Center strives to make more effective leaders

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Five years since its inception, the Center for Leadership continues to spread the word that while leaders may be born, they are also made at FIU.

The center, which is now located within the College of Business, is dedicated to teaching others about the concept of leadership by providing seminars, workshops and surveys for executives who wish to become more effective leaders.

“Our goal is very simple. We want to be the foremost leadership center in the world,” said Modesto Maidique, president emeritus and executive director of the Center for Leadership. We believe we are already the best in Florida and competitive with some of the better centers in the United States after only the first year.”

Created in 2005, the Center for Leadership is an organization focused on becoming the nation’s premier center for global leadership research, development and training.

Its programs, which focus on leaders like CEOs and businesswomen, aim to improve the management and decision-making skills of those who lead.

This year, the workshops have brought in around $327,000 in general revenue, a 47 percent increase since the previous year.

“The Center for Leadership tried to help people understand themselves so that they can become more effective decision makers for these huge decisions,” said Maidique. “Not for the decision to buy a green sofa or a blue sofa, but the decision to move to a new country to hire and the like.”

Their program, “Leading Decisions,” which is designed for senior managers, vice presidents and executives has recently grown to 20 participants spanning fields such as media, health care, industry, tourism and the U.S. military.

Each executive is analyzed based on his or her experience, personality and values within the four days of the program.

At the end, the executives are provided with a portfolio that assesses each one of them as leaders and gives them professional feedback on how they can become more effective.

Companies like Hewlett-Packard have requested the workshop and customize it for their middle and senior level women executives, with 2011 being their fourth year hosting the half-day program.

“The University is all about research and bringing in cutting-edge knowledge,” said Mayra Biers, administrative director for the Center For Leadership. “Leadership is such a hot topic these days and we’re building that research base [here].”

Targeting more specific types of leaders, the Center for Leadership created a workshop catered to women in the business world in 2007.

“We have found that women appreciate being part of another group which everyone else is a woman and has similar problems,” said Maidique. “Similar problems associated with having had the children and the particular biology of being a woman. They’d like to have that opportunity to discuss with other participants and also learn from each other.”

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Convoation honors faculty with awards ceremony

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As part of the annual three-day Faculty Convocation, an awards ceremony on Sept. 7 recognized the accomplishments of the faculty of the University’s faculty and adjunct faculty members.

Held at the Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center, the ceremony was dedicated to acknowledging the collective effort and individual accomplishments of faculty.

“I recognize that we have many excellent researchers at FIU, so to be recognized with the award is a great honor. I have been very humbled by all the heartfelt congratulations that I have received from my friends and colleagues,” said Steven Oberbauer, professor of biological sciences and recipient of the Excellence in Research Award, the most prestigious award of the convocation, accompanied with a monetary prize of $12,500, was awarded to two-time nominee, Dr. Arvind Agarwal, associate professor of mechanical and materials engineering.

The two runners-up, Founding Chair of the Department of Molecular Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, Dr. Kalaii Matte and Founding Director of the University’s Child and Family Psychosocial Research Center, Dr. Wendy Silverman, received $2000 as a consolation prize.

During the convocation, University President Mark Rosenberg addressed recent critiques of the University that “suggest that we’ve lost our way; that we’ve lost sight of our primary mission—the education of young people.”

“‘This is where community comes in,’” said Rosenberg, “‘I’m convinced that we understand that we have something special at FIU in community.’”

The convocation’s keynote speaker, John F. Stack, director of the School of International and Public Affairs, highlighted the influence of community, not only within the University but also within the global city of Miami in its exploration of...
‘Women on the Move’ helps women take action

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be a majority.

“Women on the Move,” the four-day inten-
sive program, is focused on preparing “high
potential women” to take action on what matters
to them and their organizations.

Hosted by Joyce Elam, executive dean of
the College of the Business, the workshop has,
to this year, graduated 36 women and has 106
alumni from public-sector and private organiza-
tions based in the USA, Latin America and the
Caribbean.

Their research on women leaders is entering
its fifth year, with the publishing of the “Flor-
dia’s Woman-Led Businesses Report” which
reported on the “challenges, successes and
shared best-practices of the women who lead
Florida’s businesses.”

“As high-achieving women move up the
ranks of their organizations, they realize the
need to take responsibility for their own leader-
ship development,” said Elam on the Center for
Leadership website.

During the 2009-2010 fiscal year, Center for
Leadership received a $4 million endowment
from the John S. and James L. Knight Foun-
dation to develop and implement a leadership
development program for principals of Miami-
Dade’s public schools.

The Principals Leadership Development has had 30 principals from the local education
community and hopes to increase its numbers as
time progresses.

According to Maidique, Center for Leader-
ship expects “every principal or aspiring prin-
cipal in Miami-Dade County to go through our
program.”

Maidique, who is now a visiting professor at
the Harvard Business School during this three-
month sabbatical, continues to serve as the exec-
utive director.

With Beers as director of operations and Dean
Elam as one of the head faculty members, he
states that as far as the center progressing during
his absence, he feels “very comfortable.”

“The whole leadership center is based on a
model that I have that says if you know yourself,
then you can make better decisions”, said
Maidique.

No new buses, hires to make schedule possible

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held accountable for every passenger
that rides the bus and the opportunity
for fraud is lessened. Parking and transpor-
tation did not add any new buses or new
drivers to make the new schedule possible.

“By just adding one more bus it would
increase the total by almost $30,000 per
year,” Foster said. David Silvera, a bus
driver for the last four years, said there are
approximately five drivers who work on the
routes and each have four routes on a
daily basis.

“There is no problem with the new
schedule and the kids love it, it is abso-
lutely beautiful,” Silvera said. The only
dissatisfaction Silvera has is the break time
he and his colleagues receive. With a four-
bus schedule every day split between five
employees, the only break time they get is
15 minutes.

“I would appreciate if they would give
us a lunch break,” Silvera said. “The way
it’s scheduled now, we need a relief.”
Foster said his department is always in a
state of problem solving.

“When we do hear from those who are
challenged with the scheduled times, we
look into ways to try and solve the
dilemmas,” Foster said.
FOOTBALL: FIU 28, WKU 21

Golden Panthers escape with close win against WKU

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Despite important victory, flaws still haunt Golden Panthers

Anthony Gaitor had been playing a great game by his standards, but he wanted more. The All-Sun Belt Conference cornerback was celebrating his birthday and had already racked up a crucial third down sack for an eight-yard loss in the fourth quarter. But when his defense was facing a critical third and four and a possible chance to let a 21-0 lead slip away, the All-Sun Belt corner back came to the rescue.

Western Kentucky ran a "jet sweep" with wide receiver Willie McNeal towards his side. Gaitor immediately had a flashback to practice when he saw that play. According to Gaitor, the team has been studying that play all week in practice.

"I was just concentrating on taking him down," Gaitor said.

Gaitor brought down Willie McNeal in the backfield for a loss of three yards. That stop led to a fourth down heave at the endzone that was broken up by cornerback Dez Johnson.

FIU (1-4, 1-0 Sun Belt Conference) lined up in the victory formation for the first time this season.

The Golden Panthers narrowly escaped a Sun Belt championship. The team also rushed for 240 yards. Darriet Perry led the Golden Panthers to four rushing touchdowns in the season against the Hilltoppers.

FOOTBALL

OVER THE HILL
Golden Panthers escape with close win against WKU

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It wasn’t pretty. It was far from flawless and even further from convincing.

But it was one thing and when the dust settles it is the most important thing: a win.

It took a nice defensive play in the end zone by Dez Johnson with less than a minute remaining in the fourth quarter for the Golden Panthers to secure their first victory of the season and to avoid what could have been one of the biggest meltdowns in the program’s history.

The Fourth Quarter Syndrome nearly doomed FIU for the fifth week in a row as the Golden Panthers gradually faded from the second quarter onward as they stumbled their way to the finish line.

This time, however, the clock mercifully ended with the Golden Panthers on the winning side of the box score for their first win of the season.

STRONG START

As usual, the Golden Panthers came out with fire and began to look like a team that could be a championship contender in the Sun Belt Conference.

The running game appeared to resurrect under a typical October sun in South Florida with a balanced ground attack led by speedsters Darian Mallary and Kerdrick Rhodes. Even T.Y. Hilton got into the act, finally finding the end zone for the first time this season on a fancy reverse to open the scoring.

With all four FIU touchdowns in the fourth quarter, the Hilltoppers burst to life from seemingly nothing and picked up a touchdown cut into the lead. After Carroll threw an interception on the first play of the ensuing drive, every person in the building felt the momentum starting to swing towards the visiting team.

The defense began to falter much faster than usual, coming up flat and allowing the Hilltoppers to pick up critical third and four conversions time and time again.

Not to mention a number of ill-timed penalties that opened up a number of doors for the opposing offense to walk right through.

As a team, the Golden Panthers amassed more than a football field worth of penalties with a whopping 141 penalty yards on 15 penalties, dangerously close to setting a new program record.

More capable teams would have made them pay dearly for those mental miscues.

All of a sudden, a game that appeared to be heading towards a definitive Golden Panthers victory came dangerously close to turning into a devastating nightmare.

The Hilltoppers came to within a touchdown of tying the game twice in the second half, including late in the fourth quarter. But when it mattered, FIU held on to that slim lead.

KILLER INSTINCT

Once again, the Golden Panthers lacked the killer instinct to deliver the killing blow and once something goes wrong, the overall game play comes crashing down faster than a house of cards.

The defense turns dormant. The offense crawls back into a shell and abandons its unpredictability. And the penalties pile up.

If FIU has any intention of making travel plans of going to New Orleans in December, they need to stop playing down to opponents and maintain composure when the opposing team stands up and fights. It is a mental blockade that needs to be torn down and overcome if this team wants to battle for a Sun Belt championship.

The Snowball Effect is something the Golden Panthers need to avoid. They might have been able to deal the Hilltoppers their 25th consecutive loss, but they won’t be as fortunate against a more formidable Sun Belt foe.

But on this day, it was enough to give them a win. That’s what matters. There are such things as ugly wins.

Pretty losses, on the other hand, don’t exist.
Second half surge propels Golden Panthers to victory

Owls push Golden Panthers to limit in fifth set

Second half surge propels Golden Panthers to victory
LIFE!

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The Target Wednesday After Hours program is the result of a collaboration and sponsorship between Target and the Frost Art Museum. The aim of this event is to complement the exhibitions on display with a programming series.

Above all, it’s not limited to just lectures and talks; Target Wednesday After Hours provides opportunities to meet contemporary artists and connect with art, music, film, dance and performance art in a closed environment.

Free and open to the public, they take place once a month from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

On October 13th, 2010, the series kicks off at the Frost Art Museum featuring a reception and debuting the four new collections of the fall season.

“Sequentia” is Xavier Cortadá’s solo exhibit and focuses on things that make up life from both molecular and monumental aspects.

Born in New York and raised in Miami, this University of Miami graduate has been commissioned by the White House, the World Bank, Miami City Hall, General Mills and Hershey’s among many others. Part of Cortadá’s exhibition is to synthesize a DNA molecule from guests with the assistance of a molecular biologist.

In order to accomplish this, he will participate in a series of LabARTory Sessions with Dr. Kalai Mathee, FIU Department of Molecular Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Founding Chair.

The “Florida Artist Series: Selections from Anomie 1492-2006” by Arnold Mesches will also be unveiled.

Mesches, an artist originating in California, is known for pieces that raise questions about the world we live in. Through his unlikely combination of materials and use of social and political content, he blends realism and surrealism.

The artist described the exhibition at the Frost as “a condition marked by the absence of moral standards.” The series began coming together in the late 1980s and highlighted the use of postmodern concepts with old master techniques and structures.

“Embracing Modernity: Venezuelan Geometric Abstraction” reflects the abstract movement in Venezuela from the late 1940s to the 1970s. The series includes the work of 26 artists who are responsible for its emergence and expansion.

Among those participating are Carlos Cruz Diaz, Gertrude Goldschmidt, Mateo Manaure, Alejandro Otero and Jesus Rafael Soto.

In 1902, Cuba became independent and art shown at The Frost!

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Fall Exhibition Openings

Target Wednesday After Hours

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Fall Exhibition Opening Reception

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 Anomie 1492-2006 by Arnold Mesches; Xavier Cortadá’s Sequentia and La Habana Moderna in the Wolfsonian Teaching 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 I.D. 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, film, dance, and performance art.

All events are free and open to the public.

For a full list of events please visit: http://www.fiu.edu/artsandchange
Developers need to take fan feedback with caution

**COLUMNIST**

Sergio Montalbano

Both of these points only served to give more ammo to this console war among the fans, something which no doubt puts a grin on the face of the developers. Multiple media related aspects including photography, architectural drawings, posters, periodicals, records and advertising will be on display. The museum collaborated with Professor Marilys Nepomuceno of FIU to put this presentation together. Nepomuceno teaches a class entitled “Hotels: Miami and La Habana at Mid-Century.” Of the exhibition, she told The Beacon that it will “give students in my course a unique opportunity to learn about Havana in the first half of the twentieth century by interpreting and analyzing historical artifacts, ranging from architectural drawings to hotel advertisements. Not only will the museum serve our students, but it will be engaging for anyone interested in the development of the capital and its culture after the Cuban Revolution.”

All exhibitions will officially open on October 13th reception and will remain on display until January 2nd of next year with the exception of the “Florida Artist Series,” which closes on December 5, 2010. Admission is free for students.

**PRESS START**

The 360 has its share of exclusive items as well. Capcom released Dead Rising 2 late last month for both PS3 and 360. However, Capcom added two extra parts to the game for those who bought the Xbox version. The 360 has 500,000 copies in less than two weeks according to Capcom. Strange, considering that the number would have doubled had it hit PS3, too. Despite this, developers are listening to fans more. While there’s room for improvement, the games are generally enjoyable. The fan base erupted in pure rage. Fans tired against Sega for every reason under the sun: the physics looked off. The grass looked like plastic. Sonic’s eyes were green and the sun was too bright under the sun: the physics looked off. The grass looked like plastic. Sonic’s eyes were green and the sun was too bright. The fan base erupted in pure rage. Fans tired against Sega for every reason under the sun: the physics looked off. The grass looked like plastic. Sonic’s eyes were green and the sun was too bright.

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WHERE: FIU Soccer Stadium

**THE WIND BAND FESTIVAL**


WHERE: GC Pit

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Redistribution of wealth a necessity

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Because the majority of America’s wealth lies in the hands of a small minority, wealth redistribution is essential to a more equitable and stable national economy. The examination of the American distribution of wealth is one of the steps to ending the recession and restoring international faith in the American marketplace.

Wealth, according to the organization United for a Fair Economy, is what you own minus what you owe. The UFE also acknowledges that America currently has the greatest wealth disparity since the Great Depression.

The current model of capitalism has created a system in which wealth distribution is not a problem, but the problems lie not necessarily in capitalism itself, so much as it does in the lack of proper and responsible taxation.

Former President George W.H. Bush’s tax cuts are set to expire in 2011 and is vital that they do. The post-Bush economy, which both parties agree is abysmal, is the result of economic policies largely based on the ineffectual trickle-down theory.

With deep roots in greed and partisanship, these tax cuts did not help the middle class. Instead, they enabled the wealthy to get wealthier and the majority of families to remain in a financial quandary. According to UFE, “Half of all the Bush tax cuts went to the top five percent of households, while the bottom 60 percent of households shared only 15 percent of the Bush tax cut crumbs between them.” Clearly, the majority was not aided here.

The paramount problem with the Bush-era tax cuts is in the federal GDP growth in any given six year period, from any quarter to the same quarter six years later, since World War II was 1 percent. This is significant because it demonstrates the fact that the two percent of the nation given these huge tax breaks, do not in turn stimulate the economy.

The tax for this demographic needs to be overtuned immediately because it is fact, that six-year growth rate was low even by general historical standards.

The need for reform is the estate tax which taxes the inheritance of assets. Without a progressive estate tax, billions of dollars in tax breaks is generated solely for the wealthy.

These billions of dollars that benefit people who are inheriting money, could be given to the evapourating middle class that will in turn actuate spending money, thus stimulating the economy by the purchasing of goods which leads to a better job market.

But real GDP grew by just 16 percent in the six years after the Bush tax cuts began. In useless spending that does nothing for 98 percent of the nation.

Furthermore, according to The Center for American Progress, “Economic growth was much slower under Bush’s administration’s tax policies than under the Clinton administration’s tax policies. Real gross domestic product grew by 26 percent in the six years after Clinton’s tax increases. But real GDP grew by just 16 percent in the six years after the Bush tax cuts began. In fact, some users have reported feeling more potent than pot. In human consumption.” Actually, many shops claim to have seen intense or weak effects from synthetic chemicals don’t show because of drug tests, as the chemical or chemicals. Even different brands have very varied or measured incorrectly. The unexpected intensity of “incense” or “herbal smoke” comes branded in a variety of synthetic pot an unsafe alternative

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A new trend cropping up across the country has law makers in an uproar.

Synthetic marijuana, a legal, easy to find and potent imitation of the real thing is becoming increasingly popular among teens and young adults. The synthetic blend of chemicals lacks long-term research, however, and should not be considered a good alternative to the real thing.

The synthetic substitute comes branded in a variety of names such as “K2,” “Spice,” and “Neon Grass.” Most brands are sold under the guise of "incense" or "herbal smoke aromas" and have a warning on the packaging saying “not for human consumption.” Actually, this product is purchased to be smoked for a high similar to that of marijuana.

Consumers can claim to actually be more potent than pot. In fact, some users have reported that smoking synthetics was found to be an alternative to marijuana because of drug tests, as the synthetic chemicals don’t show up on standard drug tests, or fear of legal repercussion.

The irony is then that of all the problems that the University toward the opinions of students implementation and the general lack of respect they hear. Apparently, the concerns of 1,764 students are just not loud enough for the University to bear.

With a smoking ban in effect, a housing student would be forced to leave their dorm and either walk or drive outside the campus in order to smoke. Not only is that a huge inconvenience for the student, but it also puts their safety at risk.

The University, being an open campus, already has enough of a challenge with security. It doesn’t need to get worse by having housing students go off campus to smoke. It’s a risk the University should avoid.

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The little research that has been done shows how the product is very inconsistent. Different brands have very different mixtures of the active chemical or chemicals. Even different bags of the same brand have been known to differ and using the product is a gamble on potency and content every time.

It is unknown at the time of purchase whether you will get intense or weak effects from using the product. People need to know what is going into their bodies, especially from a product they choose to smoke. Many of the active chemicals in synthetic marijuana have already been banned all over Europe. Seven states in our country have already banned similar chemicals and many more are processing legislation. The federal government has considered making the synthetic chemicals in synthetic marijuana a drugs of interest but a nationwide ban could take years.

Even if such a ban could be implemented anytime soon, it could be avoided by making subtle tweaks to the chemical makeup of the active ingredients.

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With the smoking ban being given the final go-ahead by the University’s Board of Trustees, starting Jan. 1, 2011 students who choose to live on-campus housing will be told to keep smoking away from non-smokers.

During their full board meeting on Sept. 24, the BOT gave final approval to the smoking ban while at the same time presenting absolutely no plans on how it will be enforced, aside from “social enforcement” which is almost assured to be deemed insufficient.

“This regulation is truly a reflection of a commitment to two of the things that the [Univer- sity] president has presented: our commitment to environment and our commitment to health,” said President J. Donald Bodenson during the Sept. 24 meeting.

While it truly does demonstrate the Universi ty’s commitment to health and the environment, it begs the question: what about the University’s commitment to its students?

On Sept. 29, the Student Government Asso ciation at Modesto Modake Campus Housing Senators Carlos Rodriguez and Christina Marinos held a Housing and Residential Life town hall forum, where housing students could voice their concerns about the smoking ban, its implementation and the general lack of respect by the University toward the opinions of students.

According to a study conducted by University in conjunction with the American College Health Association, 4.2 percent of 42,800 students on campus smoke.

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While the University stresses a positive reinforcement of the ban, offering services through University Health Services to help smokers quit, it needs to come to terms with the fact that they will not be able to force people to quit and that smokers will keep smoking regardless of a ban – especially with such a loose implementation and no initial sanctions.

It’s unfortunate that the University does not even seem to reach out to students who are affected by the ban.

The idea of designated smoking areas has been mentioned before, only to be shot down due to the suggested $400,000 price tag, which seems rather odd.

The Beacon thinks the University should not steam roll through this under the guise that this policy will benefit all students and should consider hammering out a solution with students that smoke.

VERBATIM

"I was stunned to notice what seemed to be a very significant gender disparity in these entertainments that were made for young children."
University community weighs in on new schedule

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Seventy-four percent of the people who take the Golden Panther Express have said they are satisfied and happy with the new schedule, according to William Foster, director of parking and transportation.

Over the summer, the Department of Parking and Transportation had a vision and a goal for the GPE to and from the Modesto Maidique and Biscayne Bay Campuses.

Since the new schedule began at the beginning of the fall semester, there has been talk among the University community on bus procedures and their overall satisfaction.

Before the implementation of the schedule the goal was to meet students’ needs and, so far, it has done so, according to Foster. “Since we cannot run buses every hour, it is almost impossible to cover every class time, but the schedule seems to meet more student needs than before,” Foster added.

“Overall my experience with the new bus schedule has been good,” said Silvana Ramirez, a junior who said her major was mass communications.

According to Ramirez, about a few times already the bus has broken down in the middle of the highway and the way the bus driver and department handled the situation seemed very “disorganized.”

“I want to see a better emergency procedure for the buses so we don’t have to wait two hours for another bus,” Ramirez.

Ramirez’s complaint on the emergency bus procedure wasn’t the only issue. There was also discussion about the switch to new GPE bus tickets that happened on the first day of the semester.

“It was never confusing for me when switching over to the new tickets. I just don’t like that they have them in a bunch. But overall I think the new bus schedule is great,” said David Fonseca, a senior political science major.

Foster explained that when it came time to switch out the old tickets to the new ones, the main reason for this was to try and reconcile the tickets validated to the number actually sold. This way the drivers are now able for comment as of press time.