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Smoke ban plans move forward

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The Smoke and Tobacco Free regulation that prohibits the use of smoking and tobacco products on all University property was approved by the University Board of Trustees during its Academic Policy and Student Affairs committee meeting on Sept. 9.

In the effort to “create a smoke and tobacco-free campus as part of a healthy campus initiative”, Student Affairs Vice President Rosa Jones presented the proposed regulation to the board and laid out the current as well as future plans, that the Smoke-free Steering Committee has once they begin the implementation. If approved by the BOT during its Sept. 24 full board meeting, the ban would become effective on Jan. 1, 2011.

“As a community, FIU is dedicated to creating a healthier university,” said Jones in the presentation to the board. “Making our campus smoke and tobacco free will help us make a healthier university but it will also move to align ourselves with, first of all, a growing commitment we have for environmental sustainability. 1 [also] think it will also align us with the American Disabilities act because of secondary smoke.”

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PANTHERS FALL

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A somber Dylan Lynch during a 19 to 14 defeat in their home opener against Rutgers University on September 11. FIU gave up seven turnovers and over 120 yards in penalties. For additional coverage of the FIU vs Rutgers game, turn to page 4.

University employees to get pay raise

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Despite the recent strains on the University-wide budget, University employees will be receiving an increase in their salaries that is effective as of July 1, 2010.

According to the Office of the President, the increase will be greater of $2,000 or 2.5%, while also providing a 1% bonus pool in 2011-12 to “reward employee excellence.”

“In recognition of the outstanding efforts of our employees to attract and welcome exceptional students, conduct groundbreaking research, inspire creativity, and make outstanding contributions through engagement with our community, we are pleased to announce that eligible employees will receive an across-the-board salary increase this year,” said University President Mark Rosenberg and Provost and Executive Vice President Douglas Wartzok in a recent memorandum sent out to all faculty and staff.

After nearly two years of unchanging salaries, the University will award increases to all eligible out-of-unit employees who meet the required performance standards for their position and who were employed as of July 1, 2009.

An e-mail from Jaffus Hardrick, vice president for the Division of Human Resources, stated that the noted salary increase and retroactive payment will be reflected in the employees’ Sept. 24 pay check.

For in-unit faculty members, the salary terms are similar though the agreement has to be approved by the United Faculty of Florida and the Board of Trustees.

Once approved, the in-unit faculty salary increases will be effective Aug. 17, 2010.

While budget reduction plans included multiple contingencies, it was not until recently that things came together to the point that the University could reasonably accommodate the increases this year.

According to the provost, the University wishes that they “could do more but we have to be cautious of future budget

SGC-MMC Executive Cabinet members summoned

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On Sep. 27, four members of the Student Government Association at Modesto A. Maidique Campus Cabinet and Executive Branch will take the floor at a senate meeting to discuss their positions and their future and current projects.

SGC-MMC Press Secretary Dean Williams stated that “pursuant to Article 3, Section 3.07 (a) of the SGC-MMC Statutes, Senate has the power to call Cabinet members to the floor for questioning.”

This means that the senate summons is basically a system to question their members of their current progress.

“The summons process is an effective way for the senate to verify that the projects the members of the executive branch and cabinet are benefiting the students,” said Donavon Dawson, senator for the College of Arts and Sciences.

According to Williams, SGC-MMC Director of External Relations Andrea Alhadari; SGC-MMC Controller, Maria-Rosa Bianco; SGC-MMC Chief Information Officer, Julio Yanes; and SGC-MMC Director of Campus Life, Alex Lastra, will all be summoned to the senate floor in order to discuss their progress and objectives for the fall semester.

Whatever anyone is called to stand before the senate, those individuals must be informed of this ahead of time.

Senate Speaker William-Jose Velez informed those individuals officially as of Sept. 2. According to Velez, the reason provided for the motion was to “investigate their actions and performance so far.”

“Personally, I believe these summons are in line with the promises made by the senate on terms of accountability and communication between the different branches,” said Velez.

“By having this direct interaction with members of the executive branch, the senate can see firsthand what we need to act on, what needs to be improved and the ways that, in addition to fulfilling the compromise on making sure everybody abides by their responsibilities and requirements.”

According to Velez, this is the first
Pay increases included in previous budget plan

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Reductions and our ability to manage those with expected revenues.

“We had included contingencies in our budget to fund existing and potential contractual commitments in our budget reduction plans,” said Wartzok, when asked about how the University was able to afford the increases.

At the University level, out-of-unit employees are those individuals that serve under managerial or confidential position, like department chairs or in positions above them.

This includes other positions such as coordinators of academic advising or directors of academic support services.

An in-unit faculty member is an employee who is not in a managerial or confidential position and is included in the United Faculty of Florida bargaining unit.

“Over these past years, the University has gone through and continues to go through tough economic times. We are appreciative of the hard work and dedication of our faculty and employees that make up this great university,” said Wartzok.

“Especially in these times, when we have downsized and consolidated operations while maintaining value to our students, we needed to provide some increase to retain our employees and recognize their efforts.”

Students rave about first ever West Africa program

**MIRIAM ARIAS**

Contributing Writer

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Jean Rahier, Associate Professor
Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies

Inspiring, motivational, culturally rich, and with a promising future all describe University students’ experience during the West Africa study abroad program.

Guided by Jean Rahier, associate professor of Anthropology in the Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies and director of the African Diaspora Studies program, 12 students traveled to Senegal and Gambia on a five-week program in which they got a taste of West African culture, customs, and traditions.

According to Rahier, the idea for the study abroad program’s destination derived from the hopes of reaching out to students and getting them to enroll in a good cause.

Considering the differences this country has with the commodities in the United States, he felt the program challenged students in a different way.

With a small laugh, he remembered the students’ discomfort at first arriving to Africa to find that the internet connection was down, not to mention the lack of air conditioning in the majority of the rooms.

“Most people live without air conditioning and as soon as the students began to get a taste of the real Africa, they coped well and they liked it,” Rahier said.

Rahier also recalled a very memorable night where he and the students visited the house of John Sec, a very popular recording artist in Africa.

“We went to his house and into his studio where he was recording songs for his new disc,” Rahier said. “It was a great experience and I recommend it. Africa is probably the least developed continent on the face of the earth, but there are so many opportunities that will arrive in the next few decades. It is new and open to change and knowledge.”

Some might wonder if and why students would be interested in going to West Africa, as opposed to other study abroad programs headed to places in Europe.

According to Andrea Metamores, the student lobbying coordinator for the Student Governing Council at Modesto Maidique Campus Executive Director, learning of the programs destination was almost as exciting as getting there.

“It was a different, not at all disappointing, but enlightening experience” Conklin said.

While there, she was able to reach out and see beyond the stereotypes of Africa. She described the people and the poverty that overwhelms a good majority of them.

According to Conklin, one night the study abroad group was surprised by a memorable experience.

“We unexpectedly experienced a hunting ritual called Mandinga; there was loud music, drums and I just loved it all,” Conklin said.

She described the trip as vibrant and incredibly enriching.

“I definitely recommend it.” Conklin said. “People should go to Africa.”

Andrea Metamores also traveled to West Africa with the program.

Metamores has never taken sociology courses since she is a biology major; however, she has always looked into going on missions and decided to try out this particular study abroad program to get a taste of what missions are truly like.

“We went on excursions, listened to lectures, visited the markets and looked at African clothing and ate at several different restaurants,” Metamores said.

According to her, the food was a bit difficult to get used to at first.

“There are so many spices; I had to drink water continually,” Metamores said.

Although students participated in several activities and visited many places, Goreé Island was the one that really caught Andrea’s attention.

Goreé Island is a historical landmark used as a tourist destination designed to show visitors the site of the slave trade.

“It caused a change of mind. History hit me, centralized me; I could feel my feet on the ground, it was just eye opening” she said.
Some concerns expressed over implementation of smoking ban

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Robert Adler, the other trustee member in the committee who is now heading the committee, said, "I was confronted with 'why are all of these groups speaking against this, but none following through the community, but none followed since they instead began offering several educational sessions in which students and faculty can learn more about the prohibition and how to deal with it."

"More recently, Botelho is not employed by the University due to the inability to renew his contract with the University. Mariela Gabaroni, assistant director of UHS Wellness Center, is now heading the committee.

"When you look at the research, you see that there is nothing good that comes from tobacco," said Gabaroni, "and it not only affects the person who uses cigarettes rather than having them used in the workplace, addiction issues through University Health Services."

"It wouldn’t be right for me to vote on something like this without seeing the application. As chairman, this is where my role as president has to come up and a steering committee was established to "prevent tobacco appreciation, the negative health and environmental effects associated with tobacco use. She stated that it is a regulation that will serve to "prevent tobacco appreciation, where college students are most likely to initiate smoking to increase consumption opportunities and to reduce exposure to second-hand smoke among our faculty, staff and students."

"I was noted that students or University dollars were used as funding. "Has there been some resistance? Yes there has. Has there been some support? Absolutely," said Jones. "The reality is that it has been an educational process for students. Some of the individuals who have been originally opposed to this have been able to see that it is all about the environment of the university.

"With over 365 universities across the country going smoke-free, the implementation of the smoking ban has caught on in the state of Florida with the University of Florida going completely smoke-free in July 2010 as well as University of South Florida’s Health Science Center and University of Miami’s Medical Campus.

Like FIU, Florida Atlantic University is planning on placing regulations in 2011 while University of Central Florida is recently taking the issue into consideration.

Jones also added that institutions such as Baptist Hospital are now smoke-free.

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MEN’S SOCCER

Rodriguez leads Golden Panthers to overtime win

ANDRES LEON

The Golden Panthers were one quarter away from defeating a BCS school for the first time in the school’s history. FIU tied the game and even had two chances to win in the final minutes. Rodriguez scored in the second overtime and the team went on to win 2-0, giving the Golden Panthers their second time with the Panthers (2-1). Clutch wins have been the theme winning their second time with the Panthers (2-1).

“The pass came in at the right time from veteran Diego Tamburus. Nicolas Rodriguez with an assist by Diego he was in the top corner of the box, gave me a perfect through ball and that’s why Rutgers won the football game,” said FIU Head Coach Mario Cristobal.

Wesley Carroll’s debut at FIU saw its ups and downs. He started the game but on the first play of the season, Carroll threw an interception. Carroll redshirted by orchestrating a nine play, 96 yard drive to give FIU a 7-3 lead at the end of the first quarter. The interception was Wesley Carroll’s first touchdown as a Golden Panther. In the second quarter, Carroll threw his second interception which lead to Rutgers’ touchdown, taking back the lead 10-7.

Wesley Carroll finished the game completing 12 out of 22 passes for 166 yards including two touchdowns and two interceptions.

Despite Carroll’s ups and downs, Wayne Younger did part on few snaps in the third quarter and fourth quarter for FIU, but it may have seemed as if Younger disrupted the offensive rhythm. Younger completed five out of 10 passes for only 38 yards. He also scrambled six times out of the pocket for 15 yards.

Younger came in for a total of three drives, including a couple of crucial series late in the fourth quarter. Carroll didn’t see much playing time after connecting with Jeremiah Harden for a touchdown to give the Golden Panthers the lead. “Both of those guys knew exactly what the plan was. They’re going to both play throughout the course of the game and they’re going to play out to what we see is going to make us most effective,” said Cristobal.

According to Cristobal, he has not seen the separation between the quarterback backs that he would like to see to make a decision. Both Carroll and Younger were not available for comment following the game. Center Brad Serini is not worried about who he snaps the ball to at all. He is more concerned on adjusting to both quarterbacks.

“Emotionally, I’m fine with it. It’s my job to adjust. It’s not my job to worry about what quarterbacks are in the back of the field, my job is to worry about my block form,” said Serini.

Geoff Collins’ new schemes nearly paid off for the Golden Panthers as they hung around with Rutgers for most of the game. The defensive scheme confused the Rutgers’ offense throughout the entire game, especially in the second half.

Decision to pull Carroll was wrong

The Golden Panthers were minutes away from picking up the biggest victory in the program’s young history. Hanging on to a 14-13 lead over Rutgers at the end of the third quarter, the record crowd of 19,872 was ready to explode. The atmosphere in ‘The Cage’ was almost uncontrollable as that same crowd began to believe that FIU could finally reach the promise land that has eluded this program since its inception.

The Golden Panthers dominated in almost every major category and had a 199-yard advantage on total offense over the Scarlet Knights. The new-look defense under new coordinator Geoff Collins forced Rutgers to commit three turnovers in the second half, highlighted by an interception by Anthony Gaitor with seven minutes remaining and giving the trailing Panthers great field position in Rutgers territory.

They came out with a swagger not seen at FIU Stadium in a long time, shutting down the Rutgers offense completely. The running game was smothered and the passing game was virtually nonexistent for the Scarlet Knights, who struggled during the opening minutes of the game, quickly recovered and showed why he helped lead Mississippi State to a bowl game in 2007. He commanded a 96 yard drive and the Golden Panthers marched to the end zone. He floated a beautiful pass to Jere

Rodriguez scoring the golden goal to end the game. Those weren’t the only goals scored that night early in the 1st half of German international Michael Mühseler was foiled by Wisconsin’s goalkeeper Ryan Vint inside the box. A yellow card was given to the keeper and a penalty kick awarded to Michael Mühseler. The penalty was taken and it was a perfectly placed shot in the bottom corner.

Five minutes later the Wisconsin Badgers placed a perfect through pass to the middle of the box to forward Nicholas Aaron in the 18th minute to make it a tie game.

“I think the only mistake made on the first goal is that he put himself in a position where the goalkeeper was able to foil him, and it’s a good thing he put away the PK,” said Coach Munca Eketebi.

“We weren’t focused after that first goal and lost track of the game our defense fell asleep and we let an easy goal through. I tell our players time and time again that we need to keep applying pressure no matter how much were up and to always keep focused,” said Eketebi.

The Golden Panthers were out shot the first half 4 to 3 and quickly got their act together. FIU shot out the Wisconsin Badgers 6 to 3 in the second half and took nearly 65% of possession. After a grueling no-score half the Panthers looked for another clutch win in overtime.

“We got the goal at perfect timing. It was a great through ball from Tamburus. I always tell my players to play one-touch football and if necessary no more than two,” Eketebi said after Friday’s overtime win.

“The fewer the touches the faster the pace of the game and more you open holes in the oppositions formation and find easier ways to score goals. This time it was a first time cross and a first time finish. They got the job done,” Eketebi said.

Catch FIU next home game against Georgia State this Sunday at 1:00 p.m. at FIU Soccer Stadium before they go on a rodeo trip for 6 away games.

The team will play Jacksonville on their turf next Saturday on Sept. 17 following Sept. 12’s game against Georgia State.
Penalties plague offense

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Silver Lining

There was little ques- tion about who should have won this game. On paper, the Golden Panthers should have been the better team Saturday night.

They dominated the lines, controlled the ball and did most of the things that are necessary to win. There was only one thing missing: execution when it matters the most.

That was the differ- ence between this game being just another loss to a BCS team and a victory that electrifies a program for the rest of the season.

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Football Season kicked off with a series of events celebrating the University.

Students rallied in front of the Pine house Tuesday night to support the football team. They honored the college tradition of smashing a car decorated in the competition’s colors.

Friday was the 45th birthday celebration of the University. SGA sponsored the event which included cake and free giveaways for students.

Before the season opener, a large flag was unfurled to commemorate the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. Over 19,000 people came out to support the Panthers.
Panhellenic recruitment introduces women to sororities

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The year’s most long-awaited week of madness for FIU sorority women begins today: recruitment.

Panhellenic recruitment is Sept. 13 through Sept. 18. Women who registered for recruitment will be meeting their future. According to the sorority women who unaffiliated themselves temporarily from their organization and are trained to be unbiased guides for potential new members through the recruitment process.

Potential new members are assigned to a Rho Gamma, who will guide the women through the week and be available for information and advice.

“I think without recruitment guides, many of us would probably feel lost or unsure what to do throughout the day,” said senior Michelle, a 2010 Rho Gamma (Rho Gamma last names must be kept confidential for recruitment purposes).

“I felt the need to be that person to lean on for the next generation of sorority women to come,” she said.

The mingling begins Tuesday with “Sorority 101” night. Potential new members will attend several 25-minute parties, each hosted by a different sorority.

This night is casual and allows the interested women to speak with a few members from each organization one-on-one or in groups regarding general information about sorority life and each particular organization.

Potential new members will learn the basics about each sorority and get a feel for each one.

At the same time, the Panhellenic sorority women will be getting to know more about the women going through recruitment.

At the end of the night, the potential new members will rank all of the sororities in order of preference. This and the choices made by the sororities will determine which parties they will be attending on the second night.

The second night, “Phalanx Night,” is an annual event where the women host a party to discuss their community service, fund-raising efforts, and philanthropic causes.

This will also be the night that the potential new members are informed of the cost of each individual sorority.

“A lot of girls ask about that,” said Cristina, a 2010 Rho Gamma. “All the sororities have a payment plan and you can even get discounts and scholarships from them. It’s not as expensive as people think,” she said.

Thursday is a semi-formal night entitled “Sorority & Traditions.” The parties are longer because they are only meeting with three sororities and the conversations are more in-depth.

At this point, the potential new members are getting to know more about the bonds of sisterhood that tie each organization together.

On this night, the potential new members further narrow down their choices on their preferred sororities, leaving only two to visit the next day.

“Preference Night” is Friday night, where potential new members will attend only two sorority parties with cocktail attire requirements.

This night is more intimate, each organization sharing an open ritual that will provide a glimpse into the essence of their values, what they stand for as an organization, and the strength of the bond and secrets they share.

For some hopeful new members, the decision will be difficult and for others, clear and simple.

For all of them, the next day will be the beginning of an experience like no other.

The outcome of the week will be revealed on Saturday on “Bid Day,” where the women receive a formal invitation, also known as a bid, from one organization to become one of their new members. They then choose to either accept or decline the bid.

If they decline it, they have opted out of joining that organization and are free to go through recruitment again next year if they wish to do so.

If the bid is accepted, they continued to a tradition reveal of welcoming the new members in front of all of the sororities.

The cheering and chanting is loud as the new members jump off stage and into the arms of their new sisters.

The affiliation of each Rho Gamma and Chi Pi (the executive board members of the Panhellenic Council) is also revealed.

New commitments to scholarship, service, campus involvement, and a lifetime of sisterhood are things they can look forward to.

“Bid Day is just so much fun with all the suspense in wanting to know where everyone is ending up,” Michelle said.
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Research skewed by gender preference

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Dr. Maria New’s treatment of female fetuses with dexamethasone to potentially prevent homosexuality or bisexuality is highly unethical. Her determination of what is appropriate “feminine” and “masculine” behavior is arbitrary and lacks medical basis.

According to Ahmedy Camacho in The Beacon, “Colleagues criticized New’s research in the use of a powerful steroid called dexamethasone to treat female fetuses affected by congenital adrenal hyperplasia. CAH causes girls who are affected to have very low male hormones along with a deep voice and facial hair although their internal sex organs are completely normal.”

Though New has discussed her treatment of CAH, she has not addressed4.

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New’s response is problematic in two major ways. Her lack of knowledge of the potentially negative long-term effects is illustrated. Secondly, the response is more homophobic than medically inclined. If the parents treated with dexamethasone choose partners of the opposite sex, then the treatment would be deemed beneficial.

As reported by Cameron, New will be “publishing an article in The American Journal of Bioethics which will explain the science behind her objective to improve the lives of CAH affected females.”

With your letter, be sure to include your name, major and year. With offices at either GC 240 or WUC 124.

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... when you eat his face, be prepared to explain why you idolize him and why you are contributing to the murder of his dream, simply by associating with him, listening to contemporary music, being a Christian and/or by not living in capitalism, and a true supporter...

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S. Fla. News Service experiences changes

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In January 2009, the School of Journalism and Mass Communications partnered with The Miami Herald, South Florida Sun-Sentinel and The Palm Beach Post’s print and online news service giving students the opportunity to write articles that will be published in one or more of these publications.

This semester student reporters for the South Florida News Service will get to experience the challenges industry journalists face on a daily basis. They will see less staff in the newsroom, experience pay cuts and undergo new changes that promote growth.

At one point, there were 60 student reporters for the news service, which is now down to 15 this semester; a 75 percent reduction from the first semester when the program was implemented. More cuts are expected to be made. Additionally, student pay for each article has been reduced from $50 per article to $25.

Allan Richards, associate dean of the SJMC, said the cut in pay and staff comes as the school uses to pay the students and news director, Chris Delboni. However, Delboni said the program is about helping students become good journalists, not about the money.

“It’s not about $50 or $100; it should be about a genuine interest to become a great journalist,” said Delboni. “This propelled the program’s directors to challenge the college and the school’s professional reputation, offering students a unique experience that validates your work.”

Another change is that the program is no longer embedded in a class. When the program started in 2009, SFNS was integrated into the curriculum of two senior classes: Feature Writing and Online News Reporting. That is no longer the case.

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