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Wilson said to Student Media. “The Board of Trustees has the right to implement that policy without bargaining with us but the right to meaningful input into the decision,” Wilson said to Student Media.

Support for President Obama down amongst students

She feels this is the main reason why a large amount of students are not interested in politics. At the youth town hall, President Obama explained that throughout elections people emphasize differences.

She explains this is the main reason why she voted: “Because we need to stop smoking tobacco,” said one and that they’re offering ways for the first six to eight months, the preferred method for the first six to eight months, after which a period of “positive reinforcement” will follow. The committee would then address what kind of consequences are appropriate for University members who fail to abide by the regulation.

“I don’t think that the University or the trustees have thought about what this will mean to someone who is found smoking on University property,” said Verardi, who admitted she is not a smoker. “One of our big concerns is what does this mean to our employees. So if a faculty member or librarian is found smoking in their vehicle in the parking garage, will they be subject to discipline? Could they be fired? Could they have pay taken away?”

“Reasonably timed smoking breaks a concern for faculty”

“T he steering committee has recently created a separate committee that is to address the issue of sanctions. Social enforcement will be the preferred method for the first six to eight months, after which a period of “positive reinforcement” will follow. The committee would then address what kind of consequences are appropriate for University members who fail to abide by the regulation.”

Wilson has said that and they’re offering ways to stop smoking tobacco,” said Verardi. “But I think that we have to recognize that this is a campus where people are commuting here on very tight schedule and there are people who have chosen to smoke. There will be consequences for that and they have to know what those are.”
**FOOTBALL: FIU 52, TROY 35**

Panthers rank first in Sun Belt after trouncing Troy

IGOR MELLO  Staff Writer

For the first time in its young history, the Golden Panthers have sole possession of first place in the Sun Belt Conference.

The team went on to defeat the four-time defending conference champions on the road with one of their best offensive performances of all season.

FIU (4-5, 4-1 SBC) up-ended Troy (5-4, 4-2 SBC) 52-35 on their homecoming night. It was the first time in its history that the Golden Panthers have defeated the Trojans of Troy.

“Maybe they’ll stop picking us for homecoming [games] from now on,” said running back Darriet Perry.

It all began with a simple third down screen pass to Darian Mallory from Wesley Carroll. The sophomore running back did the rest, taking the screen pass 95 yards for a touchdown to give the Golden Panthers an early 7-0 lead. It was the longest catch in Mallory’s career.

After a 33-yard run by Troy’s Shawn Southward brings up, FIU started a second quarter output of historical proportions.

The Golden Panthers scored a record 31 points in the second quarter, the most points ever scored in a second quarter by a Golden Panther team. It was also the most points Troy has ever given up under their head coach Larry Blakeney.

“Troy had another memorable performance. The junior wide receiver took a play-action snap out of the wildcat formation 80 yards for a touchdown to ignite FIU’s offensive output in the second quarter. The 80-yard burst was Hilton longest of his career.

“They play some man [coverage]. If you give him some space, he’s very much like Jernigan,” said Cristobal.

FIU also tacked another 61-yard run on a reverse for a touchdown to ignite FIU’s offensive output in the second quarter. The 80-yard burst was Hilton longest of his career.

“It was completely uncalled for. Luckily there is film and we’ll be able to find the person who did that and we’ll return the favor,” Cristobal said jokingly.

Despite allowing 35 points, Cristobal’s defense forced Troy to four turnovers, which included two interceptions form Trojans’ quarterback Corey Robinson.

“The past has humbled me. It makes you appreciate things that you have now,” said red-shirt senior safety Ashlyn Parker. “When we get turnovers, it motivates the offense and it motivates the defense.”

Cristobal received a rewarding Gatorade shower during the last moments of the game. The head coach was not pleased.

“[We’re excited] but the moment this plane lands in Miami, the focus will be turned to ULL,” Cristobal said.

**DID NOT MAKE THE TRIP**

Running backs Jeremiah Harden and Khedrick Rhodes did not make the trip. Harden injured his toe and Rhodes has a lower body injury. Their status for next week is still day-to-day.

Jeremy Jermin and Larvez Mars did not travel to Alabama as well.

**VOLLEYBALL: FIU 3, SOUTH ALABAMA 0**

Seniors get final home win

RICO ALBARRACIN  Staff Writer

On a night where seniors Natalia Valentins and Iana Medved were being honored for their play at FIU, the Panthers gave them a performance to remember.

FIU swept the University of South Alabama on Nov. 13 in convincing fashion (25-12, 25-12, 25-20) to lock in the third seed for the Panthers in the Sun Belt Conference tournament.

“I think this is the best game yet,” junior Sabrina Gonzalez said. “Coach even said it. I feel that every aspect of the game, we were on point and everyone did their job.”

The team set a school record with a hitting percentage of .491, breaking their previous record of .486 which was set in 2006 against Troy.

The Panthers (19-10, 12-4 SBC) got to work early, with freshman Una Trikalj setting the pace for FIU to take an 18-9 lead. The Jaguars (11-20, 6-10 SBC) struggled defensively to match the intensity of the Panthers, who were attacking and clicking on all cylinders. South Alabama would not do much, as FIU cruised to a 25-12 set win.

The second set seemed like deja vu, as FIU once again jumped out to a 18-7 lead. The Panthers were led offensively in the set by sophomore Jovana Bjelica and Gonzalez with five blocks a piece.

The third set was more of a struggle for the Panthers, as the Jaguars rose up to FIU’s level of play. While holding the lead for the first time in the match, 12-11, the Jaguars once again struggled to play solid defense as the Panthers went on a 9-2 run to gain a 20-14 lead. Ultimately the set closed 25-16, allowing the team’s seniors to have the final point at home.

“I think we played all together. I think this the best game we’ve played all season,” Valentin said. “We all clicked and we never let down. We played as a team and I’m proud of my girls.”

For the full recap, check out fiusm.com
MEN’S BASKETBALL: FIU 89, FMU 73

Wright, Frederick lead FIU to season opening victory

JONATHAN RAMOS
Sports Director

DeJuan Wright and Eric Frederick have been waiting long enough. After transferring from junior college this summer, the two new Golden Panthers were finally on the court together for a regular season game.

And they made the most of it in a blowout win over Florida Memorial on Nov. 12, a final score of 89-73.

“Me and DeJuan, all summer, that was all we’ve been talking about,” Frederick said. “We were texting each other like ‘you ready?’ all summer. I think we are so used to each other now, that we all meeting up at FIU now and its easy for us to gel together on the court.”

Wright had 21 points and 14 rebounds as Frederick put together another double-double with 16 points and 10 boards.

Wright came off the bench for FIU, but led the team in minutes with 27.

The 6-foot-3 guard was hitting the glass all night, a big reason why FIU, who was the worst rebounding team in the Sun Belt Conference last season, edged FMU (0-1) in rebounds for the game by one.

“My will, you know,” Wright said. “[FIU Assistant Coach William Eddie] always taught me since sixth and seventh grade to rebound, rebound, rebound because I’ve always been kind of gifted athletically so I really pride myself on rebounding the ball.”

Wright also got loose for an alley-oop dunk in the game, a display of athletic ability the team did not have in abundance a year ago.

“I’m reckless, really,” Wright said. “I tell Phil [Gary], Jeremy [Allen] and our guards that I like to get out on the wings, and whenever I’m on the wing I look for it because I know I’m able to get up there and throw it down. When I see that opportunity, I lick my lips.”

Wright and the rest of the team employed a disruptive defensive disposition from the beginning of the game.

The Golden Panthers (1-0) held FMU to 42 percent shooting and forced 18 turnovers on the game. FIU had 10 steals on the game, led by Wright’s four.

“It was a good win for us,” Head Coach Isiah Thomas said. “Anytime you open up and get a win, you are happy with it. I thought we had some good moments in the game and we had some not so good moments in the game. The last five minutes, we didn’t play as well as I wanted us to play, but we had a unit out there that hadn’t practiced much together. We were kind of small out there, but still there were some things that we needed to execute that we didn’t quite execute.”

The Golden Panthers were never in any real trouble, however, as they carried a 43-27 lead into halftime and saw their advantage balloon to as high as 31 points in the second half when they took a 62-31 lead with 13:49 left.

If there was anything FIU struggled with during the game, it was free throw shooting, where the team was only 59 percent. However, FMU posted an even worse clip from the stripe, meaning FIU was never in serious danger of losing the game.

In addition, the Golden Panthers were 8-for-18 from 3-point territory.

Marvin Roberts finished third on the team in scoring with 14 points as Phil Gary added 12 for FIU.

Florida Memorial was led by guard Antwan Baggs, who dropped 14 points in defeat. Last season’s leading scorer, George Gray, was kept in check all night and limited to three points om 0-of-5 shooting.
Cold front launches search for the perfect pair of boots

Thanks to our two-day cold front last week, all I had on my mind were boots, pumpkin pies and Christmas carols.

Being the compulsive shopper that I am, I went on a hunt for the perfect boot to get in the fall/winter mindset.

My mission was to find a boot I could wear in our ever-changing Miami winter climate.

I’ve always wanted a pair of beautiful, cognac-colored riding boots, but I’ve never had the guts to spend my money on them, and I haven’t been very successful convincing my mom to get them for me either.

They were at the top of my shopping list and, as usual, I couldn’t find anything that looked good and was in my budget. I was giving my cheap self some wiggle room and thinking of it as a birthday present to myself. My price limit was $200 and I still couldn’t find anything I thought was worth the money.

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As for other boot styles, I’m a fan of the riding boots, but I’ve never had the guts to spend my money on them, and I haven’t been very successful convincing my mom to get them for me either.

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When Microsoft displayed their motion device, Kinect, at this year’s Electronic Entertainment Expo in Los Angeles the collective eyebrows of gamers and reporters were raised. That is especially true as a little girl played a virtual tiger cub named Skittles in a demo of “Kinectimals”.

Perhaps the skepticism and doubt were too premature because Kinect is a genuinely entertaining device and welcome evolution of motion controls made mainstream by a dork playing Kinect. The arm flailing, jumping around cause those around you to snicker, so self-conscious machine in how it works. It people beware. The system prompts players with an estimation on how many calories a person is burning just by playing.

That said, the game was still rather fun and really gets the body moving. One of the game modes even keeps track of how many calories a person is burning just by playing.

Another game mode spikes up the difficulty by mixing four songs together and changing up moves you perform without warning. If anything, this one will work pretty well at parties because of how entertaining it is and how people watching will no doubt enjoy the show players are putting on.

Last and certainly least is Sega’s latest flooding of their Sonic brand, “Sonic Free Riders.” Sonic and friends have once again hopped on airboards in a race to see who’s best. This title feels sloppy as I had to constantly recalibrate the camera to help the game pick up when I was trying to turn or dive, done by leaning forward or backward. Admittedly, I didn’t give this too much play because dealing with the camera adjustments got too frustrating. Hopefully, Sega can patch the game to correct the problem.

Overall, Kinect is a neat device if you’re willing to drop the $150 price of entry. The system has potential if developers can embrace the technology. While you look like a fool playing the device, you’ll likely not care after a while because you’re having too much fun.

SCORE: 8/10

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China made a scapegoat, distraction

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Staff Writer

With politics being as polarized as they are, it is always nice to see a rare bit of bipartisanship in Congress. It’s just a shame that what united the two parties was an ill-conceived and ultimately unhelpful attack on China.

There is no doubt that, lately, China is a byword for American decline and economic insecurity. From our politicians to public interest groups, the consensus among policy makers seems to be that China is either a direct cause for our economic decline or a rapidly rising competitor whose gain is automatically our decline and economic insecurity.

This sentiment, however, like the tariffs and China bashing that it predicates, is dangerously distracting and unhelpful.

To be sure, China isn’t innocent. Its government does, indeed, keep the cost of its currency artificially low in order to keep its vital exports cheap and the country globally competitive. From a self-interested, strategic perspective, this tactic makes sense, whatever harm it does to others.

Certainly, such cheap exports do cause some damage to domestic production – up to a point. There is no denying that manufacturing has declined precipitously in this country and it is certainly true that most of what we once made is now being built in China.

But Chinese dominance in manufacturing is a by-product of our decline, not cause of it. After all, manufacturing has been weak for decades, long before China’s rise began in the 1980s; they only angle the one to the other.

To force the Chinese to make their goods more expensive, or slapped on tariffs so that effect, won’t suddenly revitalize our economy. At best, it will just shift the problem somewhere else. Vietnam, Bangladesh, the Philippines and a slew of other nations all have plenty of cheap labor and even cheaper currency.

We would also take a lesson from history. Back when Japan was in China’s place and U.S. manufacturing was just beginning to decline, we pressured them to raise their currency too. Obviously, it didn’t work.

Like it or not, globalization is a reality that we must adapt to, not resist. We should focus less on foreign scapegoats and more on supporting policies that will strengthen industry at home.

Student parking unable to meet demand

University President Mark B. Rosenberg’s 2,000 student per year growth plan was superseded with 4,000 more students enrolling this fall. While this unprecedented growth has made the already difficult student parking situation nearly impossible.

The current parking space to student ratio is declining from 1,767,670 square feet and 9,964 available student parking spaces, the ratio figures there are about 2.500 parking spaces for every 7,000 registered student drivers. Once the amount of unregistered student drivers are factored in, one can see how the ratio becomes even more discouraging. It has got to the point that students are willing to risk getting a ticket in order to find a parking space.

“That’s happened a lot of times, where I have to go for my parking. I’ve actually gotten a ($25) ticket for parking in the wrong spot. It has taken me half an hour to look for parking,” said Jean-Marx Legros, senior, accounting.

Students are left with little recourse other than to hover around like a buzzard or risk parking off campus where they are subject to being towed.

Failing to do so leaves The Beacon with the notion that the University is either oblivious to this problem or doesn’t care. After all, they have a plethora of administrative parking spaces.

With 442 administrative parking spaces and 478 registered students, it would seem that the administration parking spaces would be full. However, when The Beacon investigated, a great number of these spots were routinely empty throughout the day.

Evidently, the $945.99 price tag hasn’t reduced demand below supply, so what accounts for their constant non-use?

“Just don’t understand how fair it is to have students lined up in their cars waiting for others to leave, while there are empty administration spots just one floor below. They need to figure something out there,” said Veronica Salazar, senior, advertising.

The construction of Parking Garage 5 provided some space for this growth, but for only 1,500 student parking spaces. Even if the University continued to build parking garages of comparable size at the rate of one a year, it would not accommodate the growing student population, especially if the projected annual 2,000 student growth is routinely surpassed as it was this semester.

Although the University’s Green Ride program or public transportation may appear to be viable alternatives, the effects of these programs are limited. Regarding the Green Ride program, it is a difficult task to find students that share a similar schedule and live in the same area to make this an effective option for most. In fact, the spaces dedicated to the Green Ride program are also regularly empty, along with the spaces dedicated to the car wash services.

Furthermore, the public transportation system in Miami is perceived for its inefficiency, as getting to the University using this system could take several hours on the city bus schedule—if the bus decides to show up at all.

In reality, The University is a commuter school, ergo the University should have addressed the student parking demand many semesters ago. Instead, they are suffering the consequences of their complacency.

With the Green Ride and the car wash programs being untouched, the University must reevaluate the need for these spaces and convert them into spaces for students.

Although the University inevitably expands, they must take into consideration the consequences of this growth and plan accordingly so that problems such as these don’t occur to such a degree in the future.

Brian Fendrich: keep fingers out of Happy Meal

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“The happiest part of my Happy Meal is my toy. I look forward to my delicious burger and other fast-food restaurants with toys to comply with new nutritional standards.

Under the law, McDonald’s and other fast-food restaurants will have until Dec. 2011 to improve their meals’ nutrition and fall under a calorie limit. If they do not comply with the new nutritional standards, they will not be permitted to offer toys with their meals.

Deprying children’s health because of nutritional factors is unfair. What one eats is a personal decision. The toys McDonald’s and other fast-food restaurants give their food customers are part of the experience. Without the toy, the experience is ruined.

This is outrageous. If I want a delicious happy meal and a toy to play with after, the government shouldn’t be able to stop me.

McDonald’s should not have to change its menu to please the government. Customers are pleased and that is all that truly matters. I am not in agreement with this opinion.

According to Danya Proud, McDonald’s spokeswoman, “to what our customers want, nor is it something they asked for. Parents tell us it’s their right and responsibility, not the government’s, to choose what’s right for their children.”

What children eat should be their parents’ decision and not the government’s. This ban on fast-food restaurants’ toys is a mockery of parenting in the United States.

The reasoning behind this ban can be admirable but doesn’t make it acceptable. It’s not a secret that the child obesity rate in this nation is outrageous high.

According to the Center for Disease Control, “Childhood obesity has more than doubled in the past 30 years. The prevalence of obesity among children aged 6 to 11 years increased from 5.5 percent to 16 percent in 2008 to 196 percent in 2008. The prevalence of obesity among adolescents aged 12 to 19 years increased from 5 percent to 18.1 percent.”

I agree that something needs to be done to stop this increasing rate. However, I disagree with this approach to child obesity. Our approach to this is too strong of an approach.

To lower the rate of childhood obesity, parents and children should be educated about proper nutrition and the risks associated with this disease. Solely depriving children of their toy is not going to contribute to the reduction of child obesity rates and is only going to make customers upset and bitter. Parents should decide what their children eat, not the government.

NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION

Cheesburger Happy Meal with small fries and soda

- Calories: 640
- Fat; (g): 42
- Percent daily intake based on a 2000 calorie diet: 32

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**BRAZIL**

Literacy of clown elected to Congress tested

The São Paulo Electoral Court held a closed-door exam for the clown-turned-congressman-elect on Nov. 11 to determine if he meets a constitutional mandate that federal lawmakers be literate.

**HAITI**

Some US rebuilding money finally sent

The first portion of U.S. reconstruction money for Haiti is on its way more than seven months after it was promised to help the country rebuild from the Jan. 12 earthquake.

**NICARAGUA**

VP: No border zone troop withdrawal

Nicaragua’s vice president said on Nov. 10 he is not planning to comply with a diplomatic deadline to withdraw troops from a border zone with Costa Rica, as tensions flared over a two-century-old territorial dispute.

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**SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENT ARTS AND SOCIETY**

**Wet lab in Marine Science building being expanded**

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The School of Environment, Arts and Society at the Biscayne Bay Campus has ventured into a project to increase student hands-on research specifically for marine science majors. The project will mark the completion of the original objective and vision of the Marine Sciences building.

Within the Marine Sciences Building there has always been an aquarium room, referred to as a “wet lab,” used primarily by students to study coral reefs. However, this year the school has budgeted funds to adequately complete the upgrade of the facilities within that building.

According to Joel Trexler, professor of biological sciences, the aquarium rooms have always existed at BBC and the Modesto Maidique Campus. However, with the move from MMC to BBC for several biological science professors this year, it has been proven that there’s a need for this expansion.

The “wet labs” consist of a system of complex aquariums geared to provide students with a sophisticated level of training to assist them with their on-campus learning objectives.

“We have always had wet labs at BBC. But now we are excited to be expanding the labs, meeting students needs, that will be able to adequately control water temperatures,” Trexler said.

The labs will hold different types of fish and invertebrate based on the temperature required for their survival within an ecosystem. The labs will also have their own built-in condensers and refrigeration units.

At this time, the expansion is currently within the construction phase and the project is expected to be completed by the beginning of the spring semester.

The second aquarium area, outside the Marine Sciences Building and closer to the loading docks, consist of three rows of smaller aquariums. These new "wet labs" will be primarily used to house fresh-water fish and other invertebrate.

“The outdoor labs will be an additional resource for students studying marine sciences,” Trexler said. “Our new project, primarily for graduate students, includes studying large-mouth bass fish and the effects of their prey.”

A student proposed another experiment which includes looking at the genetic difference of non-Florida native fish and studying the effects of their diet quality.

“By working on this project, students will be able to learn more about growth and development and determine if there’s a difference in the genetic make-up between native versus introduced fish,” Trexler said.

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**Nativism, its effects on US policies will be discussed**

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Nativism is a policy of favoring native inhabitants as opposed to immigrants, and it is quickly spreading through American politics.

This way of thinking, according to The New York Times article chosen for this week’s TTR, goes against what the authors of the Federalist Papers thought. They sought the law of nations as a high priority to view the opinions and laws of other countries.

Charles Macdonald, professor of international relations, will be moderating this week’s roundtable titled “Does World Opinion or The Law of Nations Matter to Americans?”

Macdonald chose “A Respect for World Opinion,” a New York Times editorial that explores how nativism is spreading throughout the United States, around which to base the discussion.

“In the op-ed piece, it indicated the Declaration of Independence itself was an appeal to the ‘opinions of mankind,’” Macdonald said. “I think that this is important because with the current xenophobic attitude of some of the politicians we should become more sensitive to other states and opinions to the world around us.”

Harvard Law School, where Elena Kagan was dean, required every first-year student to take international law. Republican Sen. Jon Kyl in The New York Times article said, “I’m troubled by it because it suggests that you could turn to foreign law to get good ideas.”

The U.S. can help shape it’s image if it takes interest in other countries because this will impact how others see the U.S. ideals and legal system, according to the Times article.

In the past decisions have been made based on how other countries view certain issues, according to the article.

In 2002, the U.S. Supreme Court prohibited the execution of those mentally retarded, due to the fact that it is looked down upon around the world.

“Students who plan on traveling overseas need to be aware of this problem. How Americans are seen is very significant in how Americans are treated,” Macdonald said.

The TTR on “Does World Opinion or The Law of Nations Matter to Americans?” will take place on Nov. 16 at 12:30 p.m. in room 159 of the Wolfe University Center.

All students, faculty, and staff are welcome to join and a free lunch is provided.