Students travel to Brazil for competition

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Students from the engineering campus traveled to Brazil for almost a week to participate in an annual international air-crafting competition, entitled “SAE Brazil Aerodesign Competition,” making FIU the first school in the United States to participate in such an event.

The three students involved were senior mechanical engineering majors, Miguel Jimenez, Ricardo Lugo and Carlos Rojas, who traveled to a small town called Sao Jose Dos Campos, for the competition.

“The people in Brazil were great,” Lugo said. “They were happy we were there and they helped us with everything and anything we needed.”

It all started as a Senior Design project, a requirement for graduation that involved the designing, building and testing of a mechanical machine throughout two semesters.

The idea of entering the competition came about when one of their professors, Dr. Tremante, mentioned he had previously participated in the competition held in Venezuela.

In February the plan took off, and the seniors began working on the project in the Multidisciplinary Analysis, Inverse Design, Robust Optimization and Control Laboratory along with professor Dr. George S. Dulikravich, and graduate student Stephen Woxley.

The competition, located near Brazil’s military base and civil airport, consisted of lifting the most possible weight on a plane with dimensional restrictions and a fixed engine.

Each team had a round to test the plane and once tested, move on to the following rounds.

The winning team was the one whose plane that held the most weight under the dimensional restriction and fixed engine.

There were ninety teams in total, with the

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Parking and Transportation moving offices to PG5

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Students and faculty wanting to obtain parking decals, pay any citations or file appeals will no longer report to offices located in the Blue or Gold Garage.

As of Nov. 29, the Department of Parking and Transportation will relocate to its new home in PG5 Market Station, on the 109 avenue side of the parking garage.

The shutdown of the Gold garage office on Oct. 22 initiated the department’s transition to its new center of operations.

Meanwhile, the Blue garage office will continue operating until Nov. 23 in order to “market the fact that [they] are moving,” according to Bill Foster, executive director of the Department of Parking and Transportation.

“Our offices have been located in four different locations but now all parking and transportation will be under one roof,” Foster said.

Even though the new office will welcome students who would like to argue a point or speak to someone about a citation, Foster highly encourages the use of the online service.

“It’s a benefit for students to use [our] online services,” Foster said.

“We will be less convenient for people who walk in the door, but I think this will actually be more convenient because people will use the online services.”

As a result, it will save students the time they would spend waiting in long lines to fill out physical forms that can be quickly and easily done via the Internet.

“They want to have their details in their hands,” said Foster. “We are such a savvy institution with the online service — so let’s do it online.”

According to Foster, not only is the merging of all offices expected to facilitate students, but it will also reduce communication lapses within the department.

“It’s going to be more of internal changes for us. We will be able to have better meetings with everyone instead of having to bring them in from all over, but there won’t be any changes in procedures that have anything to do with students,” Foster said.

The centralization of the Department of Parking and Transportation in PG5 has not called for hiring more staff, according to Foster, who says the department will have higher online usage and be able to divert staff that is now sitting at a counter giving decals to managing online services.

For the next three weeks, the Department of Parking and Transportation hopes to minimize the confusion of the transfer by notifying students and faculty through advertisements and email messages.
Students ‘walk on water’ for 24th annual competition

Cristina Fernandez, a junior in the accelerated master’s program in architecture, was the first to cross the 175-foot lake behind the Green Library at FIU’s 24th annual Walk on Water. With a record time of 1:13, Fernandez won $500 for the second consecutive year in the competition for professor Jaime Canaves’ sophomore level Materials and Methods of Construction class. Students who crossed the finish line received an “A.”
Films series to help define University

respectively, the videos were introduced by the main department head featured within it; environment by Michael Heithaus, the director of the School of Environment, Arts and Society; medicine by Pedro Greer, the assistant dean of academic affairs for the College of Medicine; local community by Lesley Northup, dean of the Honors College and transportation by Javier Rodriguez, the executive director of the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority and an FIU alumnus. The University-wide branding campaign, Worlds Ahead, was prepared and researched during the course of 2009 and aims to expose FIU as an institution connected to the community through marketing initiatives. “This was a big step in getting the word out to the community about what FIU is doing,” said Christopher Neceur, multimedia specialist who took part in creating the video on transportation. “People respond to visuals. It’s a very convenient medium and I think it’s very transcending.” Through a $270,000 marketing research study that was funded by private funds from the FIU Foundation, the University’s brand was partially covered by the ticket expenses. According to Jimenez, their main reason for having attended the competition was to fulfill the senior design project requirement; therefore, they could not risk destroying the plane because they needed to bring it back to the University for display. “It was a bittersweet moment because we qualified for the second round but we had to leave with doubts as to how weight much the plane could actually hold,” explained Rojas. According to the team, the main difficulties were the fact that weather conditions were very windy, making it challenging for the airplane to hold the weight and take flight while staying within the inter-national institution, in an international and culturally diverse competition,” said Rojas.

Students attend competition as part of senior design requirement

average team consisting of ten members. FIU’s team consisted of three students only. “We were aware that the competition was going to be challenging, but we were determined in our goals,” explained Jimenez, who, along with Lugo and Rojas, built an RC airplane – a normal control airplane. After two nights with nothing but ten minutes of sleep each, the team launched its plane and it flew with 4.5 kilograms, qualifying among the top 55 teams. “We felt and feel proud of what we accomplished,” said Lugo. “We are proud of our school and our hard work.” After the successful flight while carrying 4.5 kilo-grams, the team could have gone further; however, they had another goal in mind. According to Jimenez, their main reason for having attended the competition was to fulfill the senior design project requirement; therefore, they could not risk destroying the plane because they needed to bring it back to the University for display. “It was a bittersweet moment because we qualified for the second round but we had to leave with doubts as to how much weight the plane could actually hold,” explained Rojas. According to the team, the main difficulties were the fact that weather conditions were very windy, making it challenging for the airplane to hold the weight and take flight while staying within the inter-national institution, in an international and culturally diverse competition,” said Rojas.
FOOTBALL: FIU 42, ULM 35

T.Y. dominates Warhawks in Homecoming thriller

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T.Y. Hilton has been telling his teammates the entire week that this was going to be his game. The preseason All-Sun Belt receiver spent extra time this week watching film, and according to Head Coach Mario Cristobal, it paid off.

“He certainly looked like the guy we all know,” said Cristobal. “He had that look in his eye today. He kept saying all week ‘I got you,’ to all of his teammates and to myself.”

Hilton proved his teammates right.

He had a career day with four touchdowns, leading the Golden Panthers (3-5, 3-1 Sun Belt Conference) to a 42-35 double overtime homecoming win over University of Louisiana-Monroe (4-5, 3-3 SBC).

With the win, the Golden Panthers are near the top of the Sun Belt Conference in second place, just behind Troy, who FIU will play on Nov. 14. Hilton scored a touchdown nearly in every fashion. He had two receiving, a rushing touchdown and a kickoff return for touchdowns. The junior wound up topping 291 all-purpose yards. Hilton has never scored four touchdowns in his career.

“T.Y. Hilton [center] celebrates with Brad Serini [right] and Greg Ellingson [left] after a touchdown against ULM. (KRISTI KAMARA/THE BEACON)

FOOTBALL
Golden Panthers control their own destiny in conference

One word continually popped up after what could be a season-changing double overtime win over the Warhawks: Destiny.

And the Golden Panthers are in control of their own. That is what they proved on a frigid Saturday evening that saw Mario Cristobal and his team battle for their lives.

“There was going to be a point in time where we were going to have to want a game that much more than our opponent,” Cristobal said. “And that was a tremendous team effort.”

When they needed someone to answer the call and rise up to the occasion, T.Y. Hilton emerged and had the game of his collegiate career, amassing 292 all-purpose yards and finding the end zone four times in three different ways.

One of the most explosive receivers in the Sun Belt Conference came into the week determined, focused and ready to break out for a big game. And he delivered in an enormous way.

Whether it was his 95-yard kickoff return in response to University of Louisiana-Monroe’s first score of the evening in the first quarter or his 25-yard touchdown run on a reverse to keep the Golden Panthers alive in overtime, Hilton showed why he may be the most versatile and valuable player to haunt opposing defenses and special teams units at FIU.

“The desire that we all had it just kind of came through tonight,” Hilton said. “We were all focused on what we had to do and we have to prepare even more for next week. We just have to go out there and execute.”

Linebacker Toronto Smith added: “It was like watching a beautiful movie; I wish we had popcorn on the sidelines. He told me all week ‘This is my game’ and I told him after the game he was right.”

Hilton wasn’t the only one making the big plays to help push the Golden Panthers over the top.

Smith emerged late in the game with a sack in overtime when the Warhawks were looking to send the game deeper into the night. Winston Fraser made a timely interception in the final seconds of regulation to keep ULM out of range for a potential game-winning field goal.

Darril Perry burst through in the second overtime period with the game-winning 17-yard touchdown run.

After a sobering loss against the Trojans, the de facto favorites in the confer- ence year in and year out, have shown signs of weakness over the past two weeks with a loss to Louisiana-Monroe also had a chance to win the game in regulation. ULM quarterback Kolton Browning had the ball at FIU’s 30-yard line before throwing an interception to linebacker Winston Fraser with two seconds remaining.

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Season ends as team can’t capitalize against Denver

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FIU (11-9-1, 7-4 Sun Belt Conference) fell short of their shot at getting a conference championship this year as they lost 1-0 against No. 1 seeded Denver (19-2, 11-0 SBC) in a semi-final match in Bowling Green, Kentucky on Nov. 4.

The game started out with some déjà vu in the very beginning of play.

Kim Lopez got injured and had to leave the game just three minutes into the match. In fact, Crystal McNamara got injured just two minutes into a game versus Denver less than a month ago. Lopez took a hard shot to the face, and was unable to return for the rest of the contest. She has provided the team with one goal and three assists coming into the night’s game, and was thought of as a pivotal part to the team in general.

“We would have loved to have had Kim for our whole game, but we have plenty of capable players on the bench that can come in to fill her spot,” Head Coach Thomas Chestnutt said. “I felt like they did. They came in and they worked hard, and they gave us a chance to win.”

Seven minutes in, FIU almost took the early lead as Mayara Bordin took an attempt at the goal that was saved by Lara Campbell of Denver. Campbell was forced to make one more save coming in the 16th minute off a shot from Chelsea Leiva.

As time was winding down, Denver went on to work on Melanie Raimo putting in three corners and two shots in a matter of three minutes time. The half ended 0-0, with FIU getting in two shots compared to Denver’s three.

“HSizePolicy: Did we created some decent opportunities in the first half,” said Chestnutt.

The second half brought a whole different direction than what the first half showed. The Panthers put on an offensive explosion as they put on ten shots, really making Campbell work hard to keep the game tied.

In the 53rd minute, that would all change as Nicholette DiGiacomo, who was the SBC co-freshman of the year along with Leiva, put a corner kick to Jessy Battelli who headed the ball in and gave the Pioneers a 1-0 lead with only seven minutes left.

Two minutes later, FIU came close to sending the game into overtime, which would have been their second overtime against Denver this year.

It was not meant to be though, as junior captain April Perry, whose late game heroics just one day ago sent FIU to this game, took a shot that went high.

FIU was one of the toughest competitors for Denver, who was ranked No. 24 in the nation coming into this game. They were able to take them to overtime the first time they played them on Oct. 17 in a 1-0 loss, and only allowed one shot on goal the whole game this time around. Leiva, the team’s real fire power on defense, came up with five shots on the night.

Looking onto next year, they will only be losing four players in total, and being brought back a slew of other players. The list includes Leiva, DiPerna and Miliucci. Also, they will have the arsenal between seniors Kassandra Sorzano and Kaley Durran playing as freshmen and a year that saw them go just 3-11-3 and not make the playoffs.

This was the first time since 2004 that they had made it to the second round of the conference tournament.

“Our younger players are all coming back with this experience, and our seniors have given a lot to the program, said Chestnutt. “They gave everything they had and played hard in their last game. That’s all you could ever really ask for. They can leave their career feeling good about what they have done.”

**Parker gets big stop after Perry picks up final score**

This time on their first offensive play, Hilton ran a reverse 25 yards to even the game up at 35.

The offense stayed on the field and tackled on another touchdown in overtime. Running back Darriet Perry dashed 17 yards to regain the lead. Perry finished the game with 115 yards rushing on 20 carries, averaging more than four yards per touch.

FIU’s defense rose to the occasion in the second stint of overtime. Smith led the way with three tackles for losses including a sacks and field score.

According to Smith, he wanted to sit out in the final drive due to a minor neck injury and fatigue.

“That last drive in overtime, I hurt my neck a little bit and... I tried to put my head for a substitution and thank goodness that the substitute didn’t come in because that next play I got that tackle for loss and then I got that sack,” said Smith.

Smith’s sack dropped the Warhawks nine yards back, pinning them down to eventually, a fourth and 12 situation where safety Ashlyn Parker stopped wide receiver Luther Ambrose four yards short to seal the win.

“After the game was over I and they stopped him short of first down, I just laid down. I was so tired,” Smith said.

According to Cristobal, his team needed to have this game.

“Once thing we talked about all week long is that there is going to be a point and time where we are going to have to want a game more than our opponent and we’re going to have to win the second half,” Cristobal said.

The win improves FIU to 3-3 all time in overtime games and gave the Golden Panthers its first win against the Warhawks in school history (2005’s victory was vacated due to NCAA infractions.)

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1. FIU Music Festival featured acts like DJ Skribble, DJ Irie, DJ Zog and Kaeno. The event took place Nov. 5 between the Blue and Gold garages.

2. D.L. Hughley performs at the annual Panther Prowl Comedy Show.

3. Lifehouse performs at Panthermonium.

4. Deyan Iyanov is crowned Homecoming King for the Biscayne Bay Campus.

5. Khristopher “Spike” Salado and Cecily Arias pose with University President Mark B. Rosenberg after being named Homecoming King and Queen for the Modesto Maidique Campus.

6. The color guard performs during halftime.

7. Members of Beta Phi Zeta perform at the Stepp Show Oct. 28 at the Julius Litman Theatre.

8. Wayne Times carries the ball against ULM. FIU won 42-35.
VOLLEYBALL: FIU 3, ULM 0

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There comes a time in the season when players need to get healthy, young players get playing time, and players just need rest. There is no better time than when facing one of the worst teams in the nation.

FIU (15-10, Sun Belt Conference 9-4) swept the Warhawks of the University of Louisiana-Monroe in three sets (25-19, 25-21, 25-14) to put themselves into a tie for third in the conference, which will help with seeding for the Sun Belt conference tournament. The win is also their fifth win in their last six matches.

Things did not go according to plan, as Sabrina Gonzalez did not play in the match. Gonzalez was informed that she now has a tear in her abdomen. She had been struggling with an abdominal strain for the past few weeks. Coach Danijela Tomic decided to rest her and give some playing time to some of the younger players.

Jessica Wilkie had her first start for the Panthers as defensive specialist. She was able to get three digs.

“It felt amazing,” Wilkie said. “I've working really hard and honestly, I didn’t think I'd have an opportunity this year so when this opportunity came up, I was like ‘I have one shot and I have to make the most of it.’ It was really fun. I got a chance to play with my seniors before they leave.”

The Panthers struggled in the first two sets, as ULM (0-22, 0-13 SBC) was able to stay in the sets with soft dink plays. It seemed as though the Panthers were not used to the soft style of play from the Warhawks. Despite that, the Panthers took the first two sets.

After the break, the Panthers came out in a non-traditional lineup that featured three defensive specialists in Chanel Araujo, Angelina Colon, and Wilkie. After a 7-5 advantage, it didn’t take long for the Panthers to go back to their original lineup. After the change, FIU went on a 12-4 run and never looked back as they finished the set 25-14.

“I'm happy with our overall performance,” Tomic said. “I thought the third set showed how well we can play.”

“We did well,” Wilkie said. “Coach told us not to underestimate this team and not to think that they’re just gonna let us take it. The first two sets were a bit rough, then we pulled away in the third set.”

“I’m happy that we won and I’m happy with the result of 3-0,” junior Andrea Lakovic said. “We didn’t come in mentally prepared. We have a goal. We’re preparing for the tournament and we want to show the other teams that we’re getting ready. We put the statement in the third set.”

“Jovana Bjelica posted 18 kills and Lakovic chipped in with 15 kills, as she had a career-high hitting average of .545. Bjelica recorded her second double-double of the season by also contributing 11 digs, while senior Natalia Valentin picked up her 13th double-double of the season with 42 assists and 11 digs.

Andrea Lakovic helped dominate the Warhawks with 15 kills and a career-high hitting average of .545.
Remodel of Fillmore could hurt SoBe music scene

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New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles. When comparing the music scene here in Miami to some of those places, the only word that seems to fit is “lacking.”

This isn’t, of course, speaking in terms of local bands but rather with regards to large venues and big-name performers. Most of us have grown used to trekking up to performers. Most of us have bands but rather with regards for something as minor as an hour drive? Recently though, the winds of change have blown through our city, and their testing place is in South Beach. The Fillmore Miami Beach at the Jackie Gleason Theater has become the recent home away from home for avid concert goers. In the past year alone the venue has hosted a number of sold out shows, including Arctic Monkeys, Vampire Weekend, MGMT and Phoenix. These well-known bands are a rarity in South Florida, so it was a shock that it happened.

This musical high, however, may be short lived. For years now, there have been rumors of closure, demolition or reno-

Live Nation, recently purchased by Ticketmaster, is the chief concert promoter and booker of the Fillmore. The company, which spent an estimated $3.5 million dollars renovating the facility, has reported major losses in the past year and expect the same for 2010 term.

In the numbers game, we’re talking $700,000. The current contract Live Nation has with the Fillmore extends until 2017 and, should a renewal be declined, the afore-

Residents of South Florida have expressed their disdain and outrage over these plans. Campaigns have been launched on social networking sites like Facebook to save the site and preserve the music scene in South Beach.

Others have voiced outrage for more sentimental, nostalgic reasons. The on-site Miami Beach Auditorium held the recording for “The Jackie Gleason Show” and has hosted graduations for years. Yet despite its 60 years worth of history, the Fillmore does not qualify as a historic venue to be preserved.

William Cary, head of historic preservation for Miami Beach, told the “Miami Herald” that “substantial modifications have been made to the building since its 1950 construction” that were “too significant to warrant historic protection.”

So, what does this all mean? For concert goers, it could result in having to travel the distance for shows once more. For the growing music scene, it could result in a major loss due the venue’s size and capabilities to book rising artists and bands that may not have stopped in South Florida in the past.

For residents of Miami Beach, there’s the loss of an iconic site and replace-

Parents, take responsibility

It has come to this. Early morning on Nov. 2, the United States Supreme Court took the case of Cali-

This isn’t, of course, shining windows and dancing on the beach, we’re talking about a potential billion dollar plan. Who has more to lose in this has yet to be determined.

FORUM
Panelists will discuss: Having Children During Grad School or Having Senior Year. Q&A will follow and a light refreshment will be provided.

WHERE: 6 - 7:15 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free for docents and members; $10 non-members
WHERE: First Art Museum

VIEGA THE ARTIST
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GROWTH OF KIDS VIDEO GAMES

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Capitalism, love it or hate it, is a core principle of our American society. Capitalism allows business owners to do almost anything to make a living. It is a common sight in our generation to see shoddy business practices, ranging from small businesses to large corporations and everything in between.

It seems the days of honest straightforward business transactions and customer satisfaction are fading. The term “buyer beware” is one with special relevance in a time when websites sell services they cannot supply, and cable and telephone corporations tack on hidden fees. Rather than delivering the customer what he or she is paying for, the customer is usually left in the dust. I once came across a website offering an expansion project. Though it is convenient to live on campus, doing so requires customers to pay for something that customers may have any commercial advantage. The University of Florida’s housing office is completely full and the University is planning an expansion project. Though it is convenient to live on campus, doing so requires customers to pay for something that customers may have any commercial advantage.

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We need to use the creativity and skill of hard-working Americans, instead of defunct machines, to put out quality products. Although machines are cheaper to use, the increase in jobs and product quality may warrant slightly higher prices. We must reach an agreement where a merchant’s word is worth as much as a buyer’s dollar.

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One could argue that the recession we are in right now is partly related to the sneaky business practices of banks and credit card companies. Practices such as giving loans and mortgag- es to clients knowing these cannot be repaid are detrimental to the function of our society.

Some businesses may see a slight decrease in profit while using more ethical practices, but he extra money they gained while being unethical was undeserved anyway.

Only when more businesses are non ethi- cally will the buyer-seller relationship be at its strongest and consumer confidence be at its highest.

Although it may not seem like it at times, the power resides within the purchaser. As soon as a customer feels cheated by a service or product provided, her business is likely to go to a competitor.

This is the free market at its finest. The quality of all products will raise if consumers refrain from paying companies that offer cheap products or poor customer service.

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Last fall semester, the housing office checked my dorm every month and made sure that everything was clean and tidy.

Before I moved out, the residence assistant checked my room very carefully with a checklist, to ensure I returned everything as I found it. It is disappointing that there was no questionnaire asking me whether I was living happily on campus or whether I was satisfied with the on-campus housing services.

The housing office should create a survey before implementing the expansion program. Student evaluations should be consid- ered in order to improve on-campus housing.

Dights do not always communicate everything and students’ opinions should be taken into consideration. After all, we are the ones living here.

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Onus on newly elected leaders to put education first

The outcome of the recent midterm elections saw Florida with two new representatives in Senator Marco Rubio and Governor Rick Scott. Whether you voted for them or not, they are in a position to make the lives of students and faculty better or worse. This is particularly true when it comes to higher education.

We now at a time where the University has seen several tuition hikes. The 8 percent tuition increase mandated by the legislature is largely due to a State University System that has seen over $500 million in state budget reductions since 2007-2008.

Programs are having their curriculum shortened or removed altogether.

“We are operating with a budget that is $60 million less in appropriations than what we were receiving in 2007 and 2008,” University President Mark B. Rosenberg said during a budget forum on June 2. “It is true that we’ve had some unfortunate losses.”

This leaves Rubio and Scott in a position to have a strong positive impact on higher education. Increasing the funding to Florida colleges and universities should be at the top of their agenda.

Scott’s educational plan, which he unveiled earlier in his campaign, states that he wants to increase funding for higher education, according to The Miami Herald. Rubio’s platform, however, does not give specific details on what his plans are for higher education, according to the website.

The Beacon believes they should focus this funding on two key areas, the first of which is student services.

Currently the University has over 42,000 students, which is an increase of over 4,000 from last year. A draft of its five-year strategic plan states the University will expect a 25 percent increase in tuition, which will force the University to rethink all aspects of its operations, including the way it serves students.

As of now, the ratio of students to advisors is around 800-to-1. The current plan, according a July 2010 report by The Beacon, is to reduce the ratio to 300-to-1.

Having access to an advisor that is better able to advise you on degree critical is in reducing the amount of wasted semesters spent taking unnecessary classes or missing out on scholarship opportunities.

Financial aid is an important and effective way to help the need for more faculty, as classrooms are already filled to capacity and student beg professors for overrides at the beginning of each semester has become a common sight.

The University will be looking to expand in the coming years and that requires support from Tallahassee and Washington, D.C. With registered students increasing annually, the University will soon grow bigger, and it’s going to be a good and a new building will not suffice.

This University needs to expand its borders, possibly putting some in the local community in order to accommodate more students.

In this case, higher education takes prece- dence over party affiliations and politics. By making colleges and universities a priority, the state and the nation can reap the benefits of a sharp, educated workforce ready to fill vacant jobs and, more impor- tantly, create new ones.
Biran spoke on his country’s ongoing effort in Haiti

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dently getting involved in rescue efforts due to bureaucratic messes.

Having set up the first field hospital in the aftermath of the 7.0 magnitude earth-
quake, Biran enlightened the audience on the work ethic of the Israeli rescue efforts.

“The way we work is that we do not leave until we have results, good or bad,” Biran said.

Biran presented a clip with both video and picture documentation of the doctors and rescue workers while either performing procedures at the field hospital, or working through debris in an effort to pull out the buried.

The lead rescue worker prepared the clip.

As rescue operations came to a close, the Israeli field hospital performed 370 lifesaving surgeries and 16 emergency baby deliveries.

However, the end of rescue operations does not signify an end to Israel’s mission in Haiti. Biran explained Israel’s ongoing effort in Haiti, and described Israel’s plan to commence construction of an Intensive Care Unit/Trauma Center in Petit Goave, located in the outskirts of Port-au-Prince, within the next two months.

Israel will fully stock and fund the medical unit with all necessary equipment, supplies, and initial medical staff which will be brought in from Israel.

The intent is to train a local medical staff and hand over the keys to the Haitian people within three months of its opening.

When asked of Israel’s plan to further the Haitian nation, Biran responded by saying Israel alone cannot make a huge difference, and thus why they are putting their efforts towards where it can have the biggest impact.

The international community needs to come together in their efforts for Haiti for vast improvement to be made, according to Biran.
University alumna will contribute to book fair

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Staff Writer

Although confirmed authors for the Miami Book Fair International include household names such as former president George Bush, tennis player Venus Williams, singer songwriter Patti Smith, and even a live broadcast of a Jay-Z telecast, some University affiliates can proudly dot their own names.

At least eight confirmed authors for the 27th annual event are either past or current professors, graduate students, or alumni of the University. During the fair’s final three days, chaotic traffic jams will be replaced with enthusiastic book lovers, authors, and vendors on closed streets in downtown Miami.

This year, Mexico’s literature and culture will be highlighted to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Mexico’s independence and the 100th anniversary of the Mexican revolution. Michele Jessica Feivre, 29, a graduate student of the University’s Creative Writing Program, spoke at the fair seven years ago with “jitters,” a trembling voice and unsteady legs.

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Another project of hers, a fantasy novel set in Haiti in 2004, was temporarily “put on the shelves” after the earthquake.

“I lost interest in the book,” Feivre said. “The pain I witnessed as a volunteer translator in Haiti was so raw that fantastic fiction felt totally out of place.”

She has since revisited the book with a new appreciation, and is simultaneously working on a nonfiction book which will be her thesis.

“I love the faculty members of the Creative Writing program,” Feivre said. She added that everything she learned about the rules of non-fiction, plot, attention to detail, and discipline, she learned through her University professors.

Feivre urges students to go to the fair because “it’s an inexpensive way to meet interesting people, learn valuable information, and meet famous authors.”

The Miami Book Fair International will take place Nov. 14-21, 2010 at Miami Dade College’s Wolfson Campus, 300 NE Second Ave.

Weekend author sessions require online free ticket reservations at www.miamibookfair.com.

Another author will be former University Professor Tom Lodge, 66, who got his doctorate in biology at the University of Miami before writing a book that would, to his surprise, become a course text at the University, “The Everglades Hand-book: Understanding the Ecosystem.”

“Some Protect the Ego by Working on Their Excuses Early,” a New York Times article published last year inspired this week’s roundtable, which the moderator hopes will provide a desire for students and faculty to analyze themselves.

“We think that all are one of those people. All of us have that innate response to protect ourselves from the hard truth,” said Maureen Walter, professor of biological sciences.

Walter has had the 2009 New York Times article by Benedict Carey on her website for her students since it was published. As a long-time subscriber to the Times, she was thrilled when the University began offering free university classes, paid for by student activity and services fees.

“If I give my students a lot of tools to lead them to success, this article is another tool that students can use to put themselves under a magnifying glass and have the opportunity to have a do-good talk. Students can pause and look at what they’re considering and take a step back and say, ‘This is realistic, and I can do this.”

In the article it says people do not consciously make up excuses, but create scenarios to offer protection in case they don’t succeed.

“You need to consider how much you’re putting on your plate, what your motivation is, what your goals are,” Walter said. “And this is just one way to prevent yourself from not achieving what you want to achieve with the degree of success you have.”

Walter believes those who succeed without a clear vision of why they’re succeeding will expect to succeed without knowing how to do the work that earned them the success in the first place.

She supported this with a quote from psychologist Steven Berglas used in the Times article: “With success, expecta-tions go up, and the behavior gets more extreme.”

Walter hopes this article and the discussion will inspire students to analyze some of the things they do and to avoid creating those scenarios in which there is a higher potential for failure.

“I truly believe every student can succeed, it just depends on if they’re willing to do the amount of work required and if they have the time,” Walter said. “Being unrealistic with how much you can handle with school, work and rela-tionships is already creating an excuse.”

TTR is held every week in Wolfe University Center, room 159, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

PSYCHIC WONDER

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Israeli Ambassador Danny Biran delivered an informa-tive and emotionally charged lecture on Israel’s ongoing mission to help Haiti.

The presentation titled, “Mission to Haiti: Israel’s Relief Efforts After the Earth-quake,” was at the Biscayne Bay Campus’s Mary Anne Wolfe Theater on Nov. 4.

University President Mark Rosenberg gave opening remarks describing the 1947 decisive vote of Emile Saint-Lot, United Nations ambas-sador to Haiti and member of the UN’s Security Council, on the UN’s recognition of an independent state of Israel, therefore, putting into perspec-tive the relationship between Haiti and Israel.

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He gave an eye-witness account of the steps that the Israeli delegation had to take in order to have the most effect-ive on-ground rescue and relief efforts possible, an argu-ment which eventually granted Israel access to Port-au-Prince. The clog up caused at Toussaint Louverture Interna-tional Airport due to the over-whelming response from the international community had to be cleverly circumvented.

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