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Natalia Lopez
Staff Writer

Over the last few weeks, the issue of cyberbullying among students has received enormous amounts of attention stemming from six suicide incidents in the United States, each resulting from the pressures of being the victim of hate crimes.

"Cyberbullying is becoming more and more of a problem," especially with websites such as Facebook, RateMyEx and CollegeACB available, explained Erika A. Nerette, assistant director at the University’s Victim Advocacy Center.

Senior Leonardo Ramirez explained how some comments referring to his sexual orientation were posted on JuicyCampus, a former gossip website that targeted college communities.

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Staff Writer

When asked about how the team was reacting to the recent loss of team privileges that she enacted, head coach Danjela Tomic talked to her team’s captains for a response. "I talked to our team captains, Ines [Medved] and [Natalia Valentin], and I asked them when the team will earn back their privileges," Tomic said. "They said ‘Not yet.’ They have to show us that it’s not with just one win they get everything back.”

The team will look to earn some privileges back when Middle Tennessee and Western Kentucky come into town this weekend.

FIU (9-8, 3-2 Sun Belt) has a chance to split the season series with Middle Tennessee (17-4, 8-0 SBC) tonight, and with Western Kentucky (17-5, 6-1 SBC) on Oct. 13. This will be an important step for the Golden Panthers to get on a roll as they look to extend their winning streak to three games, tying their earlier season high.

Tomic is looking for consistency from this team. She pointed out the team’s performance against Florida Atlantic as an example of their inconsistency. “The first thing that comes to my mind is inconsistency,” Tomic said. “The set to the next and forget what it took to win the set.”

It is not only the team aspect, but also some players that Tomic is expecting a high level of play day in and day out. Tomic spoke about junior middle blocker Andrea Lakovic’s career high 22 kills against FAU, and how she expects that more often.

“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 not then 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 teams 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.”

VOLLEYBALL WEEKEND SERIES

MTSU
• Time: 6:30 p.m.
• When: Oct. 15
• Where: U.S. Century Bank Arena
• TV: None

WKU
• Time: 6:30 p.m.
• When: Oct. 16
• Where: U.S. Century Bank Arena
• TV: None

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University to host political summit

GABRIEL ABARÁBS
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 Wachtman 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

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, password, account or data.” For instance, hacking into a computer’s system, network, software, password, account or data is misuse of computers, said Nerette.

For more information on cyber bullying, students may go to therapy.

“Students are free of charge 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.

CORRECTIONS

In Vol. 24, Issue 21 of The Beacon, in the At the Bay section Daniel Anzueto was not in the photo as the credit said. The person identified was Federico Lastra, tutor in the Center for Academic Success.

The Beacon will gladly change any errors. Call our UP office at 305-348-2709 or BBC at 305-919-4722.

DCF won’t appeal ruling against Florida’s gay-adoption law

Florida child welfare administrators will not appeal last month’s ruling that tossed out Florida’s controversial gay-adoption law, according to The Miami Herald. George Sheldon, secretary of the Department of Children & Families, announced Tuesday his agency will not appeal a ruling by the Third District Court of Appeal that declared the 33-year-old law unconstitutional.

The ruling involved two former foster children adopted by Frank Martin Gill, an openly gay North Miami man who took custody of the boys under DCF’s authorization. As of last week, the state had challenged the Gill adoption, and so, regardless of the law’s status, the two children will remain Gill’s adoptive children.

Chile miners rise to the surface

By Wednesday afternoon, rescuers rose to the surface more than half of the 33 miners trapped in a Chilean gold and copper mine. After 69 days, the miners ascended to freedom one by one, hoisted through a more than 2,000 feet of rock in a rescue mission that began in the desert night.

As they came out in a capsule, the miners celebrated. One led the crowd in a chant for Chile, another dropped to his knees and prayed, but mostly they embraced their families.

Chilean President Sebastian Pinera called the mission “magical.” Florencio Avalos was the first to step out from the “Fenix” capsule, named for the mythical bird that rose from ashes.
**MEN’S SOCCER**

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 for Sebastian Frings, who put in the final goal in the 90th minute to secure the win.

“There is a huge difference in playing at home,” Frings said. “Our mood is up, our style of play is more confident, and when we have confidence in each other we find openings and score goals.”

Frings is pleased with the team’s progress, as the Golden Panthers have won two consecutive contests after losing three straight.

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Frings scored nine goals last season and was named to All-Conference USA Third-Team and the C-USA All-Freshman squad last season. This season, Frings is off to a slow start, but could be poised for a breakout.

Frings’ last minute closer wasn’t the only goal scored on the night. The opening goal belonged to Panthers midfi elder Carlo Schmid early in the second half off a double assist from Frings and star freshman goalkeeper Nicolas Rodriguez.

“It was a tough time last week, recently we’ve all been playing better. When you pass more, you find open spaces and with open spaces always comes better opportunities and the better the chances more goals in the back of the net,” said Schmid after scoring his first collegiate goal.

Early in the first half, the Panthers were dominated and couldn’t get the ball out their own half. But, as Memphis continued to pressure into the second half, the Panthers quickly broke through on a through ball from Rodriguez that was then deflected off Frings and buried into the back of the net by Schmid.

As the game pushed on, the Panthers spread the ball out opened up the Tigers back four. Off another swift counter attack Frings took a shot on goal only to come off the cross bar shortly after the opening goal. Panthers midfi elder Jahari Willis followed with another shot only to be saved by Memphis goalkeeper Jordan Leedle.

For the Tigers, midfi elders Mark Sherrod and Liam Collins both had two shots on goal. Jamal Keene and Maxim Van Dyck also combined for five shots on goal. Throughout the game Memphis out shot FIU 13-11 and out cornered 6-3. It was the Panthers swift counter attack that sent the Tigers back home with their fourth conference loss.

The biggest story of the night, however, was Golden Panthers star goalkeeper Shane Lopez. Lopez tied last year’s season high with eight saves against Memphis. He also got five of the six shots on goal for the Tigers.

**FOOTBALL: FIU VS. UNT**

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

FIU aims for win against injury-plagued North Texas

**IGOR MELLO**

Staff Writer

The Golden Panthers are looking to accomplish something this Saturday that they have only achieved once in Mario Cristobal’s era: win two consecutive games.

“This game means a lot to us,” said quarterback Wesley Carroll.

Carroll will lead the Golden Panthers (1-4, 1-0 Sun Belt Conference) to Denton, Texas to face against a depleted University of North Texas football team (1-5, 1-2 SBC) that has suffered potential season-ending injuries to eleven of its starters.

The injuries have piled up so much for the Mean Green that they’re much for the Mean Green that they’re down to its fourth-string quarterback Chase Baine. In his first start against conference rival Memphis (1-5, 1-2-0 Conference USA) faced off on Oct. 9, Baine completed 1-2-0 Conference USA) faced off against conference rival Memphis (3-8-0, 0-4-0 C-USA) on Oct. 13.

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**FIU VS. NORTH TEXAS**

- What: FIU vs. North Texas
- When: Oct. 16
- Where: Fouts Field - Denton, Texas
- Broadcast: CSS (TV), 790 AM (Radio)

Anthony Gaitor, Darrison Mallary and Wesley Carroll (left to right) hope to give the Golden Panthers back-to-back wins for the first time since 2008.

**FOOTBALL: FIU VS. UNT**

**MEN’S SOCCER**

Midfielder John Kite handles the ball during critical win vs. Memphis.
Harden set to return for important road matchup

**FOOTBALL, page 3**

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 Sunday. We expect him to participate in practice this week and if everything is okay, he will be playing," Cristobal said.

Harden, normally the starter at running back, may not get the starting nod this week. Cristobal is still unsure of who he will start running back this week after having explo- sive performances out Darrion Mallary and Durkee Rhodes against Tennessee.

Mallary rushed for 97 yards and a touch- down while Perry gained 64 yards on the ground with a touchdown as well. Dedrick Rhodes also helped the running game with 57 yards rushing.

Harden, a transfer from Syracuse playing in his first full season for FIU, leads the Golden Panthers with a combined 226 yards in four games so far this season, averaging 3.4 yards per carry with one touchdown run.

**WOMEN’S SOCCER**

Second half surge lifts FIU to shutout win

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**VOLLEYBALL, page 1**

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 a winning streak.

"When we play at home, it’s different," said Lakovic, who looks to build off her career-high performance. "Our fans are here, our crowd, our court. I’m used to playing there everyday. I think it’s really important because the crowd gives us confidence."

Valentin shared a similar sentiment, especially for a young team looking to gain confidence.

"The atmosphere at Middle Tennessee is 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."

**STRENGTH HISTORY AT HOME GIVES FIU CONFIDENCE**

Strong history at home gives FIU confidence

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**SPORTS**

**FOOTBALL**

Bradford not ready for the big time; Let Moore go

With week five of Fantasy Cruz under way, there are no more teams that are undefeated. The Kansas City Chiefs lost to the Indianapolis Colts and now the American Football Conference is the powerhouse of the NFL, especially in fantasy points.

Every year, it seems America’s team, the Dallas Cowboys, is a Super Bowl favorite before the season starts. They always tend to have the best team on paper, much of it due to their filthy rich owner Jerry Jones.

How are the Cowboys 1-4? They lost to the Tennessee Titans on Sunday, while Chris Johnson, aka “Every Coach’s Dream,” had a usual 131-yard and two touchdown perfor- mance. The Titans had a pretty good game too, throwing for 406 yards and three touchdowns, but finished the game with four interceptions.

Miles Austin, an under-rated free agent coming out of some division 1AA school in New Jersey. Now he’s one of the league’s eight best receivers. Austin led all NFL receivers this week with 10 receptions, 160 yards, and a touchdown.

What is going on with the allegations surrounding Brent Favre sending a Jets employee nude pictures and leaving her voice-mails? He cried in a pre-game speech to his team expressing his forgiveness for putting a burden on them. This situation apparently did not distract the future hall-of-famer’s performance on Monday night. Favre threw for 264 yards and three touchdowns, one of them to his new teammate, Randy Moss.

The Jets beat the Vikings on Monday due to the duoabolic two-headed monster in Lebanon Tomlinson and Shonn Greene, who both rushed for a combined 155 yards and a touchdown.

After 13 seasons, the Oakland Raiders finally won the Golden State battle between them and the San Diego Chargers. Even though Philip Rivers had the game of his life completing 27 passes, throwing for 431 yards and a touch- down, he lost two fumbles, which the Raiders defense scooped and scored. Michael Bush had a solid rushing game for 104 yards and a touchdown as well.

**THE TRASH BIN**

Sam Bradford (St. Louis Rams) - The poor guy had to be drafted by the Rams. The last successful QB to be drafted for the Rams was Kurt Warner and he had Terry Holt and Isaac Bruce. Bradford has already thrown eight interceptions compared to only three touchdowns. As of right now his numbers are not going to improve, much of it due to the fact that Steven Jackson is having a mediocre season. Trash him.

Lance Moore (New Orleans Saints) - There was once 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 him. The Saints aren’t playing well. Period. The only way Moore might see production is if his running game emerges from where it fell to, Bavaria.

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 always that 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 Brad- ford has been playing of late, if he catches another TD this season. Trash him.

**HOTPICKS**

Tennessee Titans Defense - The Titans defense is similar to what the Saints defense was last season. They are giving up little points and forcing a lot of turnovers. As of right now, they are hot and are a great defense to start against any team. Against the Cowboys, they caught three interceptions and forced a fumble. Pick them up.

Shaun Hill (Detroit Lions) - Matthew Staf- ford gets hurt and the Lions play better than when he was their QB because of this guy. Last game against the Rams, Hill completed 22 passes for 277 yards and three touchdowns. Hill also looks like a possible contender on a low budget going on with Calvin Johnson, which is great for the Lions, who have needed a QB for over a decade.

Mervo Lewis (Jacksonville Jaguars) - Lewis is the only productive jugader other than Maurice Jones-Drew and this exactly why fantasy owners should pounce on him through trades or free agency. In his last two games, Lewis is David Garrard’s go-to target with three touchdowns. With the Jaguars roster intact, it does not look like Lewis is fading away from Garrard’s pants any time soon.

**SANTANA SCRUTINY**

I must give credit where credit is due. Santana Moss had an inconceivable performance with seven receptions for 118 yards. Yet, he still only has one touchdown the whole season.

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

**COMMENTS**

JUDY CRUZ

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**MEN’S SOCCER**

his fourth clean sheet of the season, the second in a row for the Canes.

"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 win at home. Our team has good chemistry and as long as they score goals and we don’t concede then there is no stopping us." - Head coach Munga Eketeki added. "We didn’t let the possession phase us, although we played sloppily 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."
Erotic museum gives a new spin on ordinary objects

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Contributing Writer

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 lifestyles 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 or explicit images.

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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, 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. It features Goofy, Tinker Bell, Mickey and Minnie, and more of our childhood favorites performing sexual acts and other naughty things.

You have to really like the world for her guests to enjoy.

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 dinners and want to see something different.

The World Erotic Art Museum is open Monday-Thursday from 11:00am to 10:00pm and Fridays and Saturdays from 11:00am to midnight.

Admission is $15.00 for adults, $14.00 for seniors, and $13.50 for students (with I.D.). You must be 18 or older to be admitted into the museum.

ART FACTS

There are 170 different pieces in the collection, from Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America. There are also 6000 artifacts from ancient times to the early 20th century.

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Theories of problems tend to come with the turf when using open source anything; you have to like the convenience of it. Overall, complaints I have with Moodle include the overwhelming amount of information displayed on the class’s homepage and the lack of announcements, a feature students are familiar with after using Blackboard CE8. Roque noted that a professor could regulate the amount of information on the class page, but few do.

In general, I’m just not in the mood. The allure of an open source platform simply doesn’t make up for the fact that it just lacks the user friendliness that a lot of students and professors look for.

The newest iteration of the Blackboard has actually gone through a lot of changes under the hood, you know, the good kind of changes.

First off, Learn9’s UI is familiar but fresh, gazing at the screen I had little trouble getting acclimated with the software.

Currently, FIU Online offers 14 courses on Learn9. The software itself is particularly useful as it, according to Roque, is built specifically for higher-education institutions. He added that the platform integrates well with Adobe software and other third-party services like Turnitin.com. Learn9 also has a trick up its sleeve that makes it easy to use. It requires a lot of customization with the turf when using open source interface to be lacking; it really doesn’t look user friendly.

Moore’s dictum is itself nonsense, reminiscent of Kubrick’s extended title for a visionary future of horror, science, and the unknown. Cohen insists on staying in character and not batting an eye even as he runs mad around a hotel chasing his producer and sidekick, Azamat (Ken Davitian). This is guerilla film making at its finest. Cohen as Borat, Davitian as Azamat and director Larry Charles, often with just hand held cameras, bring common Americans into their film under the premise that the film itself is a legitimate documentary. Most, if not all, are not in the joke. They are the punchline.

Cohen and Charles tried to recapture the sheer shock of their 2006 film, Brano. Though they met with success the second time around, that sense of discovery and unpredictability was gone. Cohen, although star of Da Ali G Show, was no great star. His low profile among the American public allowed him to move along the landscape without enchantment.

The full title of the film, Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan is itself nonsensical, reminiscent of Kubrick’s extended title for Dr. Strangelove.

Strange, sweet yet utterly ignorable, Borat spurs out hilariously offensive lines. Example: “I arrived in America’s airport with connections America’s airport with clothes, U.S. dollars, and a jar of gypsy tears to protect me from AIDS.”

Yet people accept him for who he is. Cohen finds a way to speak our War of Terror. The crowd cheers.

“We may say we support our boys in the Iraq war. They are our boys.”

Cohen concludes; “May George Bush drink the blood of every single man, woman and child of Iraq.”

The crowd continues to cheer loudly.

He builds a mirror to our collective faces, and what’s frightening is that, if you can actually take the time to stop laughing during the 52 minute run time, you’ll wonder who we are as a nation.

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

Goodbye

MOODLE

PROS

It’s open source and can be customized to fit with some tweaking. Also benefits from a vast plug-in community.

CONS

It’s open source. Requires a lot of work, a lot of attention, and when things go wrong, very little help. Typical with open source projects.

Specifically built for higher education institutions.

BLACKBOARD CE9

PROS

Familiar interface but with welcomed improvements.

CONS

Ng Never mind, we have a very easy solution. See you next week.

Stop motion animation is quite simply one of the great miracles in cinema. It’s a comedic triumph. Nothing is to be expected or should be expected on first viewing. It’s a firestorm set in front of PG5.

First time the Spanish cover of “I Got a Name” is lightning caught in a column. Look for it every Friday.
Bread Cancer Nedlessly Sexualized

BRANDON THOMPSON  
Staff Writer

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 a 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.

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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.

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Protest over bad roads ends with 1 dead
A protest leader, said riot officers opened fire with live ammunition, killing one protester and wounding four others. Police said they are investigating the incident in the northern province of Espaillat.

Get loco for Locos por Juana on Saturday
TAZMINE GRANTHON
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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 Jazid’s this Saturday, Oct. 16 at 11 p.m. Miami Beach this Saturday, Oct. 16 at 11 p.m. This Miami Latin fusion band blends Colombian, Argentinean, Venezuelan, and Caribbean origins to create a musical style.

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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, Tagui, the exposure gave them a contract with Universal Music Group subsidiary Machete Music, representing many famous Reggaeton artists like: Ivy Queen, Wisin & Yandel, and Don Omar. This was where LPJ’s image as a Latin band really stood out, but through these years, their switch to mainstream the exposure gave them a contract with Universal Music Group subsidiary Machete Music, representing many famous Reggaeton artists like: Ivy Queen, Wisin & Yandel, and Don Omar. This was where LPJ’s image as a Latin band really stood out, but through these years, their switch to mainstream was their new timeline they were looking for. Though the album produced under the label gave them their second Grammy nomination in 2009, LPJ decided to return to their independent underground status.

Going or staying indie not only puts the artists in more control of their music and business, it can really give them a better connection with their fans allowing us to hear their sounds.

Presently LPJ is back in their 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.

Impromptu is a bi-weekly column published on Fridays. The columnist pays her own way and receives no special treatment.

University boats used for marine research in the Everglades
BRIAN CORREIA
Staff Writer

The School of Environment, Arts and Society is 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 mainly used for research along the southwestern portion of Everglades National Park, commonly known as ‘Shark River,’ by Michael Heithaus, SEAS director.

The 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: Deron Burklepe and Rebecca Vega, professors of Biological Science. 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. "It depends on the project at hand, however, most of the time crews don’t have to 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 Steinhard. 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.