LOOKING FORWARD

President Rosenberg discusses his vision for the future of the University

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At the start of the fall semester, the University experienced a growth in enrollment that has brought a record number of students to both Modesto Maidique Campus and the Biscayne Bay Campus. As a result, a number of expansion projects for the University to increase the services are being offered to the students.

Student Media recently sat down with University President, Mark Rosenberg, to discuss these and other topics relating to his “Worlds Ahead” vision which will shape the future of the University.

Student Media: What has the increase in students been like for the administration and what changes is the University going through to accommodate all these students?

Mark Rosenberg: We know it’s important to grow because there is significant student demand in the community, but we also think it’s important for our students to get the classes that they need to graduate in a timely manner. We’re focused not just on the experience within the classroom, but also the experience outside the classroom, which is very important.

SM: Housing and also seen big increases relating to students living on campus. Are there any plans in making for new housing projects?

MR: Housing and Residential Life are critical aspects of the FIU experience. We are at a hundred percent occupancy, which we are very pleased about. Not only is there demand – there is satisfaction with the experience. I’ve personally gone to our residence halls, walked the hallways and the back stairs and talked to the Resident Assistants. I want to be able to certify to every student who wants to live in our residence halls, that it is a good clean healthy living experience.

We are going to grow in terms of the number of rooms available for our students. In fact, we see a doubling over the next year. That means that there will be construction on campus and considerable inconvenience, but we think that it is critical for us to provide opportunities for our students to live on campus.

SM: If the University’s enrollment continues as projected, MMC will not be the only campus that will need to grow in terms of services. What plans are in place for MMC in terms of providing student services?

MR: In terms of services, we are very proud of the fact that we have opened up a new food service capability at the Biscayne Bay Campus and working in collaboration with our Student Government Association we will be making some modifications in that new facility to make it more comfortable and available for our students. At BBC you’ll now find that the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management is installing a

Major selection gives students difficulty

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Representatives from the FIU Faculty Senate focused their most recent meeting on reviewing the progress of undergraduate education as they discussed issues such as majors, class size, and the nature of the University Core Curriculum.

The meeting, which took place at the Wolfe University Center at the Biscayne Bay Campus, was composed of senators from each of the schools and colleges at FIU, with those at the South Campus attending via webcast.

Douglas Robertson, Dean of Undergraduate Education, gave his report to the senate, stating that one of the challenges they are facing is getting students to select a major for themselves.

“I describe this as a kind of Bermuda Triangle, where we’re doing a good job in the majors and a good job for students who just got here,” said Robertson. “But a lot of students are getting lost in the middle. The holy grail of this is not just get the students into a major, but into an appropriate major.

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Through their exploratory phase. It would “give them more exposure and more knowledge of the major and discipline and perhaps help them progress faster into their degree.”

In response, Robertson explained the role of bridge advisors who are responsible for aiding students who are exploring the majors in their respective colleges and provide guidance to those who are working to be accepted under such majors. These advisors initially report to the central advising center but are placed in the different colleges

Partnership to promote service work

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The Student Government Council at Modesto A. Maidique Campus has announced a partnership with City Year Miami and the return of the SGC-MMC internship programs, which will allow students to get involved with SGA in a more active role.

The original idea to partner with City Year Miami was presented to the SGC-MMC Executive Cabinet by Student Lobbying Coordinator, Sara Conklin and SGC Marketing Coordinator, Miriam Blasco.

Conklin and Blasco are currently heading the project and expecting the partnership to improve the University’s community service work in Miami, and even going as far as inspiring high school students to strive for higher education.

The partnership with SGA will allow for many volunteer positions that will permit students to interact with SGA and City Year Miami. Some of the volunteer positions include mentoring at local high schools and middle schools. SGA will also be giving tours of the campus, lead-
new student service center, but they are also putting into place, remodeling and renovating what is currently the restaurant, which will be a much more state-of-the-art facility.

We are also in the process of doing renovations to the Wolfe University Center. I’m very proud of the new recreation center, as well as the WUC. It has incredible equipment and is state-of-the-art. Our Marine Biology building ([is also] making modifications to make it more appropriate for the instructional and research interest that our faculty and students there have.

If you walk through the library at BCC, there have been some really nice changes there (in terms of modernization. It’s much lighter and much brighter [making it] a great place to work.

That’s really what we’ve been doing in the near term, but as we look out, clearly, there are going to be new residence halls there.

I’m very optimistic about what we’re going to be happy to happen at BCC. It’s two different campuses; they may look and feel different but it’s one University – it’s FIU.

SM: On the role of student services, FIU received close to $18 million dollars in PECO funds for a Student Support Complex. Originally, the support complex was meant to be part of FIU stadium, however, as Student Media has learned, it will no longer be packaged with the stadium. When did those plans change and why? We’ve been placed now and how much easier do you think it will make it no longer be packaged with the support complex? Originally, the support complex is an anchor institution – we want to make sure that as we get better the community gets better. We think that the best way to do that is to be far more intentional about ensuring that our faculty can bring creative and research energy into those partnerships and that those efforts will be recognized here at the institution and by the community.

We know our students want better and more engaging opportunities by which they can get practical experience which will give more opportunities for students to get to be that kind of a great place.

SM: Currently, there are around seven interim deans heading a number of schools in the University. How does that affect your Worlds Ahead vision for those specific schools? How is the search for these candidates going?

MR: We have good leadership in the schools, run by deans and the faculty who are doing a fantastic job.

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STURDY IN THE GOAL

Junior goalie Raimo regains starting nod and succeeds

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Being named the Sun Belt Conference player of the week, as well as being recognized by CollegeSoccer.com, is where starting goalie Melanie Raimo currently stands, but it is her past that is what brought her there.

Starting soccer at what Melanie would call the “late” age of eleven years old in recreational leagues, she later began gaining more interest in the sport, which then took her to play travel ball as well as play for her high school.

However, she did dabble into playing some basketball in middle school, but says she will always claim soccer as being her main sport.

Now as a junior and starting goalie for the Golden Panthers, she has many people to thank.

She claims that her family has “definitely” played a role in the success that she has had thus far. “My coaches are probably the number one fan” Raimo said, saying that “he’s constantly looking up FIU sports online, and always the first to on me what awards I got and even my save percentage.”

More thanks can be given to all her teammates this year, which have contributed to what she calls the highlight of her soccer career. “It’s a huge feat for us, and it is definitely the highlight of my career,” Raimo said.

The team thinks there really cool too,” said Raimo, who also likes to listen to bands such as Simple Plan and New Found Glory before games to get her ready.

She is focused academically as well, and sees something other than soccer as being her long time goal. “My intended major is international relations, because I want to be a part of a team that’s doing international relations, because I want to help improve my game each and every day.”

Raimo said, who says she would still be in school, even without soccer.

There is one place that Raimo would love to travel before her soccer career at FIU is over. “I would really love to play in Boston, so that my family can see me play,” Raimo said.

Raimo and her family are native to Boston, but currently resides in Tampa. She is a true hometown fan in all aspects of life, including the teams she roots for.

Although being both Italian and Greek, her alliance was still with Italy during the World Cup, with Italy and Greece coming after.

There is one place that Raimo and her family are “definitely” making a trip to before the end of the season, which is why even though she has contributed to what she calls her family’s wedding next month due to travel, which is why even though she knows that missing her cousin’s wedding next month due to travel for soccer will be tough, it’s a sacrifice that must be made, as she stays committed to the team.

Raimo commits herself physically as well by coming to FIU during summer B term every year and always trying to improve her game each and every day by practice.

However, Raimo admits that there are always going to be times during the season that can be stressful for her.

She deals with her stress by making cards with different motivational phrases on them, so that whenever times do get tough, she can look at them to keep her focused.

“My experience at FIU so far has been great. We’re making great strides as a team, and just to be a part of a team that’s doing that is a great experience,” Raimo said.

Starting in the place of an injured Kaitlyn Savage, who jumped Raimo on the depth chart last season, the junior is a big reason why the Golden Panthers are second in the Sun Belt Conference in saves with 46.

Chris Green/The Beacon Staff Photos

Melanie Raimo has stepped in between the posts and been a hefty presence, getting recognized recently as the SBC player of the week.

Men’s Soccer: Melanie Raimo

FIU versus TAMU

Golden Panthers surrender second half lead vs. TAMU

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FIU came once again five minutes from pulling an upset. In fact, they were four yards away from sending Texas A&M to overtime.

Texas A&M came back from a 14-point deficit, scoring three touchdowns in the fourth quarter to edge FIU 27-20.

“[happy] with any type of moral victory. Are we advancing? Without a doubt. Playing in a place like this is tough, but it’s not enough for our football team,” FlU Coach Mario Cristobal said.

Wesley Carroll led the Golden Panthers to a 11-play, 60-yard drive before being stopped on a fourth and goal play at the four yard line.

Carroll complete a short pass to wide receiver T.Y. Hilton who lost his balance after being hit. Hilton stumbled down at the four yard line and was brought down by Eddie Brown Jr.

Although the Golden Panthers lost, they did not seem intimidated by Texas A&M’s 12th man crowd at Kyle Field. The Golden Panthers committed only seven penalties for 50 yards, while the Aggies also committed five penalties but for 30 yards.

The Golden Panthers forced Texas A&M to five turnovers, four of them came in the third quarter.

Carroll finished the game completing 14 of 33 passes for 117 yards.

Carroll’s only mistake came in nearly four minutes before the end of the first half when he was tipped by Aggies free safety Steven Terrell then intercepted by cornerback Lionel Smith. His interception lead to a 39-yard field goal by kicker Randy Bullock to tie the game at 6-6 before the half.

Auggie quarterback Jerrod Johnson threw four interceptions in the third quarter which resulted in 14 points for FIU. Johnson and running backs Christine Michael and Cyrus Gray led the Aggies back to victory.

Johnson finished 11 of 31 for 194 yards passing. Michael was the leading rusher for the Aggies carrying the ball 21 times for 119 yards. Gray scored Texas A&M’s game-winning 40-yard touchdown with 4:29 left in the game.

Gray rushed for 85 yards on nine carries.
Rodriguez scores late goal to lift FIU over Jacksonville on road

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After a long week of practice and some adjustments defensively, FIU Head Coach Munga Eketebi felt certain the Golden Panthers would come out with a victory against Jacksonville on Sept. 17.

Thanks to a late goal by Nicolas Rodriguez, FIU (3-2) won the first game of a six-game road trip in dramatic fashion.

In a late substitution, fresh legs were brought on the pitch as Eketebi called on Rodriguez. As the time on the clock inched towards the 89th minute, Rodriguez smacked in the winning goal off of the goalkeeper’s fingertips for his second goal of the season.

“Honestly we played bad for most of the game,” Eketebi said. “We have much to work on as the season goes on.”

At the beginning of the game, the Golden Panthers dominated possession with two early shots on goal. As the half went on, things changed for the Golden Panthers, especially in their midfield.

“You know the possession changes,” Eketebi said. “This time our midfield seemed to have fallen asleep. It was a slow sluggish first half and we didn’t concede because our defense was on top of their markings.”

The second half was a different story. In the 56th minute, Diego Tamburus executed on a penalty shot that would put the Golden Panthers ahead with time winding down in the second half. As the game reached the 62nd minute, the Dolphins’ Daniele Campailla buried a free kick in the upper right corner of goal to level the contest at 1-1.

Rodriguez then capped off the win for FIU, who traveled to Stetson yesterday and are set to play at FGCU on Sept. 24.

For a full game story of the Stetson game, check fiu.com.

INTRAMURAL KICKOFF

A Big Chesticles player runs as Panther Hall’s defense attempts to recover last week as the intramural football season began. Standings are at fiu.edu/~camprec.

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A troupe of poets are coming to the University and they want to change people’s perceptions of poetry, what it means and how it’s performed. That troupe is Mayhem Poets.

The Mayhem Poets will be at the Modesto Maidique Campus on Sept. 22 in the GC Ballrooms at 6 p.m., bringing their seasoned poetry act to the University.

They have appeared at countless colleges with still many to go on their tour, and have even appeared on television on NBC’s Today Show. Although they are poets by name, they are storytellers and actors who all come with a different tale to tell.

All of which are real life accounts which have captivated audiences throughout many of their performances nationwide.

“The poetry that they put on is a mix of freestyle urban, def-jam, and comedy all wrapped up in one. They engage the audience with forms of on the spot poetry and other small skits that they perform to music,” said MacAvoy, the event director, describing aspects of the show.

The Mayhem Poets were established in 2000 when they began at Rutgers University with a different tale to tell. Mayhem, currently with two of the current members, Kyle Sutton and Scott Tarazevits. Their first show, titled “Verbal Mayhem”, pressed on with the idea to break the preconception of poetry.

“Mayhem”, brought over to PS3 on a single Blu-ray. Konami revealed the successor to the Nintendo DS, the Nintendo 3DS. Carrying much more than that, the system’s trick is that it can generate will make that one sniper battle in the middle of the game quite a bit more realistic. Hedgehog, for one,) it’s too early to say much about the title.

While not quite new games, the two are currently working on a series of Shake spearean sonnets and has filmed two independent movies as an actor.

They also have appeared in countless communities, fusing naturally into his spoken word ensemble.

“While we won’t be seeing some of the more powerful internal technology than its ancestor, the system’s trick is that it can pull off 3D effects without the use of glasses, something major TV manufacturers like Samsung are adopting.”

While Nintendo does not attend TGS, Konami took the chance to confirm that the PlayStation 2 hit Metal Gear Solid 3: Snake Eater will be making its way to the system.

While there won’t be significant changes to the game according to series creator Hideo Kojima, the title is certainly not one to be skipped over in terms of a portable MGS experience for 3DS owners.

“I’m sure the added 3D effect the system generates will make that one sniper battle in the middle of the game quite a bit more dynamic.”

One other announcement stirring up a buzz came after a demonstration of the upcoming PlayStation 3 title, The Last Guardian. Fumito Ueda of Team ICO confirmed rumors that PS2 titles ICO and Shadow of the Colossus were being brought over to PS3 on a single Blu-ray.

While not quite new games, the two are widely considered by critics and gamers alike to be very artistic and poetic games. That’s not to say that they are very niche. There is something thrilling about fighting a massive enemy around seventy times larger than your character with only a sword and your bare hands.

Ubisoft also debuted Michael Jackson: The Experience, a game for all three major consoles that lets players perform the King of Pop’s very own dance moves. Yes, now you can actually learn to Moonwalk while not looking like you are scraping gum off your shoes.

Players and the press at the event have said this is not an easy game, requiring players to really memorize and practice some of Jackson’s more complicated moves. Arguably the biggest announcement to send fans into a frenzy is Capcom’s confirmation of a new entry to the Devil May Cry series, currently titled DmC. However, this storm is not a positive one, but one of excremental properties, if you will.

Collaborating with Heavenly Sword developer Ninja Theory, Capcom announced the game is a reboot of the franchise, starring a younger—and strikingly different looking—Dante, sporting black hair and a much more “scene” look.

Tameem Antoniades, co-director of the project, says the game is being designed with Western influences in mind, such as the fashion and music of “today’s rebellious youth.”

While doing a hard reboot of a successful franchise to the point the main character is getting a makeover seems like a rather asinine idea (the idea is not new to the games industry; look at Sonic the Hedgehog, for one,) it’s too early to say much about the title.

I can only hope the development team tread carefully and don’t screw it up, especially since long-time fans are already in an uproar.

While we won’t be seeing some of these games hit our shores until sometime in 2011, TGS at least gives us glimpses on what we’ll be playing very soon, so vote accordingly.

**Press Start** is a weekly column on video games. Look for it every Monday.
The show is said to be getting intimate in terms of characters. There will be more focus on individuals and their lives outside of glee club. Carol Burnett will play the role of Sue Sylvester’s mother and Mike O’Malley will return as Kurt’s father.

The third episode of the season is said to focus on religion and showcase different faiths and perspectives.

The wait is almost over and fans will have their insatiable appetite for more filled on Tuesday. The powerhouse show is set to commence with a bang. So, embrace your inner “Gleek,” rock your metaphorical gold stars, belt out a few numbers from the various soundtracks and tune in at 8:00 p.m. for what is sure to be the continuation and second beginning of “Glee-mania.”
The invention of the social networking website Facebook in 2004 revolutionized one aspect of college for students in posi- tive ways. College students have been able to communicate with one another, retrieve information from peers and experience this new social mecca together.

Facebook was originated by student Mark Zuckerberg and his friends who wanted to create a social site for their classmates at Harvard College. The website would allow them to share notes from classes, communicate with one another and simply stay connected.

Shortly after its creation, the website began expanding to college students everywhere. Understanding that Face- book was created by college students, I took into consider- ation that this social website was made to benefit the many college students across the globe. This website is a great way for college students to communicate with one another, no matter their location.

When you log on, you can chat with your class- mates about the class lectures you all sat through and even discuss possible solutions for questions you all have for homework.

This method is more conve- nient than trying to meet up somewhere on campus and go over homework, because it may be inconvenient for students who live off campus to drive all the way back to campus in order to go over class work.

All they have to do is log on and instant message classmates, or send a mass message to discuss the work. Another way Facebook benefits students is that it allows students to be social with other students across the university.

For example when you may not know anyone on campus, you can search through the FII network and browse students that are on your class year and add them as friends.

Chances are they may accept your request, and you may hit it off and become friends on campus and on Facebook. This way you can make friends at school without even having to walk up to complete strangers. Instead, you can do it with the click of your mouse.

It seems that college students are now living in the Facebook era.

Being able to access this website from cell phones, computers and even an iPod Touch college students just can’t get enough of it. Facebook could be consid- ered a necessity amongst the college population.

Providing an online phone book of class mates and even status updates Face- book has it all.

Students can even comment on other’s statuses and pictures when they are online.

While they are online they can also join pages created for their specific interests such as movies, music, television, etc.

According to TechCrunch.com, 85% of college students use or have a Facebook account.

If you don’t have a Facebook account and you’re in college, you should make one and see what all this hype is about.
TelmaGndo president returns for Hearst lecture

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The School of Journalism and Mass Communications in conjunction with the Student Government Association will feature president of Telemundo Communications Group, Don Browne, to co-host Hearst Lecture Series on Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 3 p.m. in the Mary Ann Wolfe Theater.

The event will offer students insight to the challenges and issues troubling the communications industry, the direction digital media is taking and the possibilities available for newly arrived journalists in the field.

“The Hearst Lectures can help supplement a student’s education,” said Heather Radi-Bermudez, marketing director for SJMC. “Students who want to know what they need to know in the classroom but it is through sharing experiences with veterans in the industry that they learn.”

Browne has held possibly every position leading up to being named president of Telemundo, in April 2005. He will share with students and faculty attending all of his experience as an entry level staff member in the news room.

Browne holds a wide array of honorary recognitions: From 1989 to 1991, Browne served as the executive news director for NBC News. Later he moved on to becoming executive vice president in New York, from 1991 through 1993. In 2004, he was acknowledged for his commitment to promoting diversity in the work place with the prestigious Ida Browne Award. Two years later he was the recipient of the 2006 Florida Governor’s Points of Light Award for additional service to his community.

An advocate for diversity and women, Browne will also present at the lecture: Hispanics in communications, diversity and the future of the industry.

“Those are issues that are an underscore here at SJMC and it is important for students to be in the field to engage in,” added Radi-Bermudez.

SJMC’s Hearst Distinguished Lecture Series is free and open to the public. Attendees will have the opportunity to engage in a question and answer segment during the event.

According to Radi-Bermudez, this event is open to current and incoming students in the journalism program and those considering it; and is promised to be an insightful lecture.

“The Hearst Lecture Series is made possible by an endowment, which was initially for $25,000, from the William Randolph Hearst Foundation to Florida International University,” said Meira Langsam, administrative assistant to the dean of SJMC.

The Hearst Foundation has enabled FIU the ability to host distinguished commnunication professionals for the past two decades.

The lecture event is also being sponsored by the William C. Adams chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America.

For more information, contact SJMC at 305-919-5625.