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“It was impressive,” Tomic said. “But the same thing, inconsistency. The weekend before she had four kills in two matches. You can’t have a career high one weekend and then not even have any kind of presence the next. Andrea is a junior. She cannot have these highs and these lows. We need her bad game to still be pretty good.”

The inconsistency has to do with the youth on the team, according to Valentin, the team’s senior leader. She knows that it’s not easy for young players to play at this level, but they must not get too high or low with their emotions.

“It’s going to go up and down,” Valentin said. “We just have to be patient. Execute as much as we can when we’re playing well.”
University to host political summit

Gabriel Arbabas
News Director

Faculty and students will get a first-hand glimpse of world’s challenges with poverty, health and sustainability during the University’s second ever Geopolitical Summit.

“Challenges of Poverty, Health and Sustainability: A Geopolitical Summit,” will be held on Oct. 18 at the Graham Center Ballrooms at the Modesto Maidique Campus and on Oct. 19 at the Wolfe University Center Ballrooms at the Biscayne Bay Campus.

This year’s geopolitical summit will feature thinkers from around the world in the fields of international relations, economics, politics, health, medicine and the environment.

Featured guest speakers include Dr. Paul Collier, professor of economics and director of The University of Oxford’s Center for the Study of African Economics; Dr. Len Nichols, a healthcare economist who headed New America’s Health Policy Program from 1995 until 2010; and Bruce Babbitt, former United States secretary of the interior.

Tickets are required for the event, and are free of charge for students. The last day to obtain tickets is Thursday, Oct. 14, however, if there are extra tickets left over they will be available on a first-come, first-served basis on Friday, Oct. 15.

Tickets are available at the MMC and BBC bookstores in GC and WUC, respectively.

With topics focusing on health and the environment, the 2010 Geopolitical Summit will also be celebrating the establishment of the Herbert Werthheim College of Medicine, which welcomed its second class at the start of the fall semester, and the establishment of the School of Environment, Arts and Society.

For the Kids

The Dixie Band played a charity show for Hopes for Children of the World on Oct. 5 in the GC Ballrooms. All benefits from the concert will go to help one community’s children in Nicaragua.

Cyberbullying victims encouraged to seek help

“The idea that a young man or woman, in some cases barely teenagers just at the start of life — would feel so hopeless and tormented as to want to end their lives, saddens all of us,” said Valerie Jarrett, senior advisor to the president at the annual national dinner of the Human Rights Campaign.

Nerette explained that students at FIU have the option to report any incidents of harassment, including cyberbullying at the Victim Advocacy Center. The student may choose not to report the incident to the police or to Student Conduct.

Under the Student Code of Standards, “cyber stalking involves the misuse of computers,” said Nerette.

According to the University student handbook, besides stalking, the misuse of computers includes but is not limited to: “unauthorized access, entry or use of a computer, computer system, network, software, passwords, account or data.”

For instance, hacking into an unauthorized Facebook account.

Senior Stephanie Da Silva explained how someone stalked her and used her information and photographs to make a fake Facebook account.

“It just makes you doubt people,” she explained.

Students may also choose not to report the incident and in any case if the person is willing, he or she may go to therapy.

“All services are free and confidential,” explained Nerette.

“Cyberbullying can affect a person’s self-esteem and feelings of self worth,” said Nerette. “At the end of the day, it’s not funny.”

Victims of actual or threatened violence are encouraged to visit the Victim Advocacy Center.

Services are available at both Modesto A. Maidique Campus and Biscayne Bay Campus and are accessible 24 hours a day through the crisis hotline 305-348-3000.
Golden Panthers pick up first conference win at home

ANDRES LEON
Staff Writer

After a long road trip around the country, the men’s soccer team (6-5, 1-2 Conference USA) faced off against conference rival Memphis (3-8-0, 0-4-0 C-USA) on Oct. 13. The confidence of being home brought the Golden Panthers a 2-0 victory over the Tigers, especially after conference rival Memphis, Baine completed nine passes for 77 yards, but the bulk of his yards came on the ground as he scrambled 13 times for 80 yards. “He’s better with his legs. For a quarterback, he can move so that’s another weapon that he has upon him,” said Panthers free safety Jono- than Cyprien. “Just knowing that into the game you can gameplan for him, but we got to take him as any other quarterback because we don’t have enough film on him.”

Cyprien and the rest of the defense will look to confuse Baine with different schemes throughout the game. “That’s always a technique of ours…trying to keep the quarterback and the offensive line off balance. We’ll come at it as we do to every quarterback and play our defense how we know,” said Cyprien, who is tied for first in the Sun Belt with ten tackles per game.

After holding Bobby Rainey, the top rusher in the conference to 94 yards last week, the Golden Panthers defense with have to line up against Lance Dunbar. Dunbar has racked up 582 yards on the ground, second in the Sun Belt Conference. “Dunbar is really special,” said Cristobal, who talked about his pre-season accolades in the Sun Belt. “He deserves all of that stuff and more.”

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According to Carroll, he wants to take advantage of as many man-to-man situations as he can. “We got to find mismatches in their defense, find a way to set up one-on-one opportunities with our outside guys as well as our running backs and our slots,” Carroll said.

Outside of Carroll’s three turnovers in his first game of the season, the red-shirt junior has settled down and has scored three touchdowns, including one on the ground despite only three interceptions.

According to Cristobal and the rest of the coaching staff, he has only gotten better. “He hasn’t disappointed,” said Cyprien, who gets to play against him in practice. “He can make something out each game,” he said.

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Harden set to return for important road matchup

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out of nothing. If the protection is down, he can break away and still make a play.”

Although the Golden Panthers have only played one game in the conference, they currently stand in second place behind Troy, the only other team that has not suffered a conference loss.

HARDEN WILL BE ACTIVE AGAINST UNT

Despite missing the Western Kentucky game last week, running back Jeremiah Harden is set to play against North Texas.

“As of right now, we feel good about him playing Saturday. We expect him to participate [in practice this week] and if everything is going hand-in-hand with them having the most goals as well. Along with there great scoring is the fact they have the lowest goals scored against them, and the most shutouts.”

“No matter how good your defense is, you have to give up something. We just to look for the weaknesses, and use our strengths,” said Panthers midfielder Victoria Milanic.

With FIU’s first loss, Denver is now the only unbeaten team left in the conference, and it will be the Panthers biggest test of the year coming Oct. 17 when they must face the Pioneers on the road.

Nicolette DiGiacomo is both first in the conference in assists, and is clearly their most potent offensive player. If FIU looks to have any chance of taking them down, they will first have to contain her and not let her get the ball as much as she normally does so that she does not get as many opportunities to pass the ball.

“If she gets the ball, you don’t give her any breathing room,” Milucci said.

“You don’t want to be risky, but you might just have to be a little bit more aggressive.”

FIU will be taking on North Texas at 7 p.m. They will then proceed to Denver on Oct. 17 with a game time of 1 p.m.

WOMEN’S SOCCER

- What: FIU at Denver, UNT
- When: Oct. 15, Oct. 17
- Time: 7 p.m., 1 p.m.
- Where: UNT, Denver

Brady not ready for the big time; Let Moore go strong at home gives FIU confidence

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Home is always a friendly place, and FIU knows this well. The Golden Panthers have an impressive home record of 27-2, dating back to the 2008 season.

Most of the time, home games can be a great place to start winning streak.

“When we play at home, it’s different,” said Lance Moore (New Orleans Saints) - There once was a phase in my fantasy football world where I thought every Saints receiver was worth picking up. Five weeks into the season the hope is all lost and after a single catch and eight-yard game by Moore, it’s time to drop the Saints aren’t playing well. Period. The only way Moore might see production is if the running game emerges from where it fell to, Basura.

Mark Clayton (St. Louis Rams) - By logical methods when drafting a receiver, one tends to think an owner should always draft a number two receiver before a number three any day.

Well, there’s all special case. Mark Clayton has had no touchdowns for the past three games and only had six yards last game with a single reception. With the way Sam Bradford has been performing in his fourth clean sheet of the season, the second in a row for the Cardinals.

“We got the win, it was a collective effort,” Lopez said. “We’ve been on a slump as we went away but it’s a different energy when you don’t have a good team in your house and as long as they score goals and we don’t concede then there is no stopping us.”

Head coach Munga Ekekedi added: “We didn’t let the possession phase us, although we played sloppy in the beginning of the season, we’ve got into a good rhythm, now we are back home and that can only mean more goals and more wins.”

FANTASY CRUZ

Bradford not ready for the big time; Let Moore go pretty intense,” Valentin said. “That shouldn’t be an excuse for the crowd to get into your head, but again it’s a young team and they haven’t played in front of crowds like that. The fact that we’re playing at home should be more relaxing.”

PLAY PINK

Friday’s match between FIU and Middle Tennessee will be a battle between two rivals, but also a battle against breast cancer.

La Liga Contra El Cancer, also known as The League Against Cancer, will have volunteers during the game selling team-wear warm-up shirts for $10 and accepting donations. All proceeds will go to benefit the charity.

During the match, there will also be a T-shirt toss, raffle and postgame autograph session.

SANTANA SCRUTINY

I must give credit where credit is due. Santana Moss had an inexcusable performance with seven receptions for 81 yards. Yet, he still only has one touchdown the whole season.

What is most disappointing about all this is that Moss is having a much better season than Marques Colston, who has Drew Brees throwing to him. So to Santana Moss, do not mess up or the scrutinizing will become worse.
EROTIC MUSEUM

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If you’re not into Rubens and Baroque art and you’re looking for something a little naughtier, then the World Erotic Art Museum is the place for you.

The World Erotic Art Museum, WEAM, is known for being the home of the largest collection of erotic art in America. Located on 1205 Washington Avenue, the private collection has pieces from antiquities to contemporary times and shows numerous different cultures and life-styles through a historic time line.

The collection includes paintings, sculptures and other one of a kind art pieces, including a Kama Sutra bed. It doesn’t get much more authentic than that.

The museum is a little hole in the wall in South Beach with a few surprises and bright spots. You enter a tiny room adorned with a welcome sign to something the prudent type may not be ready for.

This museum is an interesting place well worth a visit if you are not too sensitive to nudity. Each room has its own theme and culture. There are collections of celebrities like Madonna and Marilyn Monroe as well as some historic pieces that are actually quite interesting and educational.

The museum goes from sensuous to vulgar, to completely pornographic but still pretty entertaining. Even though the World Erotic Art Museum does have some risqué pieces, most of which feature nudity, those who appreciate the art of love, sex and the human body would very much enjoy the collection that owner Naomi Wilzig has put together.

For example, a giant golden penis that guests can sit on and take pictures with sits in one of the main halls of the museum.

There is a cool sculpture of a peacock that takes the name of the animal pretty well and literally.

It’s the shape of a penis (cock) with the beautiful feathers of the actual animal yet the features of a penis are still clearly there.

Not to mention the hilarious parody done to all the Disney characters.

The collection includes works from Pompeii to Picasso that all display the nature of eroticism.

The museum offers guided tours at $12 a person, tailored to the group’s interests; however, a minimum of 10 people per group is required.

The WEAM also has a great gift shop with a collection of published “Fine Erotica” books, postcards, posters, museum reproductions, and rare pieces of art for guests to take home at reasonable prices.

Guests can even rent out the museum for any special event, social gathering or business event.

Even if this type of art is not your normal scene, you should add this interesting attraction to your list of things to do on South Beach.

It’s great for those nights when you’re bored of the movies or going out to diners and want to see something different.

**NEW TECHNOLOGY IN THE MOODLE**

Students, the fate of your online learning experience is at hand. The University is currently on the fence when it comes to what software will be used in all online and web-assisted courses.

In the other corner Blackboard Learn®, the newest iteration of the system we have all grown to love…or hate? Gus Roque, e-learning consultant and instructional designer for FIU Online, gave me a tour of both systems. Currently, these are the two systems looking to replace the java-based Blackboard 8. Let’s see how they match up.

**MOODLE – OPEN SOURCE IS AWESOME…SOMETIMES.**

Moodle is the better-known system among students, as there are currently over 20 classes that are using the service. The system is designed around three columns of information, the central one being where all your class information is displayed.

What makes Moodle appealing is the fact that this is an open source platform. Open source software allows for an enormous amount of flexibility in that it can, with some work, be tailored to any specific needs. The platform also offers students the ability to access wiki directories and podcasts.

However, I find Moodle’s user interface a little hard to follow without some work, and it’s a lot harder to find the information if you are not a frequent user.

**LA VIE EN ROSE**

As a part of the French Music Festival, faculty member Kathleen Wilson (right) sang French Folk Songs by Sibert and Hartienueses by Casseus. Wilson, a soprano, was accompanied by Rafael Patron on the guitar and Elissa Lakofsky on flute.
The clear choice here is Blackboard Learn9.  
The system is specifically built for higher-ed, it offers a lot of modern features, solid technical support and requires a less effort to maintain and deploy.  

"Though I applaud FIU Online for considering an open source alternative, in this case it’s simply not the best choice for student, faculty, and administration.  

Ultimately, the choice will come down to one thing: money. How much will this cost?  

What is the cheapest solution?  

We need to keep in mind that online learning is a very forward moving trend. Pretty soon technology will allow online classes to be on a par with web-assisted, “real life” courses.  

A choice needs to be made that provides students with the best feature-rich platform to facilitate online learning that is, above all else, easy to use.  

Moodle is not easy to use. It requires heavy tweaking to deploy.  

Blackboard Learn9 is familiar, packed with features and abilities and is customized to the needs of a higher education student and faculty member.  

The choice to me seems clear.  

Free for Tech is a weekly technology column. Look for it every Friday.
Breast cancer needlessly sexualized

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October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the month where people are to wear pink in honor of those who are suffering, have died or who have survived a battle with breast cancer. Although there are many ways to support the cause, there are various inappropriate slogans and campaigns going around that treat breast cancer as a joke when it is no laughing matter. Vibrantly-colored wristbands showcasing quotes such as “I Love Boobies” and “Save the Ta-Tas” are nothing but ways for people to get a laugh out of something serious.

There are not only wristbands with these types of slogans. There are also t-shirts, mugs, bumper stickers and many other products. A couple other slogans that belittle the issue of breast cancer are, “Have you had your boobs squeezed lately?” and “Don’t let cancer steal second base.” These slogans are watering down the issue of cancer and highlighting the subject of breasts for personal entertainment. Instead of worrying about saving “boobs,” these people should worry more about saving the person with breast cancer.

Breast cancer is a matter that needs to be taken seriously. The American Cancer Society reports that in 2010 261,100 cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in women. By the end of this year 38,840 women are expected to die from it.

For someone to get a laugh from these so-called funny ideas of advertisement is wrong. Breast cancer is the second leading cause of death in women.

According to the Keep A Breast Foundation, the creator of the “I Love Boobies” wristbands, they are meant to increase awareness, educate and help with early prevention among the younger generations.

They may have been trying to spread awareness about breast cancer, but the route they took undermined it.

Referring to breasts as “boobies” or “ta-tas” turned this issue from serious to something that focuses on sex. In trying to be sexy to sell their wristbands, this campaign is taking away how deadly breast cancer can be.

The “sex sells” method has also leaked onto Facebook. Since the beginning of October, women have been leaving status updates such as “I like it on the bed”, “I like it behind the door”, “I like it on the dresser”, and so forth.

These status updates allude to the idea that these are the locations in which women enjoy intercourse, when it really is where they like placing their purse.

Sexually focusing on women with these campaigns is also sexist, seeing as though men are also affected by breast cancer.

It is estimated that in the year 2010, 1,970 cases of breast cancer will be found among men, and 390 men will die from it according to the American Cancer Society.

Although the statistics of men may be lower than women, they are still affected by this disease.

Men and women suffering from breast cancer need to see that people are taking their condition seriously and are there to support them.

Wearing wristbands that clearly do not state their purpose does more harm than good for the awareness they are trying raise.

Cookies legislation a waste of time

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You have probably heard of Internet cookies, little text files that some websites tag you with in order to remember various things for you.

Most of these cookies are innocuous, remembering your audio settings or the contents of your shopping cart. Some of them even process your authentication when you try to log in somewhere.

Some have harder cookies is that they also allow the website to track you as you move around the site, as of a Supreme Court ruling in 2001, around the web.

This hasn’t really been a problem, as long as you have the option to turn them off.

Recently, however, there has been a movement for Flash cookies, which are a bit different than normal cookies. Flash cookies are used by websites like Facebook, to track your movements, even after you’ve specifically deleted them.

According to a ruling in 2001, same-sex couples have the ability to marry, but not the right to raise children. This type of privacy “tracking” is leading to a spate of folks complaining that their private information is being stolen, distributed and sold to the highest bidder and ultimately calling for Congress to just do something about it.

The thing is, we don’t need the federal government to waste money working out the kinks of legislation that will be obsolete when the newest update is released.

With so many other things to worry about, isn’t it really important that the federal government spend time, money and energy to regulate something that is really better off regulating itself.

Flash cookies reappearing in your browser may seem like a gross invasion of privacy. In reality, however, it is no different from how regular cookies operate.

These cookies can’t see “you.” Rather, they are compiling a list of preferences based on sites you visit and things you look up. To the cookie, and to their website, you are a number with a list of preferences next to it.

This tracking with cookies helps websites provide targeted ads and sidebar links, something we’re all familiar with from Facebook.

In order for free content to continue to be available, there must be some sort of advertising to provide money for the servers to keep running. No one is being duped here. The longest running rule of the Internet is: if it’s online, everyone can see it.

We should want targeted ads as they help keep our sites free. The problem comes when Flash cookies and their ilk re-spawn in a seemingly subversive attempt to gather this information.

The answer to this is not government intervention, but awareness on the part of users as well as awareness on the side of the companies.

Flash cookies are not a new thing. They don’t deserve a full-blown freeway freakout. Maybe targeted ads will even help you find that perfect motorcycle helmet you were Tweeting about.

PERSPECTIVES

Is it right for the University to establish, enforce social norms?

“I don’t think it’s right. I feel like it’s discrimination. They’re trying to force you to do something you don’t want to do.”

-Ahmed Madriz, Junior

International Relations

“No. You basically can do whatever you want. No one should be able to tell you otherwise.”

-Nathalie Morot, Junior

Liberal Arts

Absolutely. There are some social norms that shouldn’t be allowed on campus. This is a place of higher learning and we need to respect it.”

-Israel Fajardo, Junior

Political Science

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**Imrplmtu**

Get loco for Locos por Juana on Saturday

**Tasmine Grantson**
Contributing Writer

Music is all around us. Cheesy, I know, but if you don’t hear it through your headphones, or in your car, then listen to the rhythm while walking or the tapping of your pen. I’m a prime example of this. I’ve been tapping my foot to Beatles’ songs like “A Day In The Life” since the womb. If I’m not carrying a pair of headphones or playing the piano, then I’m either sleeping or studying. Music since I was six has opened my ears to many great musical experiences, and it’s absolutely nothing to be selfish about. I plan on using this column to share local performances going on around our lovely Biscayne Bay Campus. Because, let’s face it, many of us miss out on that epic underground performance or just don’t want to waste the gas.

Locos por Juana, two-time Grammy nominated band, will perform at Jazz@A’s “Jam Sessions” on 1343 Washington Ave. Miami Beach this Saturday, Oct. 16 at 11 a.m.

This Miami Latin fusion band blends Bob Marley’s reggae, Thievery Corporation’s dub, and Don Omar’s rap style. Let’s begin that this is the perfect music for the setting at Jazz@A. You get the full experience of not only great lounge music, but also a great scene on Washington Ave.

The original five members: Tagui Correa, Mark Kondrat, Javier Delgado, Jose Gonzalez and Lasim Richards combine their Colombian, Argentinean, Venezuelan, and Caribbean origins to create a musical style.

The ensemble formed in 2000 and has released three full-length albums to date. “Permisos La Nuestro” which nominated them for “Best Urban Band” in 2003 and lead them to a Grammy nomination at the 2006 Latin Grammy Awards.

On December 9, 2004, Locos por Juana’s website, locosporjuana.us, stated “their entrepreneurial revolution of musical fusion and spirituality” was ready to explode in South Florida.

After releasing their second album, the exposure gave them a contract with Miami based studio home working on their next album “Somos de la Calle,” set to release sometime by the end of this year. The group continues to tour musical festivals all around the world, visiting countries like: Switzerland, Belgium, Germany and even returning home to Miami to express their native sounds.

This Saturday LPJ will carry their sounds across the heavy lit streets, giving everyone a taste of something authentic and ethnic, so look out for that $4 kamikaze drink special to join you for the night, or even me.

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**The Beacon – 8**

**University boats used for marine research in the Everglades**

**Brian Correa**
Staff Writer

The School of Environment, Arts and Society (SEAS) on the Biscayne Bay Campus houses five boats primarily used for student hands-on research around the bay.

The largest motor boats, a 21-foot Proline and a 23-foot Mayco, are used for student hands-on research on campus.

These boats are used as platforms to capture sharks and alligators or sampling fish populations. They are also used to take divers to reefs to conduct research or for observing dolphins.

Shark River is a 100-mile long river that is a part of the Everglades and is a major distributor of the Hamey River, which resides along Ponce de Leon Bay.

“These boats are used for research on alligators and sharks in the Shark River and will also be used in studies of dolphins and small fishes in the same area,” Heithaus said.

Other professors that utilize these two boats are: Armando Carlos, Professor of Biological Sciences. The majority of their research on these boats is done closer to shore, in shallow waters, studying coral reef and other types of marine life.

The 14-foot boat, Carolina Skiff, supports more research in shallow waters and areas where students need to research in tighter spots.

Professors are utilizing the Carolina Skiff for collecting specimens for labs in various disciplines.

“They depend on the project at hand, however, most of the time crews don’t bring much back. From time-to-time, tissue samples are collected from the sharks or alligators,” Heithaus said.

When samples are brought back, they are usually studied within various labs inside the marine sciences building.

The pontoon boat, which holds 20 people, is an 8-foot boat that hasn’t been in use for some time. “Today this boat is currently on blocks, however, we are in the process of rebuilding it for student studies of marine and biological sciences,” said Joel Tresler, professor of biological sciences and director of marine sciences.

The fifth boat located is an inflatable raft recently donated by Judge Raphael Steinhardt.

Calls to Tresler regarding the cost of the boats were not returned before press time.

“We haven’t used this boat as of yet, but it will be nice to have a portable small boat for getting into small creeks and shallow waters,” Heithaus said.

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