The regulation to ban the use of tobacco products on all University campuses was given the final approval by the FIU Board of Trustees at their full board meeting on Sept. 24.

All members of the board, which met at the Biscayne Bay Campus, voted in favor of the regulation except Helena Ramirez, president of the Student Government Council at Modesto Maidique Campus, who was opposed to the implementation, and Trustee Cesar Alvarez, who abstained from voting.

“This regulation is truly a reflection of a commitment to two of the things that the [University] president has presented; our commitment to environment and our commitment to health,” said Rosa Jones, vice-president of Student Affairs. “We believe that the regulation will provide us an opportunity to make our campus smoke and tobacco free and build a healthier university and move the [it] in greater alignment with the American Disabilities Act.”

Jones complimented the University’s partnerships with Miami Dade Health Services Department has been offering smokers who want to quit.

She added that the University Health Services Department has been offering tobacco counseling, tobacco management services and reduced cost nicotine replacement therapies.

The steering committee in charge of promoting the regulation has also been meeting throughout the past year, in order to further garner information from different representatives from the University community on how to approach the shift to a “healthier FIU,” Jones said.

“The University’s approach to this initiative is really one that is driven by an educational approach, recognition that this will be, for some, a cultural change,” Jones said. “Our focus will be and has been on creating the resources to be able to support our tobacco users, faculty, staff and students.”

Ramirez at times voiced strong opposition, specifically when talk turned to enforcement: namely, how the University would handle violations.

She inquired on what would happen once the method of social enforcement is deemed insufficient and stressed that a number of students are not completely on board with the regulation.

“My only concern is that students have voiced that the implementation policy, in regards to the designated smoking areas that have been around for 15 years, was never truly enforced. What they kept saying to me was that if that [the previous policy] was not enforced, this is as good as having no policy at all,” said Ramirez. “Students have yet to see a current implementation policy. That is why, on behalf of the students at MMC and BBC students, we are not in favor right now of taking this measure because students don’t know what it is.”

Ramirez introduced a motion to the board suggesting that the topic of the smoking ban be tabled until the next full board meeting on December 9.

She was hoping that by doing such, there would be more dialogue between the students and the steering committee through enforcement.

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The two-state solution, supported by Finkelstein and others, is a theoretical response to the Israeli-Palestinian problem. It envisions a Jewish Israel alongside a newly established Arab country. Following the lecture, when asked by students about the best strategy to counter the conflict, Finkelstein preferred “stick to the law.”

“Our challenge is to muster enough will to have Obama do the right thing,” Finkelstein said, “it’s pointless to speculate on what Obama wants.”

Those opposed to Finkelstein’s notions also participated in the lecture.


When asked about Jewish organizations that supported his ideas, Finkelstein identified the Jewish Voice for Peace.
SR 1045 passes, new committee formed

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dates in total applied for that one Business position,” said Senate Speaker William Jose Velez.

Physically educated major, Samir Patel, was the next person to be confirmed as the Senate’s nominee for the position. The SGA College of Architecture and The Arts senate seat went to theatre major Odette Barrientos, who was second to be confirmed.

The College of Nursing and Health Sciences SGA senate seat was the least contested of all the positions, with only one candidate nominated for the position. Nursing major Nicole Petival was selected for the position.

“Based on their platforms, presentations and answers – I see them proactively begin-

ning to work on their college issues, with specific proposals to address problems like fingerprinting in the College of Education or communica-

tion in the College of Business Administration,” said Velez. Carlos Rodriguez, SGA House Senator, is very excited to work with the new senators in the coming year.

“Although they are entering in the middle of the fall term, I am sure that they are quali-

fied to head first into their work,” Rodriguez said.

Aside from the senate confirmations, a new ad hoc committee to establish politi-
cal parties’ regulations was established with a 20-0-0 vote.

According to the Memo-

randum released on Sept. 22, the committee “will not estab-

lish political parties at FIU.”

The purpose of this committee in accordance with section two of SR 1045 “shall be to analyze the current Elec-

tions Code and determine the appropriate regulations for political parties within the Student Government Council at Modesto A. Maidique Campus,” given the fact that there are currently no regu-

lations regarding groups or parties and their effect in the SGA Elections, based on the Majvica vs. Student Election Board case of 2010.

Essentially, the committee is being formed to investi-
gate certain regulations that, if it ever were to occur, would constitutionally keep the parties at bay.

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Senate Speaker William Jose Velez and Vice-Presi-
dent Nick Antaiello, who is a non-voting member of the committee, will head this committee.

The final members of this committee will be confirmed on next Monday’s senate meeting.

“I have already received notifications of interest from senators who wish to take part in the committee, and help conduct research. I see the mandate in the bill as a first step towards ensuring a fair elections process,” said Velez.

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focus groups and forums. The motion was shot down with three in support and five in opposition. Alvarez, chief executive officer of the law firm Greenberg Traurig, abstained.

Enforcement through peer to peer interaction will be the primary technique for enforcement for the first six to eight months, according to Jones.

This would give those individuals a “chance to understand the regulation.”

The idea of serious consequences for smokers who continue their habit on University property is a topic that the steering committee will be addressing at their future meetings once it becomes a pressing issue.

For the moment being, they are hoping to continue with positive reinforcement, through offering their UHS resources to those who want to quit the habit.

“In the long run this isn’t going to be easy, but it’s going to be the best thing for

the University,” said Mariela Gabaroni, assistant director of UHS and chair of the Smoke-Free Tobacco-Free Steering Committee. “We’re contacting other institu-
tions that have gone smoke-free so that we can learn from them and have the best implementable strategies.

With the final approval by the BOT, the steering committee plans to focus on their marketing strategies that will make the regulation more public to the Univer-
sity community as well as inviting more constituents from different colleges and departments to attend their meetings in order to hear more ideas on how to make a “smoke-free FIU” more of a reality, come January 2011.

The next full board meeting of the Board of Trustees will be December 9 at MMC.

What we need to do is have our students understand that in the previous policy was coming into effect, we had a very open campus. It’s very hard to enforce that policy once the campus was built up and when you try to get 20 feet from one building, you’re already near another,” said Albert Dodson, chairman of the BOT in an inter-

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Finkelstein emphasizes cooperation for peace

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According to their mission statement, JVP “is a diverse and democratic community of activists inspired by Jewish tradition to work together for peace, social justice, and human rights.”

“If you want to fight for a just and long lasting peace then we have to work together,” Finkelstein said.

Finkelstein also went into the details of the conflict between Israel and the Arab countries, specifically Israel’s attack on a fl otilla heading to Gaza, the unease between Israel and Lebanon and Israel’s settlements in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, stating that he didn’t “particularly like Israel on a good day or bad day.”

“We got a very diverse amount of students to come and that’s what we were hoping for,” said Mnaa Mubareh, presi-
dent of SIP. “I think it went very well.”

The SIP Chapter at FIU was established in Spring 2010 and has gained over 100 members.

SIP plans to begin meeting on Fridays at 3:30 PM. Their next event is still in process and remains undisclosed. For more infor-
mation, email sip@fiu.edu.

“If Finkelstein’s lecture might be the greatest talk I’ve ever heard,” Agosto said.
Panthers’ costly mistakes prevent potential road upset

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Just as the first two games of the season have gone for the Golden Panthers, they started off on a high note as they made their presence known early.

But just like the first two games of the season, the team was unable to maintain their strong early performance and surrendered a number of big plays as they fell 42-28 to the Maryland Terrapins on Sept. 25 at College Park.

The Golden Panthers struck first with the help of several clutch third down conversions and a questionable penalty deep in Terrapin territory that helped put FIU in the red zone. Jeremiah Harden capped off the 64-yard scoring drive with a two-yard run into the endzone with 4:05 left in the first quarter, giving the Panthers the early advantage.

Maryland then managed to open up the passing game as quarterback Danny O’Brien connected on a short pass to Torrey Smith, who then ran on for a 32-yard gain after corner back Emmanuel Sourain went for the interception and missed giving the Terrapins receiver plenty of open field. A facemask penalty as Smith was brought down put Maryland deep in the red zone. Terrapins lined up to boot off the 64-yard scoring drive with 4:05 left in the first quarter, giving the Panthers the early advantage.

With the momentum beginning to swing in Maryland’s direction, the Golden Panthers were forced to punt once again and Tony Logan was set deep to receive for the Terrapins.

After eluding a couple of defenders, Logan was off to the races and dashed 85 yards for a touchdown run to put Maryland ahead.

Despite the Golden Panthers ability to shut down the Terrps on the ground, they still had problems containing O’Brien, who continued to effectively move the chains through the air in the second quarter.

But the defense was able to cut the deficit down to a touchdown. Things went from bad to worse when a pass intended for Justin Mertle near the sideline bobbled off his chest and into the air, where it was intercepted by linebacker Adrian Moten and set up another scoring drive for Maryland.

The defense kept the Golden Panthers in the game late and a touchdown run by Darriet Perry with just over four minutes left cut the deficit down to a touchdown. But on the first play of the following drive by Maryland, Davin Meggett took it to the house for a 76-yard run to put the game out of reach.

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WOMEN’S BASKETBALL: ELISA CAREY AND MICHELLE GONZALEZ

Pair of seniors share contrasting leadership methods

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On a September afternoon, with the heat blazing down, Elisa Carey walked into U.S. Century Bank Arena.

With sweat beading down her face and crutches in hand, she takes a breathe and sits down. She is not alone, as Michelle Gonzalez walks in, and the two comfort each other. She let’s me know how she truly feels. How much she thinks for me and I really respect that,” Carey said.

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“I feel that I’m not the vocal leader, but I will show by example, and the challenge for me this season is to be the vocal leader,” Carey said. “To show by example, and to also be the voice that’s heard in practice.”

She seems to be ready for an even bigger role this season. When asked about head coach Cindy Russo’s expectations, Carey chuckled.

“She’s expecting a lot from me this season. And I’m gonna give it to her,” Carey said. “She’s expecting basically what I did last year plus more.”

Michelle Gonzalez, a senior guard who is the point guard from Puerto Rico, is expecting from her, Gonzalez often asks, “Same thing she always asks me this season. And I’m gonna do it,” Gonzalez said. “To lead the team, to talk to them. To listen to her. To follow what she wants me to do. Just stay focused on the game. Be positive all the time with my teammates.”

Russco, an institution in the program, has had success in the past. Carey and Gonzalez hope to bring some success back to the program, both of whom respect Russo and have enjoyed playing for her in their time at FIU.

“She’s a great person and she will definitely support you. She’s been really supportive of me. She let’s me know how she truly feels. How much she thinks for me and I really respect that,” Carey said.

Gonzalez went on to add, “She’s always there for me, and for my teammates. They all just want to work hard, to win, to help you as a person, to help you in basketball. I’ve been really happy to play for her. We understand each other. Of course there are things that we’re not on the same page on but we just talk about it and it’s great.”

The Golden Panthers struggled to a 14-16 record in 2010, but that was an improvement over a 6-24 year in 2009.

“Yes I feel that last year we could have done better. Of course everyone feels that, but I believe this year we have more players and more variety,” Carey said.

“I believe we can really do things this year.”
FIU spent its first 12 games in of season on the road, losing to three ranked teams but surviving with a 6-6 record.

The Golden Panthers let out any frustration left over from the road trip by defeating Denver for the third consecutive year with a 3-0 (29-27, 25-16, 25-19) win on Sept. 25 at the U.S Century Bank Arena.

FIU (7-6, 1-0 SBC) welcomed a home stand in which they were to play five of their next seven games at home by battling off a resilient Denver team (6-10, 0-2 SBC) in the first and third sets and jumping on the Pioneers in the second to preserve a win in it’s Sun Belt Conference opener.

The Golden Panthers had 40 assists on the game titled in FIU’s favor when they got through a contested first set.

The game got off to a long first set had no more than four points separate the team’s throughout, but the Golden Panthers would then take a 20-19 lead on a Pioneer error before Trkulja put FIU up for good. This time the assist from both Mayara Bordin and Kelsey Rene.

Diperna has record setting day in Panthers victory

Going into the game, Denver knew they should be concerned about their whole opponent, and not just one player.

With that being said, they still managed to hold 2010 Preseason Sun Belt Conference Soccer Player of the Year Christina Vaslely to only one shot on the game.

“I think and Vicky did a great job in terms of challenging the first ball, and after that our midfield cleaned up after, so it was just a great job by the whole team,” FIU Coach Thomas Chestnutt said when asked about his team’s stellar defense against Veasley.

The game got off to a quick start for FIU, as they scored their first of three goals within four minutes. Senior Kassandra Sorzano connected on her third goal of the year as she got the pass from Freshmen Chelsea Levia, who received her first assist of the year. Also receiving credit for an assist was senior goalie Melanie Raimo.

After the quick start, FIU relied mostly on their defense to pull them through to the second half of play, as they allowed only two shots the whole first half, compared to FIU’s eleven. Just as it looked as if FIU might be in for a close one until the very end, freshmen Nicole DiPerna was able to find the net and get FIU a semi-comfortable lead with 18:48 to go in the game, striking the ball from 25-30 yards out, and getting the assist from both Mayara Bordin and Kelsey Rene.

“...the first goal I just had a lot of space and time and I looked up and found where I wanted to hit the ball, and the second goal went by a lot quicker. I just took my space and found Carley wide and then she got her head up and put a good ball in and I just finished it,” Diperna said.

In the end, FIU was able to get 17 shots in the game, with UALR only being able to muster up seven on the night.

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On Sept. 20 and 21, the Student Programming Council at Modesto Maidique Campus brought some culture to their events by hosting a poetry show performed by The Mayhem Poets instead of the usual comedy shows. Their event in Panther Pit included an open-mic event where students got to recite their own works. There were also henna artists designing tattoos for students at the event.

**Possible reunion in sight for band after seven year hiatus**

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Older students at the University might remember Andrew McMahon from when his band, Jack's Mannequin, played the Uproar concert a few years ago. Others might have heard of him through associations in the music scene or of his battle with acute lymphoblastic leukemia in 2005 following a stem cell transplant donation from his sister.

Some may never have heard of him or his original band.

Aug. 16 marked the only Florida stop of Something Corporate's 10 Year Anniversary Reunion Tour. The band had been on hiatus since late 2004 following rising tensions and exhaustion for constant time spent on the road touring.

On May 15, following the release of "Played in Space: The Best of Something Corporate" album, which had brought the band back to the studio to re-record two rare, unreleased tracks, they announced a summer Reunion Tour. The concert, like many others, was completely sold out. The audience was diverse, and the band's impact on the scene was clearly visible from the significant range of fans present.

From the second the lights dimmed, the crowd exploded into cheering and clapping. The band came to the stage, smiling and waving at fans, as Peaches and Herb's "Reunited" played in the background. The show lasted almost three hours and featured a 17-song set and a three song encore.

"Orlando may be one of the first places we ever visited," McMahon said regarding the band starting out in 2002. "In that way, I guess it [Orlando] has been like a second home to the band starting out in 2002. "In that way, I guess it [Orlando] has been like a second home to the band starting out in 2002. It was truly Something Corporate back in their element. The show lasted almost three hours and featured a 17-song set and a three song encore. McMahon has said in the past that Jack's Mannequin will remain his priority. He spoke of the tour as being "a crash course down memory lane" and how he was glad they had decided to do it.

The tour, as he puts it, has been "the half-assed effort that follows the whole "we-got-back-together-we-have-to-make-a-record-right-away" trend. They plan on taking their time with it and producing something substantial for their fans. The direction of the hypothetical CD takes will be crucial in determining its success. Because Something Corporate shows extreme loyalty to those who have followed them throughout the years, we can only hope for a more mature album. The band has never been one to succumb to the pressure of appealing to the teenybopper generation for record sales. McMahon's willingness to play "Konstantine" at every show or "the song that has haunted my daily existence," is an indication of the level of appreciation the band has for their fans and its desire to give them just what they want.
Military fashion is just a fad, don’t invest in pricey pieces

Preparation for an epic adventure with 70 hours worth of content to fill this world. That’s a popular tagline among developers to throw around when trying to convince players and consumers that their $60 won’t be wasted on a shallow game. However, when I hear that, “Oh boy, padded length,” and, “How the heck will I invest on a pair of boots, stick to riding boots. My favorite are a pair of top-stitch short boots that run at a sweet $25.90. What I like about these boots is that they aren’t completely military, they have a hint of the western look, but for a trend, it may not be worth it to you. If you are going to spend a good chunk of money on a pair of boots, stick to riding boots. No need to hunt for a save spot at all. Microsoft, Nintendo and Sony have similar models with their online services, though they aren’t as well developed, even with the portability of Nintendo’s DS line and Sony’s PSP. Games should be treated similarly to a good book: utilizable in spurts and contain an experience that enhances players enough that the world in it can be revisited again. Unless you like reading through all of “War and Peace” quite often.

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Employers misusing internships

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The United States’ high-employment rate has been a persistent red number throughout the last few decades of years. As the unemployment rate continues to grow, firms are expanding their demands on interns seeking internships. I see this as an exploitation of interns with who have limited options. According to a Washington Times article published on April 7, 2010, “Labor market analysts are questioning the fairness and legitimacy of the entire practice.”

With each passing year in this dreadful economy, employers are increasingly relying on their unpaid interns to the point of often laying off some of their full-time employees to save revenue. Between 1992 and 2006 there has been a significant increase in the percentage of internship positions according to the Washington Times. “In 1992, just one in 10 graduating college seniors said he had worked as an intern. By 2006, the percentage had jumped to 83 percent 2.5 million U.S. students are increasingly relying on their unpaid interns to the point of often laying off some of their full-time employees to save revenue.”

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In April 2010, The New York Times reported that states are aggravating the unemployment rate. “In May 2009, the Department of Labor stopped issuing unemployment data because it was overwhelmed by the volume of claims. The 2.5 million U.S. students are increasingly relying on their unpaid interns to the point of often laying off some of their full-time employees to save revenue.”

One of the biggest problems is that most places hired interns and were not looking for full time employees. “Sometimes, employers have their interns perform the same tasks that should be assigned to their full time employees instead of interns and are not looking for full time employees.”

Employers are misusing internships.

The purpose of an internship is to learn, but employers are aiming to capture a side benefit: no employment cost. Employers are taking advantage of young, eager and driven students by giving them tasks that should be assigned to employees.

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Student veterans’ chance to change

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Special to The Beacon

Student veterans are those rare individuals who have not only answered their nation’s call to service, many of them having deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan, but who also play an active role in our economic recovery. By complementing the managerial and leadership skills they learned in the armed forces with industry-specific bachelor degrees, they are returning to the job market and help lead America out of this recession.

I myself am a student veteran. I served in the United States Marine Corps from 2004 to 2008 as an 0315 infantry assaultman. I completed two combat tours to Iraq before being honorably discharged as a sergeant and I am now in my junior year majoring in finance and minor in math.

FIU has the third-largest student veteran population in the state of Florida at 954 strong. We are currently an unappreciated resource with the proven ability to lead and execute, and if we could only unite towards a common goal, we could quickly begin to make a difference.

The world that veterans of the past came back to after their time in service was much different than the world that today’s veterans are returning to. Many families being laid off, the family home being foreclosed or the family business going bankrupt are somber events that have touched nearly every American, let alone veterans.

For many veterans, the established friend and family support network that they thought they would be coming home to has long since disappeared. Nevertheless, as the old adage goes, “when the going gets tough, the tough get going.”

The time has come for our generation to take charge and promote ourselves as a decisive force in ensuring our nation’s continued success.

That is the goal of Future Veteran Leaders of America. FVLA is a student veteran organization that is truly unique to not only the FIU campus, but to the nation as a whole. FVLA’s mission is to ensure student veterans’ success in the job market upon graduation by exposing them to networking events and internships in their intended fields while they are still in school.

We plan on getting involved in the community to cultivate the lasting relationships that will build the support base and alliances needed to further our goals in the future. We want to lead the way in ensuring that the nation we fought so dearly to protect has a brighter and more prosperous future than it has ever been in the past.

FVLA was only created this semester, so now is the perfect time to get involved. This is an opportunity to become one of the founding members of an organization with nationwide potential, to have your vision help shape FVLA’s future.

We will be hosting our first meeting this October, at 1:35pm in GC 280 for all of those who are interested. Our path is far from set in stone, and neither are our leadership positions.

We welcome and encourage ideas and motivated individuals who want to make a difference, but in order to make all of this work we need your support! Mark your calendars and spread the word! I look forward to seeing you at our first meeting.

Zacory Buzi, the president of FVLA. To contact FVLA, go to their website at http://fucampuslife.orgy.org/fvla
**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

Teens found guilty of killing 7 cab drivers

Five teenagers have been found guilty of killing seven taxi drivers and annoying two others by forcing most of them to drink drain cleaner. The teenagers were sentenced to three to five years in prison.

**PUERTO RICO**

Extension for voiding birth certificates

Puerto Rico is giving islanders one more month to use their original birth certificates before they are no longer recognized, as offices struggle to handle a flood of applications for new, more secure documents.

**TURKS & CAICOS**

T&C party abandons reform talks

Doug Parmell, chief of the People’s Democratic Movement, said the country discontinued talks with British officials until a guaranteed date is set for an election restoring self rule.

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**FLOWERS FOR PEACE**

Hospitability majors (from left to right) Christian Clark, freshman; Maria Reynaga, sophomore and Alina Ortiz senior made potted plants in honor of World Peace Day on Sept. 21 in Panther Square.

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**FLORIDA**

Banned Books Read-out returns

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One week during the fall is dedicated to reading banned books aloud.

In honor of this week, Sept. 25 to Oct. 2, the University will have its 10th annual Banned Books Read-out event on Sept. 29 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in Panther Square.

Administration, staff, faculty and a student government representatives will read from banned or challenged books and discuss the impact censorship has on civil liberties during the read out.

President Mark Rosenberg, Dean of Libraries Laura Probst, Librarian George Pearson, Marian Demos associate professor of classical languages and humanities and Student Government Council at Biscayne Bay Campus President Christine “Cici” Battle will be reading excerpts.

They will be reading a passage from various banned books and say why each one was banned.

There will be a question and answer session from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in which students will be able to ask questions regarding banned books. Students are encouraged to grab a banned book from the selection and read aloud a passage and then state the reason it was banned.

“It’s a great opportunity to participate in our first amendment,” said Lauren Christos, associate librarian.

“We take it for granted that we can do these things. For example, being able to physically get a big group together and do this,” said Christos who has been hosting the Banned Book Read Out since 2000.

To classify a book as a “banned book,” it must: a library material that has been challenged in an oral or written complaint, attacked publicly and recommended for further action and removed from the library collection. Books get banned for a variety of reasons ranging from: sex, politics, language, to witchcraft or supernatural topics.

“I want to give the campus community an opportunity to see our first amendment in action,” said Christos. “I want to inform people that book banning is a never ending challenge that has been going on for centuries, and it still goes on today.”

The Banned Books event is a way to express the meaning of Article 3 in the Library Bill of Rights. Which states, “Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.”

“This isn’t just something in the past, it’s something we have to be concerned with today because suppression of free speech and free expression through books is still an ongoing problem in many places around the world,” Pearson said.

According to the American Library Association, censorship in the United States is currently moving toward the Internet, video games and social networks, such as Facebook and Twitter. Parents are also depending more on rating systems for their child’s safety.

Besides participating in the Banned Book event, students can get involved in many ways by: supporting school and public libraries by serving on the board and voting, joining the Freedom to Read Foundation or joining the Office for Intellectual Freedom on Facebook and YouTube.

The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky was banned for drugs, homosexuality, offensive language and religious viewpoint.

To Kill a Mockingbird, The twilight series and Harry Potter all have one thing in common: they are all banned books.

The top three reasons cited for challenging materials as reported to the Office of Intellectual Freedom are the material was considered to be sexually explicit, contained offensive language was unsuited to any age group.

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To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee was banned for racism, offensive language, and being unsuited for age group. The Twilight series by Stephenie Meyer was banned for its religious viewpoint and being sexually explicit.

“This is a combination of things that makes it difficult,” Pearson said. “There is a call to highlight [the] importance of this right to read and not have someone tell us what could and could not be read,” said Probst. “This event helps raise awareness of censorship.”

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**TUESDAY TIMES ROUNDTABLE**

Motivation, involvement on the decline

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With student apathy being seen as a major problem at campuses across the country, the University is attempting to shed light on the issue and come up with solutions that may help spark active participation among students. The upcoming Tuesday Times Roundtable is called “Who’s to blame for student’s success.”

Fernando Figueredo, professor and chair of the School of Journalism and Mass Communications’ advertising and public relations department, will be the moderator at the fifth roundtable taking place at 12:30 p.m. Sept. 28 in WUC 159.

The roundtable is set to address issues concerning student motivation and involvement in their own education.

Figueredo chose an article written by Thomas Friedman from The New York Times titled “We are No. 1(1)”.

Because it talked about issues affecting education, student values and work ethic now-a-days.

“In this generation the drive has been to blame everyone else, and not take personal responsibility for actions,” Figueredo said.

According to Figueredo, there’s a lack of motivation in students. This being the result of culture, parents and the environment they are being raised in, which has a high concentration in lack of effort. If students understand these issues they would have the opportunity to change the way they do things for better.

“My biggest hope is that we get a lot of discussion,” Figueredo said. “That this article becomes somewhat controversial so all points-of-view from students and faculty members start to come out so we can reach conclusions that we agree are fair.”

According to the article, “What made our greatest generation great was a combination of factors. First, that the problems faced were huge, merciless and inescapable. Second, the leaders were not afraid to ask Americans to sacrifice. Third, the generation was ready to sacrifice, for the good of the country. And fourth, because they were ready to do hard things they earned global leadership by saying: Follow me.”

“This is a combination of things that makes it seem like the United States is not advancing as a country,” said Sebastian Escobar, senior internation relations major. “Like some people like to say, the US has reached its peak and it’s on its way down.

He disagrees on how grim the picture is for the US. “This is just a difficult time, it is not the end of the US, but it is a perfect time to ask ourselves what we are doing wrong and improve with real debate by our political leaders, like the article suggests,” Escobar said. “But the fact that we are talking about this problem means we can engage it and accept that a lack of motivation exist and is the major force that affects our performance at school.”