**Friday, October 8, 2010**

**CHILE**

Miners close to being rescued

Chile’s president said Monday that his government is “very close” to pulling 33 trapped miners to safety and he hopes to be there in person to see the rescue before leaving to Europe.

**ECUADOR**

State of siege extended until Friday

Ecuador has extended until Friday the state of siege it declared after a police revolt over planned benefit cuts in which two policemen and 16 civilians were killed.

**UGANDA**

Uganda may send troops to Somalia

Uganda is willing to provide as many as 30,000 troops to restore order in Somalia if enough money is provided for the mission, Uganda’s president told visiting members of the U.N.

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The US Century Bank Arena hosted over 500 students and alumni, all vying for the attention of 90 different potential employers present for the University’s career fair on Sept. 30.

Twice a year, once during the fall and once during the spring, career services hosts these events in hopes that students will find jobs and internships that will get them started on their careers. Professionally clad students were given the chance to hand in resumes, speak with potential employers and explore opportunities offered both within the state and beyond.

“I’m here to learn about different companies and gain experience...I’m competing with many students, and experience is vital,” explained Tiffany Davis, a public relations major.

Alumni also made their way back to the University to get in on the action. Robert Igleias, a graduate in political science who currently holds a job with Preferred Claim Solutions, a public adjusting firm, came to scope the scene for “better opportunities.”

“There’s always a potential for growth,” Igleias said. “I’m here looking into government agencies and offices.”

According to Kenneth Setzer, a marketing coordinator for the office of career services, the career fair was originally held in the Graham Center, but was moved to the US Century Bank Arena to accommodate its growth.

“The career fair has expanded over time,” said Setzer. “Everything from public to private, from government to military employers are here.”

The fair was also impressive to employers who commented favorably on the organization of the fair, the readiness of students and the treatment they were given by the university staff.

“Whoever put this together was very clear about how to dress properly,” said Stephanie Galliano, field sales manager for G&K.

“Students are very well prepared and they have the dressing and resume thing right.”

Considering the economic downturn that has many people currently unemployed, students are faced with a “job market that is tough for

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Activists still pushing for DREAM Act

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HUNTING OWLS

Panthers host cross town rival in attempt to halt losing streak

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Staff Writer

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 9. FIU will take out some of their frustration from the losses to Middle Tennessee and Western Kentucky.

No one was happy with the performance, including senior setter Natalia Valentin.

“We felt how it is to lose that bad,” Valentin 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 feels 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 Joann Marras Tate, who has 621 assists, good enough for 7th in the SBC.

On defense, sophomore libero Cintia Nightingale works hard with a team leading 216 digs, while Wallinger and senior middle blocker Kristyna Dzsmuranova 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 underestimate anyone. We have to think that 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 this step back,” Tomic said. “We move forward.”

WOMEN’S SOCCER

Team preps for biggest weekend of season

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Staff Writer

The women’s soccer team head into the week with a 4-0 conference record to face off against both Western Kentucky and Middle Tennessee. The team will host WKU on Oct. 8 at 8 p.m. and METSU on Oct. 10 at 1 p.m.

If how they performed so far in conference play is any indication as to what’s to come of this weekend, then expect a low scoring affair. The Panthers has out-scored their opponents 7-0 since conference play has started, and could tie the record with the most consecutive shutouts in school history if they allow no goals to Western Kentucky on Friday.

In order to do this, they must stop Mallory Outerbridge, who leads the Troopers in goals with four on the year, as well as be able to get past there goalies who have combined to post four shutouts on the year themselves.

This will be the 11th time FIU and Western Kentucky square off against each other with WKU leading 6-3-1. The last time both squads played, it was a 1-0 overtime win for FIU. As of right now, WKU stands at 5-4-2 on the year and 3-1-1 in the SBC.

“I think Western Kentucky hasn’t had them for their best season yet as far as their non-conference schedule, but when it comes time for conference play to come around, everybody’s different, and there always ready to go,” head coach Thomas Chestnutt said.

Home field has been and should still be an advantage when they play WKU, as FIU’s only loss against the Troopers at home came four years ago in 2006.

After they take on Western Kentucky, FIU’s next test will come against Middle Tennessee, the only Sun Belt Conference team to beat FIU last year. The Blue Raiders currently stand at 6-7 overall, with a 3-1 record in conference play. Vanessa Mungler is FIU’s biggest threat, who leads the conference in goals scored with eight. They have also been able to post two shots this year, and are coming off of a three game winning streak.

Both WKU and MT only loss in conference play have come from the hands of Denver, who along with FIU are the only undefeated teams in the SBC.

“We know the teams are going to be lot tougher and more aggressive, freshmen Chelsea Leiva said, comparing this upcoming week to last week’s games.”

“For both of these teams it’s a chance for them to knock us down because, just like us, they would like to win the conference title. It’s a big weekend for all the involved teams, so it should be a lot of fun, and I’m definitely looking forward to it,” Chestnutt on the big weekend ahead.

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Hilton back to health; Bryant excels at guard

FOOTBALL

 teamwork. It's going to be hard to unseat him as a guy who is going to be playing a lot of football. It's going to be hard to unseat him as a star.”

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

Before the season started Curtis Bryant was listed as a defensive tackle, but now the 6-2 283-pound junior may have found a new home at the right guard position.

Bryant got his first start of his collegiate career last week against Pittsburgh and made the best out 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.

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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 line backers are very downhill players,” said sophomore right tackle Rupert 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.
Underdogs take center stage; Hillis the season’s surprise

Everybody loves the underdog. For some reason, people love to see the weaker opponent upset the favorite. Whether its Study of The Replacement, we praise upsets in football.

Week four of Fantasy Cruz entailed a plethora of upsets in the NFL.

The Colts have won 12 games a season seven years in a row. They have dominated the American Football Conference South for the past decade. And how the tables have turned this season for Indy as they sit dead in the middle of the division.

Peyton Manning is considered the all-mighty everything of football to many fans. So, how does the guy lose to the worst team in his division at home? Fantasy owners are dropping David Garrard like a bad habit this far into the season due to the lack of productivity he’s provided in the first two games so far.

Terrell Owens is Batman or The Haitian Sensation has been a fantasy bust this season only playing in the first two games so far. I don’t know if he’s even going to see the field for the rest of the season. With Anthony Gonzalez and Austin Collie competing with Garcon, his future doesn’t look too promising.

Percy Harvin (Minnesota Vikings) - Harvin is nothing without a go-to receiver alongside him. Not to mention Brett Favre isn’t having the season of his career either. He hasn’t had a great game yet this season and only has one touchdown against Detroit. The Vikings are trying to make him a number one receiver and he’s definitely not. Trash bin!

Brandon Jackson (Green Bay Packers) - For a second there, fantasy owners thought maybe this no-name back up would finally get 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.

Shaun Hill (Detroit Lions) - Hill is a great addition to your team. There is really no word on Stafford’s return as of now and Hill played an amazing four games throwing for 900 yards and seven touchdowns already. I mean, he does have Calvin Johnson and that pretty much guarantees success when your receiver is top five in the league.

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.

Maurice Jones-Drew was practically the third overall pick in everyone’s draft. The bowling ball finally got his “Mojo” 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 Jags, 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 Bengals have been the frontunner in Ohio since both them and the Browns existed. Can anyone explain how a receiver manages to have a 200-yard game and that team still lose? The battle of Ohio proved to go Cleveland’s way surprisingly. Peyton Hillis came out the woodwork rushing for 102 yards and a touchdown.

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

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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 and 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 Valles, 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.
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; this was what searching is all about. But what is the next step for Internet search?

Remember Lyrics? AltaVista? AskJeeves? All these sites sought to simplify the way people searched 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 boxes, 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.

Fortunately 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 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 hit by a water bottle and some pictures of his ridiculous haircut.

The service, which you can see on Qwiki, comes in kind of like a game for some people.

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 500 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 before, that might not last forever.

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FRIDAY, OCT. 8

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ONE THING TO REMEMBER IS THAT WHAT MAKES SEARCH LUCRATIVE FOR GOOGLE IS THE WAY THEY INTERFACE ADVERTISEMENTS INTO IT.

Tossing a henchman off a building with a certain amount of strength or from a certain angle can mean the difference between a broken limb and death, or a broken limb and dying. It’s a difference that the newest vigilante in Gotham refuses to make; a character, that, like Batman, stays shrouded in the shadows and disappears into mists of smoke.

This vigilante goes without a name, speaking in a tone appropriate for the Ghost of Christmas Future. A scythe in hand, he kills his targets: members of Gotham’s crime syndicate. It is their similarity in size and dark appearance that ultimately brings Batman under suspicion by the Gotham Police Department.

Animated and produced by the same crew behind Batman: The Animated Series, Batman: Mask of the Phantasm is a darker take on the Batman legacy more in the vein of Christopher Nolan’s work with the franchise in The Dark Knight than with the more fantastic elements of the 1970’s cartoons or the Batman films produced by Joel Schumacher and Tim Burton in the 1990’s.

Masks are constantly being put on and taken off throughout the film.

In a flashback we see Bruce Wayne on the eve of becoming Batman.

He stands in a corner of his newly constructed Bat Cave, a silhouette against indigold and blacks. He looks at his cowl, perhaps with a look of longing or self-hating. His faithful butler and confidant, Alfred (voiced by Efraim Zimbalist Jr.) gasps.

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 retreats from a party held in his mansion, lets go of the façade of the billionaire playboy and remembers 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.

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

And of course, there’s always the Joker (voiced by Mark Hamill) 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 cityscapes of Gotham City and the innovative process of animating the show on black paper were striking to both adult and child audiences.

It brought uniform 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 “the New York Worlds Fair had kept on from 1939 into the 1990’s and incorp- orated 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 bumped to a full theatrical release and bomboed 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 an iconic role to a young, up and coming actor. 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.

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FRIDAY, OCT. 8

THE RIGHT SONGS

WOMEN’S SOCCER

The Golden Panthers take on the LSU Tigers.

WHERE: Soccer Stadium

WHAT: Free with Panther ID

WHAT: 355-2649

FRIDAY VOLLEYBALL

Support the Golden Panthers as they take on the WKU Owls.

WHERE: 6:30 p.m.

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WHERE: Soccer Stadium

ALLIANCE FRANCAISE

Presented by FIU Music. Faculty Woodwind Quartet performs on all American program.

WHERE: 7:30 p.m.

WHAT: Free with Panther ID

WHAT: Free for students/seniors; $5 kids

WHERE: French Cultural Center, 618 SW 8th Street

TELESCOPE TAILGATE

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Homosexual adoption risks outweigh benefits

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A Florida law that banned same-sex adoption for over three decades was recently deemed unconstitutional, thus allowing Floridian and homosexual couples, Robert Lamarche and his partner Donal Giustintini 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 wish 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.

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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 like Chik-fil-A, Papa 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 to travel to different parts of campus to get a meal.

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 Chili’s or one of the other restaurants if they were open later. A restaurant such as Chili’s is known for having hours reaching into the wee hours of the night, but shockingly 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 Chili’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 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 on 9 p.m. on weekdays.

On the weekends nothing is open except Fresh Foods, Subway, Café Bustello, and Chili’s Too. In P.O.G everything closes at 8 p.m. on weekdays, 5 p.m. on Fridays, and the only things that are open on Saturday is Chik-fil-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-fil-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 restaurants would give student’s who face and at the same time provide successful business. This would be a win/win situation for all.

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BRAZIL

Brazilians may be barred from Congress

The column that 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 Piñera 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

II. 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 aide says is actually an effort to push him out of power.

BLEEKER MEETS BISCAYNE

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 feel 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 of my sweats and my house. She’s the random, crazy friend every one should have in their life.

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 kind of the girl who enjoys these types of places. I mean, why go to a strip club and see other women dance and shake their asses on men when all 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 boosies in the face. This wasn’t at all how 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 bothering 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 friend Emilio Botts, who has always been into the theatre scene. I’m not much of a theatre person, but I’ve always been into the theatre scene.

As much as I enjoyed “Petrouchka”, the actual character of Petrochka 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.

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IN THE NAVY

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

Justices hearing class size amendment case

BILLY KACZOR

A teachers union lawyer came under tough questioning Wednesday during arguments before the Florida Supreme Court as he challenged a ballot issue that would loosen state class size limits.

Florida Education Association lawyer Ron Meyer wants the justices to prevent votes from being counted on Amendment 8, which he argued is a “floor challenge.”

“Your proposed ballot issue, Amendment 8, would make much difference at all in funding.

Assistant Attorney General Timothy Osterhaus argued a funding decline is mere speculation so there’s no need to mention it in the summary. He pointed out that appropriations to pay for an existing class size provision in the Florida Constitution have gone up and down year to year.

“There’s no floor that you could walk on,” Osterhaus said. “It’s not a floor at all.”

Voters in 2002 passed a citizen initiative setting class size goals and requiring the state to pay for additional teachers, classroom and other expenses needed to achieve them.

Then-Gov. Jeb Bush campaigned against that amendment. Bush and Republican legislative leaders repeatedly tried to repeal or water down the class size requirements but were unable to get a new amendment on the ballot until this year.

During that time the limits have been phased in but this fall for the first time every classroom must comply. The caps are 18 students in pre-kindergarten through third grade, 22 in fourth through eighth grade and 25 in high school.

Amendment 8 would allow more three students in pre-kindergarten through third grade classrooms and five more in higher grades. It also would require each school to meet the existing goals on an average basis.

The Florida Chamber of Commerce is among the proposers of this amendment. The chamber’s executive vice president, David Hart, attended the oral argument and later said he was “cautiously optimistic.”

Amendment 8 “does nothing more than give us the flexibility at the local level,” Hart said, but he acknowledged it also would “save the state money in these difficult economic times.”

Hart said those savings could be used instead of teacher pay raises and other education needs.

Amendment 7’s opponents, including the Florida PTA and National Association for the Advancement of Colored People as well as the teachers union, argue there’s no guarantee the savings won’t be shifted to non-school purposes.

“I have no faith that the Florida Legislature’s going to redirect that money into education,” said FEA President Andy Ford. “They’re going to use it for something else. They always have.”