter.

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“Jimenez is a member of the Knicks from 2003-2008 as a head coach and president at separate times.

Jimenez has a 2.20 ERA in ball’s Midsummer Classic. His record speaks for Johnson. “This guy’s 15-over Florida’s Josh Johnson. He’s a treat to watch pitch,” Manuel said.

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FIU men’s basketball coach Isiah Thomas has found his way back into the NBA rumor mill, whether he is seeking it or not.

This time, Thomas is being mentioned as a potential candidate to return to the New York Knicks in a front office capacity.

On July 10, The New York Daily News reported that Thomas traveled to Houston last month to meet with team executives and watch team owner James Dolans band perform, drawing attention to Thomas and his relationship with the organization.

Although that was arguably a harmless gesture, ESPN sportswriter Chris Broussard later reported on his Twitter account that Knicks president Donnie Walsh told him Thomas would be a candidate for a general manager position should the Knicks choose to fill the position.

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**Microsoft's Kin: social project equals an epic social fail**

Have you heard of the Microsoft Kin? Probably not.

After six weeks of sales, nearly two years of development and an estimated hundreds of millions of dollars in costs, Microsoft killed the Kin line of phones, a product that is far and away the company’s biggest failure.

The Kin was a project that Microsoft embarked upon after acquiring Danger, the makers of the famed Sidekick series of phones. These phones were aimed at a younger crowd by focusing on social networking compatibility.

The Kin’s flaws were many and mortal. The Kin One and Two were oddly designed and expensive. The operating system was closed, had a terrible browser, and it wasn’t as social media-friendly as it seemed.

The Kin’s main failure, and it’s largest one, was that it was a dumb phone competing in a smart phone world. It required a lot of data bandwidth because it uploaded virtually everything to Kin Studio, the phone’s cloud storage service.

This led the devices to be paired with a large monthly data fee that priced it out of the feature phone segment and put it against Verizon’s impressive line of smart phones. Parents buying their kids a phone found better deals and more features in other Verizon smart phones like the HTC Incredible and the Motorola Droid.

The Kin’s quick death, however, revealed something much more unexpected: turmoil inside Microsoft. Employees on the project were angry, morale was low, and they were giving tech journalists quotes of a lifetime as a result.

“We had a huge launch party on campus and I bet that party cost more than the amount of revenues we took in on the product,” an anonymous Microsoft employee told Business Insider regarding the Kin’s launch party. “As an employee, I am embarrassed. As a shareholder, I am pissed.”

Final sales of the Kin have been rumored to be anywhere between 508 units and 10,000 units nationally in the six weeks the product spent on the market. In the words of every hipster on the Internet: epic fail.

The Kin represents something more than just a product failure; it confirms my previous suspicions that Microsoft is having a hard time seeing its inner beauty.

In a previous Fistfuls of Tech, I discussed a slew of Microsoft products that were absolutely brilliant and yet seemed to fly under the consumer radar. But this time, I am not going to be so forgiving. Microsoft has a terrible habit of ignoring the good and marketing the bad. Microsoft killed the Courier project, a tablet PC that screamed iPad killer and had consumers clamoring. The Courier was proof that Microsoft had the chops to innovate, and the power to squash that innovation.

In the world of technology there are a lot of hit or miss moments, and the Kin was a large miss. But Microsoft is a company that has the resources, the market share, and the talent to innovate and really create something.

The Courier, the Zune Pass music service, and Windows 7 Media Center are absolute gems in the company’s line of products, yet they hide in the shadows or even worse: the morgue.

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Theatre festival features poignant play by Pulitzer Prize playwright Nilo Cruz

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Staff Writer

The second installment in FIU’s Alternative Theater Festival offered an intimate look at the life of a Cuban immigrant searching for freedom.

A Bicycle Country is a play written by Nilo Cruz, a Cuban immigrant whose family fled to Miami in 1969 following his father’s incarceration for opposition to the communist government. Upon his return to Florida in 2001, he became the playwright-in-residence for the New Theater in Coral Gables.

His other show, Anna in the Tropics, was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in Drama, becoming the first Latino play to earn that honor.

In A Bicycle Country, he focuses on capturing the same pressure felt by those in similar positions to his parents in Cuba. The story focuses around the idea of hope for a better life in a better place.

The show, which featured a brief intermission for changes, started off a few minutes late and lasted approximately two hours. It is directed by Marina Pareja.

Upon entrance into the studio, audiences were greeted by an intimate setting. Cuban music played in the background, and one of the actors was already in position. The set, which remained the same for Act I with the addition of props, was simple yet effective. Furthermore, it was versatile, starting as a house and transforming into a raft for the production’s second half.

Though originally seeming to be comic relief, perhaps because his lines felt forced during Act I, he improved tenfold during Act II, becoming a lively character.

Collado portrayed Ines, a woman responsible for finding Ines, who joins them on their journey to flee the country. Guzman portrayed Pepe, a loyal friend of Julio responsible for finding Ines, who joins them on their journey to flee the country.

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Overall, the show ran smoothly and was pretty good. The crew did an excellent job with sound and lighting and provided an organized set change during the intermission. The cast brought to life a play filled with metaphors connecting the sea to life in a tasteful manner.

Though there is room for improvement, in areas such as time management, the experience with the FIU Alternative Theater Festival is a positive one.

FIU’s Alternative Theater Festival kicked off its summer season on June 23rd with Caryl Churchill’s Top Girls. This program, started in 2006 by professors Phillip Church and Marina Pareja, offers students the opportunity to experience what it would be like to own and run their own theater company.

All shows are held in the DM 150 theater studio and have a general admission of $10. Of that money, $1 of each ticket sale is donated to the Hope for Haiti Foundation.


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 Wizarding World of Harry Potter adds magic to Orlando

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GREENE thinking outside the toy box

The solution to our nation’s economic problems may soon be coming to a toy store near you, thanks to a brilliant plan outlined by the Senate candidate and real American hero Alvin Greene of South Carolina.

A plan that is raising as high as his career can scarcely be put into words, so perhaps it’s best to let the great man speak for himself.

"Another thing we can do for jobs is make toys of me, especially for the holidays. Little dolls. Me. Like maybe $0.25 and $1.00 per credit hour that will be used because of the SGA referendum on March 7..." During the Spring 2010 semester, and the legislation passed the green fund resolution on March 7. A total of 296 students voted. The green energy fund will now go to the University Central Florida but Joshua Miller, Senate president pro-tempore, said in an interview that the SGA more time to properly inform students of the green fund.

The referendum was meant to gauge whether or not students wanted a green energy fund, not to impose it on them, which is what the administration is doing with the smoking ban.

The green energy fund is not exclusive to FIU as the other universities are also taking steps to implement it.

SGA at the University of Florida included the fund in their Spring 2007 general elections, said Randy Yemen, SGA officer manager, in an interview with Student Media. Florida State University’s SGA also included the fund in their Spring 2007 elections said Joyce Howard FSU’s SGA advisor to Student Media.

The fund has not yet been voted on by students at the University Central Florida but Joshua Miller, senate president pro-tempore, said in an interview with Student Media their plan is to include it in the ballot of their Fall senatorial elections.

The green energy fund, which still has to be approved by the Board of Trustees before being implemented, will add a fee to students between $0.25 and $1.00 per credit hour that will be used for renewable energy projects and "green energy projects" according to the SGA resolution in support of the fund.

The green energy fund will now go to the University Board of Trustees which will send it to the Board of Governors of the state university system where it can still be voted down, but if approved will back as a final vote by students. On the ballot will be an option for each credit per hour fee ($0.25, $0.50, $0.75 and $1.00) and a "no" option. This means students will have another chance to vote against this if they so choose, and vote how much the fee will be.

Going forward, the Sustainability Committee, which lead the University’s green initiatives, needs to go further in their explanation of how money from the green fund will be spent.

Although we think the University’s push to be more environmentally friendly is a good thing, we question whether asking students to pay for things they think are not necessary will work in the long-run.

The site describes itself as an "unenforceable system for untraceable mass document leaking" that exists to protect its sources by having no physical infrastructure and operating solely online through PRQ. As a Swedish based company which provides "highly secure, no-questions-asked hosting services." WikiLeaks maintains their servers at undisclosed locations and uses military-grade encryption to protect sources and other confidential information.

Without WikiLeaks offering this level of protection to its sources, the general public would have been left in the dark about items such as: the controversial e-mail correspondence between scientists of the Climatic Research Unit and most recently the Baghdad air strike video from an American Apache helicopter which shows the killing of two Reuters journalists.

In its three years of operating, the website has provoked official and corporate anxiety in its efforts to become a "global foe of excessive government secrecy while empowering citizen activists, journalists and others who seek to challenge the powerful."

WikiLeaks encourages its sources to practice "principled leaking" and has uncovered over 1.2 million documents doing so. Examples of principled leaking are ample throughout history, and show the power of public perception.

In 1971, when former State Department official Daniel Ellsberg released the controversial documents that would later be known as the "Pentagon Papers" to the New York Times, the first thing President Nixon did was file an injunction to prevent the newspaper from publishing the documents.

The documents revealed that the United States government had committed atrocities in the war while President Lyndon B. Johnson was promising not to expand the war.

The case made its way to the Supreme Court, which ruled that "only a free and unrestrained press can effectively expose government corruption to the public..." The release of the Pentagon papers did its job by shocking the world, exposing the government and helping to shorten the war and save lives.

This example of principled leaking is exactly why WikiLeaks is needed more than ever today, in a world where authoritarian governments such as China and Iran do everything in their power to silence their activists and journalists. There is no greater power to hold a government accountable than the collective conscience of its people.

With the threat of being exposed to the public likely, no member of Congress or any other government official would think twice. Rosenberg would probably object to this, yet perhaps he could be swayed by the world’s knowledge of his political Machinations.

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Environmental school makes strides

Panther Power brings pride to campus

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Although most University activities, like sports and homecoming, happen at the Modesto Maidique Campus, Ana Perez is making sure Biscayne Bay is not without school spirit.
Perez, a senior journalism major graduating this summer, is the president of Panther Power, an organization on campus that focuses on student involvement in athletic and sporty activities. She has been president since Spring 2010 and “is the source of Panther Power’s new and innovative ideas,” such as new giveaways and tabling events at BBC.
The goal of Panther Power is to enrich students’ experience at the University by getting them involved with campus activities such as football games, homecoming, and pep rallies among other activities.
Perez says that her main goal as president at BBC is to help students realize the amount of events and relationships they can build from this campus alone.

All I want is to come back in ten years and for people to come up and tell me that Panther is the powerhouse of student life.

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