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“Whoever put this together was very clear about the job market, which was very well prepared and they have the dressing and resume thing right,” said Steph- ane Gallifano, sales manager for G&K.

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Activists still pushing for DREAM

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Others like Nicole Burgess of the U.S. Coast Guard have come to multiple career fairs. “FBI has quality students and the Coast Guard is struggling with diversity,” Burgess said. “We’re looking for more Hispanics to enroll and students here grasp opportunities.”

The DREAM Act has received bipartisan support several times as “has passed twice out of the Senate Judiciary Committee, with bipartisan support and passed the Senate in 2006 with the support of 11 Senate Republicans,” according to Duncan.

The event was called a national day of action called “Realize the DREAM” to encourage the pursuit of undocumented students receive legal status. “[The DREAM Act] keeps youth off the streets and in the classroom where they can learn about the country they will be a part of,” said Nursing major Nubia Palma.

The exact number of illegal immigrants, as well as children and young adults, is unknown but is estimated by the Department of Homeland Security to be about 10.3 million in 2009. Hincapié estimates the number of students immediately eligible for the DREAM Act is around 726,000.

“It is appalling that we have allowed the mistreatment of young people to go on in the United States for political gain,” Crow said. “These children are innocent; these children are attempting to move forward with their lives.”

While the DREAM Act continues to be discussed in Congress, activists for the bill held a Vote4Me! Campaign National Conference Call on Sept. 29 in hopes of coordinating efforts to register eligible American voters for the mid-term Nov. 2 election.

This call was organized by Voto Latino, in collaboration with the United We Dream Network, the Generational Professional Delegation” and “that the voice of immigrant students immediately eligible for the DREAM Act” because “all young students immediately eligible for the DREAM Act” that passed in the SGC-MMC senate unanimously.

“Now that [the resolution] has passed, myself and the other sponsors aim to send the bill a part of,” said Nursing major Nubia Palma.

Senators Moses Aluicio of the College of Arts & Sciences, Joanne Myler, of the Honors College and William-Jose Velez, of the College of Engineering sponsored a “Resolution to Encourage the Passage of the DREAM Act” that passed in the SGC-MMC senate unanimously.

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“Boundless opportunities’ for students
Panthers host cross town rival in attempt to halt losing streak

**HUNTING OWLS**

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**FOOTBALL**

**SPORTS**

FIU is looking to get back into the win column after suffering two road losses to conference opponents.

The Golden Panthers (8-8, 2-2 SBC) will face Florida Atlantic University (10-10, 1-3 SBC) on Oct. 8 and 10 and will take out some of their frustrations from the losses to Middle Tennessee and Western Kentucky.

No one was happy with the performance, including senior setter Natalia Valentín. "We felt how it is to lose that bad," Valentín said. "When you lose competing, it's not the same as when you lose doing nothing. So now we have that feeling and I'm pretty sure no one wants to feel that ever again."

Junior middle blocker Sabrina Gonzalez felt that the quick turnaround did not help with the emotional aspect of playing a back-to-back matchup. "After the blow against Middle Tennessee, who is one of our biggest rivals, it kind of brought us down," Gonzalez said. "Western Kentucky then just be us three straight."

Coach Daniela Tomic was disappointed with the effort the Panthers showed on Saturday. "It was an embarrassing loss, especially on Saturday," said Tomic regarding the loss to Western Kentucky. "It was totally unacceptable. It was probably the worst loss since I’ve been head coach. I never had a team that just laid down and did not compete."

The team did lose privileges, including access to the locker room. Although Coach Tomic is showing tough love, she feels it can be a learning tool. "We told the team we can turn this into a positive thing," Tomic said. "We're at the half point of the season, and it's up to them."

FIU will play on FAU team that is much improved. After going 6-20 a year ago, the Owls are 10-10, being led by sophomore middle blocker Christina Wallinger, who leads the team in kills with 180. Setting up Wallinger for those kills is senior setter Joanna Marras Tate, who has 621 assists, good enough for 7th place in the Sun Belt Conference.

On defense, sophomore libero Cintia Nightingale works hard with a team leading 216 digs, while Wallinger and senior middle blocker Kristyna Dzumaranova protect the net with 60 blocks each.

With the improvement FAU has shown, junior middle blocker will not be taking them lightly. "We’re going to beat them," Lukovic said. "We always have to be positive and think we’re going to beat them. We’re not going to under-estimate anyone. We have to have that mentality for every opponent is our biggest rival."

"They are much improved from last year," Gonzalez said. "We have to approach it as if we’re playing Middle Tennessee."

When it came to expectations for what the mentality should be for the season, Coach Tomic was very clear. "What we’ve done for the program, here at FIU, the players have to understand that we don’t take steps back," Tomic said. "We move forward."

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It starts up front. We have to win that battle up front at the line of scrimmage. Being physical and being able to push the line of scrimmage back. Everybody has to swarm to the ball," Forney said.

Like the Golden Panthers defense, the Hilltoppers have struggled to stop the run as well. But that still concerns some of the offensive lineman.

"The blitz game [stood out]. The linebackers are very downhill players," said sophomore tight end Jarruss Bryant. Jr.

Despite the blitz schemes, the Hilltoppers' defense has allowed over 200 yards rushing in three of their first four games, which could result in a big day for Jeremiah Harden and Darrien Mallary at running back.

Quarterback Wesley Carroll is playing statistically better than WKU's Kawaun Jakes. Carroll has throw for 861 yards including four touchdowns and five interceptions.

According to Cristobal, Jakes has played a role of a caretaker at quarterback, throwing for 582 yards and only three touchdowns passing.

The Golden Panthers lead the season series 3-2 over Western Kentucky, including a 37-20 victory last year on the road. According to Cristobal, wide receiver T.Y. Hilton will be 100 percent for the conference opener against Western Kentucky.

Hilton suffered an injury to his leg during the third game of the season against Mary-land and was limited the previous week against Pittsburgh.

"He’s definitely much farther along than he was last week. He has practiced full speed and we expect him to be full speed by Saturday," said Cristobal.

**CURTIS BRYANT SET TO START AGAIN AT RIGHT GUARD**

Bryant got his first start of his collegiate career last weekend against Pittsburgh and made the most of it.

He is the third different starter this season at right guard but according to Cristobal, he may be there for the rest of the season.

"He got his opportunity last week against a very physical defense. He went in there and did a great job. Actually him and Brad Serini graded out the highest for the offensive line this past week," said Cristobal. "He’s a guy who has taken a huge step for us and he is a guy who is going to be playing a lot of football. It’s going to be hard to unseat him as a starter."
Underdogs take center stage; Hillis the season’s surprise

Maurice Jones-Drew was practically the third overall pick in everyone’s draft. The bowling ball finally got his “Mooj” back giving owners something they can work with. They say patience is a virtue and now I understand why. Jones-Drew had a stellar 100-yard rushing game and two touchdowns.

Despite losing at home to the Jaguars, the Colts receiving core showed no signs of slowing down. University of Miami alumnus Reggie Wayne displayed his athleticism by catching 15 balls for 196 yards, while Dallas Clark and Austin Collie both had over 60 yards and a touchdown to their credit.

The Bears finally don’t have to rely on special teams to win football games. They shocked the world beating Green Bay, but shockingly lost to the New York Giants at Chicago. Both defenses were fantasy focuses. The G-men had seven sacks against Jay Cutler, who suffered a concussion during the game.

Peyton Hillis (Cleveland Browns) - This guy is definitely the second best Peyton in the NFL. He has two back-to-back 140-yard games with two touchdowns. Peyton didn’t have a bad day either tossing the pigskin for his usual 352-yard, two-touchdown game.

Peyton Hillis has emerged as a viable contributor for the Browns this season. He warrants a start the rest of the year.

HOT PICKS

Peyton Hillis (Cleveland Browns) - This guy is definitely the second best Peyton in the NFL. He has two back-to-back 140-yard games with two touchdowns. Hillis is looking like the next Mike Alstott. If you have him on your roster, start him. Hillis is showing no signs of slowing down.

Brandon Jackson (Green Bay Packers) - For a second there, fantasy owners thought maybe this no-name back up could provide some points. He’s just not good enough, running for less than 50 yards in each of his last three games. The Packers throw the ball guys.

Ahmad Bradshaw (New York Giants) - With Brandon Jacobs issues and lack of production, Bradshaw is shining with nearly 80 yards a game and three touchdowns. Bradshaw is an elusive and explosive back that can burst for a big screen or run at any time during a game. Start him.

SANTANA SCRUTINY

I hate to say I told you so. He didn’t even have an attempt thrown at him against the Eagles. He got a reverse and ran it for five yards. Are you kidding me? Like I have said since the beginning of the season, Moss is not worth the start and you might as well drop him. The Redskins play Green Bay this week, so don’t expect Moss to do anything against Charles Woodson. He’s done.

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This Friday, 10 male students will be showing off their school pride by competing for the title of Mr. FIU.

The first Mr. FIU pageant, hosted by the Miss FIU Scholarship Pageant committee, will be held on October 8th in the GC Ballrooms at 7 p.m.

The 2011 Miss FIU Scholarship Pageant, taking place in February, will be the seventh in the University’s history.

Over the past few years, the pageant has awarded hundreds of dollars in scholarships to contestants. Miss FIU titleholders have also had the opportunity to represent the University at the Miss Florida Scholarship Pageant, a direct preliminary to Miss America.

FIU’s Student Government Association funds the Miss FIU program, and every year the committee works hard to find additional sponsors.

“Mr. FIU was an idea that we have been wanting to do for some time now,” said Maribel Chaluja, Executive Director of the 2011 Miss FIU Scholarship Pageant and Mr. FIU.

“When I got my position as executive director it was one of my goals and the committee loved it!”

The pageant will begin just as the Miss FIU pageant does, with an opening number performed by all of the contestants.

There will be a round of formal introductions and contestants will provide a fun fact about themselves.

“People can expect to laugh and really enjoy themselves,” said Jasmy Garbalosa, 2011 MMC Public Relations Chair on the Miss FIU committee.

“This event is more laid back than Miss FIU, so I expect people to relax and just have a good time while promoting FIU spirit,” she said.

There will be an “FIU spirit” round where contestants will be dressed in their most spirited outfits and answer questions about the University.

“I’ve been putting much thought into each round and what I’m going to do and I’ve been brushing up on my FIU history,” said nursing major Daniel Tamayo, who is a junior competing in the pageant.

Other rounds consist of a special round, where people will have to attend to find out what the secret round will be, and the evening round, where contestants will be in formal attire answering a final on-stage question.

“When it comes down to it, I love this school! The idea of representing it as Mr. FIU would be a huge honor and a privilege,” said contestant Robby Valls, a junior advertising major.

The committee will announce the second runner-up, first runner-up, and crown the first ever Mr. FIU.

There will also be a viewer’s choice winner determined by which contestant receives the most monetary donations in his viewer’s choice collection bowl at the pageant.

The overall winner will receive a sash and a crown as well as the chance to co-host the 2011 Miss FIU Scholarship Pageant in the spring with 2010 Miss FIU, Stephanie Jimenez.

Mr. FIU will also be making appearances with the 2011 Miss FIU at FIU events throughout the year.

“Miss FIU is at the beginning of spring so we figured having Mr. FIU in the fall is something fun and that way we can have an event each semester,” said Chaluja.

The Miss FIU committee hopes to make Mr. FIU an annual event.

Tickets to the Mr. FIU pageant cost five dollars and all the money collected will be used for the 2011 Miss FIU Scholarship Pageant.

Fall Exhibition Openings

Target Wednesday After Hours

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Come celebrate the opening reception for four major exhibitions during Target Wednesday After Hours. The Museum will feature the opening reception for Embracing Modernity: Venezuelan Geometric Abstraction; Florida Artist Series: Selections from Anonio 1492-2006 by Arnold Mesches; Xader Cortada’s Sequencia and La Habana Moderna in the Wolfsonian-Tashkly Gallery at The Frost Art Museum.

This evening will also include a speed networking event, “How to Work a Room” open to all FIU Students with valid FIU ID. The presentation will begin at 5pm.

Target has teamed up with The Frost Art Museum to sponsor its popular programming series Target Wednesday After Hours. Designed to complement The Frost Art Museum’s exhibitions, these events give visitors the chance to meet contemporary artists and engage with controversial art, live music, talks, films, dance, and performance art.

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**FISTFULS OF TECH**

**Internet search engines should focus on search, not ads**

Since the Internet began, the one thing that has been constant is that people need to be able to browse and access information quickly and easily; but what that searching is all about. But what is the next step for Internet search?

Remember LCS? Alta Vista? Ask Jeeves? All these sites sought to simplify the way people surfed the web. Now they are all dead or dying, lost in a world dominated by Google and Bing.

Internet search has basically stayed the same because people didn’t require anything more from it. Simply type something in and your results pop up.

Google recently launched Google Instant, a version of search that shaves seconds off of the average query by displaying results in real-time.

But I have to ask myself, is Instant the next step in search or just a gimmick to satisfy shareholders with the illusion of growth? Google Instant is cool, but other than giving you results faster and organizing things into different columns, it really doesn’t change the core idea; search is search is search. One thing to remember is that what makes search lucrative for Google is the way they interface advertisements into it. Fortune reported that 99 percent of Google’s revenue comes from the sale of ads in search through the use of services like AdWords.

Google auxiliary services like Apps and GMail don’t bring in the cash that ads and search do, so they really need to innovate in this respect.

So what’s the future of search? Well, Qwiki, a new start-up that won Techcrunch’s Disrupt event, a showcase of new start-ups, seems to think it’s all about the “information experience.”

**Qwiki**

Qwiki is a new search engine that takes a search query and compiles a video presentation based on that search.

It then plays the compiled photos and video while a computerized voice reads a Wikipedia-like synopsis. Doug Imbruce, Qwiki’s chief executive and co-founder, described it as a Hollywood-style experience.

It’s hard to put into words, but imagine you lived in 2218, and you asked the computer about Justin Bieber and it just told you about him while showing you a video of him getting his hair cut by a water bottle and some pictures of his ridiculous haircut.

The service, which you can see on Qwiki.com, is kind of like that.

On the surface, Qwiki looks cool, but I don’t think it would be my go-to service for web searches.

I don’t want to watch a video, I just want to search for something.

Searching on the Internet is kind of unpleasant for me. I don’t want to be there too long because there is really nothing to see.

I search, I find, I click, I move on. That’s it.

Google needs to constantly evolve search in order to fight off Facebook as it is armed with a lot of freshly mined data from its 300 million users that make marketers drool.

Google needs to really keep innovating search, not by making it faster but by making it more efficient and accurate.

They also need to diversify to make sure that 99 percent of the revenue doesn’t come from one thing anymore.

In the end, Google does well when people use their services.

They may be the search option on the Web, but as it has shown us before, that might not last forever.

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**FRIDAY, OCT. 8**

**SEX AND THE CITY 2**

The Academy of the Moving Image presents a free outdoor screening of “Sex and the City 2.”

WHERE: FIU Wolfson Parking Garage.

WHEN: 6:15 p.m. (arrive by 6 p.m.)

Presented by Department of Theatre and Dance.

**DOUBLE TAKE**

A look at the new Batman film “The Dark Knight Rises” and the original “Batman” film.

WHERE: FIU Wolfson Parking Garage.

WHEN: 7:45 p.m. (arrive by 7:30 p.m.)

Presented by Department of Theatre and Dance.

**FRIDAY, OCT. 8**

**WOMEN’S SOCCER**

FIU vs. Tennessee.

WHERE: FIU Soccer Stadium.

WHEN: 6 p.m.

**WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL**

The Golden Panthers take on the WKU Hilltoppers.

WHERE: FIU Arena.

WHEN: 7 p.m.

**DOMINO’S NIGHT**

Multimedia jam session with ELA.

WHERE: FIU Center.

WHEN: 6:30 p.m.

**MARIO Ptasylowski ON PIANO**

**FRIDAY, OCT. 8**

**FIU FOOTBALL**

The Golden Panthers take on the WKU Hilltoppers.

WHERE: FIU Stadium.

WHEN: 7 p.m.

Presented by Department of Theatre and Dance.

**ART + DESIGN NIGHT**

Miami Design District.

WHERE: FIU Wolfson Parking Garage.

WHEN: 6:30 p.m.

Presented by Department of Theatre and Dance.

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**SATURDAY, OCT. 9**

**WOMEN’S SOCCER**

FIU vs. Savannah College of Art and Design.

WHERE: FIU Soccer Stadium.

WHEN: 11 a.m.

**WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL**

The Golden Panthers take on the WKU Hilltoppers.

WHERE: FIU Arena.

WHEN: 2 p.m.

Presented by Department of Theatre and Dance.

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**SUNDAY, OCT. 10**

**WOMEN’S SOCCER**

FIU vs. Savannah College of Art and Design.

WHERE: FIU Soccer Stadium.

WHEN: 1 p.m.

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**SELF-HELP COLUMNS**

**COLUMNIST**

The struggle between vengeance and justice lies at the core of Bruce Wayne’s existence.

What else would drive a man to wear a cape and stalk criminals through the night except leaving your family to be a paraplegic.

Then, of course, there’s the matter of going on patrol through the city every night after molotovs. Jokered it and such.

What keeps Batman (voiced by Kevin Conroy) from being a psychotic fascist is his, and justice lies at the core of Bruce Wayne’s existence.

He stands in a corner of his newly constructed Bat Cave, a silhouette against indigos and blacks.

He looks at his coat, perhaps with a look of isolation or self-loathing. His faithful butler and confidant, Alfred (voiced by Efryam Zimbilhan F.) goes.

In the midst of all the mounting pressure around him, Wayne’s former lover Andrea Beaumont (voiced by Dana Delany) is returning to Gotham after years in self-imposed exile.

Upon learning the news, Wayne retrieves from a party held in his mansion, lets go of the façade of the billionaire playboy and remember times when he didn’t need masks.

When Batman approaches Beaumont while investigating leads into the killing, she exchanges terse words with the man she once loved.

As he leaves through the window, she breaks down into tears.

This is a film with people who are ultimately faced with major choices in the way they live.

The flashbacks throughout the film are of key moments: first kisses, first meetings, first crimes fought and heart wrenching good-byes. Wayne made decisions and so did the killer. And so did Andrea.

The consequences of these answers are of course what this film is about.

And of course, there’s always the Joker (voiced by Mark Hammill) to throw into the mix; the villain who doesn’t care about consequences as long as he can bring laughter and bloodshed.

People seem to forget just how ground-breaking Batman: The Animated Series, was in terms of overall impact.

The gorgeous art deco inspired city scapes of Gotham City and the innovative process of animating the show on black paper were striking to both adult and child audiences.

It brought uniformly perfect voice acting that made each episode feel like a small movie, an asset that is one of the best parts of this film.

Bruce Timm, one of the executive producers, describes their version of Gotham City as if “the New York Worlds Fair had kept on from 1939 into the 1990’s and incorporated itself into the city.”

The film is relatively short at only 76 minutes. There’s so much great drama and action to seize upon in the story that you almost want more.

Originally intended to be a direct to video release, it was bummled to a full theatrical release and bombed only to become a cult classic.

For a time, it was the only Batman film to give an intelligent spin on the character.

At the end of the day, the cartoons, and this film for that matter, were aired on Saturday mornings and on afternoons after children returned home from school.

That the filmmakers would entrust such a young audience to this material is fascinating.

It’s also the reason why I can return to this film some fifteen years after first watching it and call it a legitimately great work.

Reel to Reel is a weekly movie column. Look for it every Friday.

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**COLUMNIST**

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Homosexual adoption risks outweigh benefits

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Contributing Writer

A Florida law that banned same-sex adoption for over three decades was recently deemed being unconstitutional, thus allowing floridian and homosexual couples, Robert Lamarche and his partner Donal Giustini to become the adoptive parents of a young boy.

Social viewpoints against same-sex adoption have made this issue controversial matter, causing unsettled feelings in many who which to keep traditional institutions intact.

When the case for lifting the ban on gay adoption was taking place, the state presented experts who argued that there was a higher incidence of drug and alcohol abuse among same-sex couples, their relationships are less stable than those of heterosexuals and their children suffered a societal stigma.

Teenagers raised in homosexual households are less chaste than children raised in heterosexual families and more prone to have homosexual relationships themselves in their adult life.

A study conducted by sociologists Judith Stacey and Timothy Bichler reports children of lesbians are more likely to engage in homosexual behavior. The research in an American Sociological Review article in 2001 has found that daughters are more sexually adventurous.

Timothy J. Daney, Ph.D., found in his research that there are high rates of promiscuity among homosexual men and children, and a majority of their relationships are highly unstable. In male and female homosexuality, M. Saghir and E. Robin found that the average homosexual live-in relationship lasts two to four years.

Homosexual relationships do not teach children to respect the institution of marriage. Brad Haytin writes in the journal AIDS: “Homosexuals model a poor view of marriage to children. They are taught by example and believe that marital relationships are transitory and mostly sexual in nature. Sexual relationships are primarily for pleasure rather than procreation. And they are taught that monogamy in marriage is not the norm and should be discouraged if one wants a good ‘marital’ relationship.”

A study in the Journal of Interpersonal Violence examined conflict and violence in homosexual relationships. The study found that 90% of the lesbians surveyed had been the victim of some form of verbal or more acts of verbal aggression form their intimate partners during the year prior to this study.

D. Island and P. Letellier, authors of the book Men Who Beat the Men Who Love Them: Battered Gay Men and Domestic Violence states that “the incidence of domestic violence among gay men is nearly double that in the heterosexual population.”

Grave concerns for children raised in homosexual families are the long-term psychological damage and the eventuality that children placed in homosexual households will be orphaned because of the destruc- tive homosexual lifestyle. Wayne Tardiff and his partner, Allan Yoder, were the first homo- sexuals permitted to become adoptive parents in New Jersey. Tardiff died in 1992 and Yoder died a few months later, orphaning a five year-old.

There are a number of studies that claim that children raised in gay and lesbian household- holds fare no worse than those reared in traditional families. However, much of that research is compromised by methodolog- ical flaws and driven by political agenda. The deficiencies of studies on homosexual parenting include reliance upon an inadequate sample size, lack of random sampling, lack of anonymity of research participants and self- presentation bias.

The facts are that these children are affected gravely and it remain in the long- term interest of any child to be placed in heterosexual families.

Campus eateries must extend hours

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This year the University welcomed many new dining locations on campus such as Chili’s Too in the Graham Center and others. Chikile A., Papi Johns, Salad Creations, and Dunkin’ Donuts that came with the construction of Parking Garage Five.

Some students whose daily schedule has them busy for the entire day will miss the opportunity to enjoy these fine dining establishments due to their early closing times.

The students who live on campus have nowhere to eat if they are in need of a late-night meal or snack because of the early closing hours of the campus restaurants.

This causes campus residents to drive off-campus to find a snack, but for those who are without cars they have to find an alternative solution. I am one of those students who reside on campus without a car and it is upsetting to have great restaurants on campus that close early.

Some students venture to the P.O.D Market in the Towers Residence Hall to find late-night fillings, but this market is pricey and closes at 1 a.m.

If the hours of these places were extended they would receive great service from the community of students on campus as well as the faculty.

For the students who have nowhere to go on a Friday or Saturday night, they could hang out at Chilli’s or one of the other restaurants if they were open later.

A restaurant such as Chilli’s is known for having hours reaching into the wee hours of the night, but shockingly on campus it closes at 10 p.m. on weekdays and 8 p.m. on weekends.

Normally the hours of a restaurant on the weekend are supposed to exceed the hours open on the weekdays. The regular closing time of a Chilli’s is 11:30 p.m. on weekdays and 1:30 a.m. on weekends.

Having a busy class schedule in addition to with frequent club meetings keeps me away from these restaurants during the school day.

The time in which many students would like to go would enjoy these dining facilities is after their school day is done.

After 8 p.m. everything in the Graham Center besides Chili’s Too is closed except for Fresh Foods and Jamba Juice, which closes at 9 p.m. on weekdays.

On the weekends nothing is open except Fresh Foods, Subway, Café Bustello, and Chili’s Too. In PGs everything closes at 8 p.m. on weekdays, 5 p.m. on Fridays, and the only things that are open on Saturday is Chikil-A and Dunkin Donuts, which close at 3 p.m.

For the students who have classes or labs on a Saturday they are limited to dining at Subway, Café Bustello, Chik- il-A or Dunkin Donuts. All of the restaurants should be open on Saturdays.

For some of the restaurants to be open on Saturday, and others closed simply causes irritation for those who have to be here over the weekend.

Although staying open later would be a hassle for some of these places because they may be short-staffed, it would provide more jobs for students on campus.

Later hours calls for a demand of more staff members to work, and those students who are looking for work could have the opportunity to get a job.

Extending the hours of campus restau- rants would give student’s what they want and at the same time provide successful business. This would be a win/win situation for all.

PERSPECTIVES

Do you think high school prepared you for college?

“I went to a dual enrollment high school. Even though I was doing college courses, I had a high school advisor that was really able to help walk me through everything.”

-Pricilla Astree
Sophomore, Pre-Nursing

“My high school didn’t. My high school had a little bit more structure, and when I came to college the difference between completing two hours, and total freedom was uncomfortable.”

-Stephen Meadows
Junior, Psychology

“I took all of the AP courses I could during my senior year in hopes that it would prepare me for the workload. But, in real- ity, I really wasn’t prepared for college. It’s a completely dif- ferent style of education.”

-Melanie Gomez
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From the story of poles, to that of a puppet

I am like most women, emotional, crazy and sometimes I let my emotions get the best of me.

This week has been far from easy. With events, reports, tests and quizzes, I felt just a little bit more exhausted than I usually do and just when I didn’t think things could get worse, relationship problems occur.

Needless to say, I was not in the mood to go out by the end of the week. With my luck, I have friends who refuse to take sulking as a solution to heartache, so they dragged me out. This time I didn’t know where I was headed and with no goal in my mind, just crossed my fingers and left my life in their hands.

The plans apparently started on Friday night. My friend and accomplice back home in New York, Veronica Bernace, dragged me out. This time I didn’t know where I was headed and with no goal in my mind, just crossed my fingers and left my life in their hands.

There’s this place that Drake sings about in one of his songs called King of Diamonds, yeah it really does exist and that’s where we started. Right on 17800 and Northeast 5th Ave. If you haven’t guessed it yet, it’s a strip club.

I’ve never been the kind of woman who enjoys these types of places. I mean, why go to a strip club and see other women dance and shake their bodies when men when I ever end up doing is criticizing each and every one of them.

For some reason, this time it was different. The women in this strip club actually were pretty. Nice bodies, pretty faces and very friendly.

It still made me a little uncomfortable, so I resorted to the drink specials. But after a few glasses and shots of patron, I was okay.

The music was good and luckily for me the people I went with weren’t all about lap dances or boobies in the face. This wasn’t at all what I expected to spend my Friday night, but for a non-strip club attendee, it wasn’t too bad. The DJ, the drinks and neon lights did just what I wanted it to: forget. Even if for just a moment, everything that was troubling me in the past weeks went away.

Saturday on the other hand was the complete opposite of Friday night’s event. Again, I owed it to my good friend Emilio Botts, who has always been into the theatre scene.

I’m not much of a theatre person, but since I had no other choice I went along with it.

We went to go see “Petrouchka” at the Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida in North Miami. It’s a ballet based on three puppets whose tricky puppet master gives them human emotions and brings them to life while putting them in different scenarios.

After a night of naked women, it was a real delight because all I wanted was a little calm to the storm. As much as I enjoyed “Petrouchka”, the actual character of Petrovitchka brought out the emotional woman in me. I cried and sobbed as thoughts of my troubled relationship rushed through me.

Like most people in denial, I guess these are the stages we go through: anger, bitterness, indifference, nostalgia and sadness. It’s a tricky little cycle, but it’s inevitable.

After a weekend full of unexpected events I realized a few things.

One: I am so grateful to have friends who pick me up and drag me out of the house when I act like a baby.

And two: much like the great city that is New York, Miami has places that will make you forget and make you fall in love all over again.

BLEEKER MEETS BISCAYNE

IN THE NAVY

Mary Lise and Carlos Ure, lieutenant and chief petty officer, respectively, from the U.S. Navy Officer Program, speak to Emily Grossman, senior psychology major, about active duty service on Oct. 6 during Career Services’ Career Fair.

BRAZIL

BRAZIL clown may be barred from Congress

The clown who got more votes than any other candidate for Congress will have to convince authorities he can read and write if he wants to take office.

CHILE

Chile president sees miners before Oct. 15

President Sebastian Pinera said his government is “very close” to pulling 33 trapped miners to safety and he hopes to be there in person to see the rescue.

PARAGUAY

III, Paraguay president faces calls to step aside

After President Fernando Lugo was rushed to a top Brazilian hospital on Oct. 2, many urged him to put his well-being before his presidency – a suggestion his aides say is actually an effort to push him out of power.