**Zogby speaks on Middle East**

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Dr. James Zogby, president of the Arab American Institute and member of the Council on Foreign Relations, has made a career out of informing Americans about one of the world’s most strategically important – and, he says, most misunderstood – regions:

of the region has had on U.S. government policy.

Zogby’s speech was titled after his recent book, “Arab Voices: What They are Saying to Us and Why It Matters,” and was followed by a book signing.

Early in his lecture, Dr. Zogby spoke of the question that was printed

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**Radiate FM nominated for mtvU Woodie award**

**GABRIEL ARRABÁS**

News Director

WRGP Radiate FM, the University’s student-run radio station, is currently among the top 50 nominees to receive an mtvU Woodie award for “Best College Radio Station.”

After initially asking their fans to vote once to nominate their favorite college radio station, mtvU cut down the list of nominees to 50. The competition is to experience another round of cuts, as mtvU will trim the list to the top 25 college radio stations by Feb. 8.

Those who wish to support their favorite college radio station can do so by visiting www.radiowoodie.tateprofessors.com. Once there, supporters can vote as many times as they would like.

After finding out through one of his DJs that Radiate FM had been nominated, Ryan Morejon, promotions director for Radiate FM, told Student Media that they began campaigning on campus to promote the nomination through tabling in front of the Green Library and other events.

“We are amazed,” said Morejon. “It goes to show that our program is one of the biggest names in indie rock and hip-hop for the last seven years, the Woodies are the definitive award show for college students and the music they care about.”

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**POLAR POLITICS**

Dr. Dario Moreno lectured students on Jan. 30 in DM at an Honors College Colloquium. Dr. Moreno specializes in Cuban-American politics and is also experienced in local politics. Moreno lectured about the “Polarization of US Politics.”
Scott wants public employees to contribute to pensions

Gov. Rick Scott released his plan Tuesday to cut costs in the state’s pension fund by requiring all public employees — including teachers, police officers, current state workers and other government employees — to contribute 5 percent of their salary. The employee contribution would apply to more than 650,000 government workers, ranging from firefighters and judges to clerks and cafeteria workers, who are covered by the Florida Retirement System.

Obama says Egypt's transition 'must begin now'

President Barack Obama warned Tuesday of “difficult days ahead” for Egypt and said the transition following President Hosni Mubarak’s earlier announcement that he won’t run for re-election in September must begin immediately.

In a brief statement to reporters at the White House, Obama pledged continuing U.S. support for both a longtime ally and the aspirations of protesters Egyptians, whose eight days of growing demonstrations led to Mubarak’s dramatic announcement on state television.

“We’ve borne witness to the beginning of a new chapter in the history of a great country and a long-time partner of the United States.”

Pathways To Prosperity: Students Need More Career Paths

The current U.S. education system is failing to prepare millions of young adults for successful careers by providing a one-size-fits-all approach, a Harvard University study published Wednesday concludes.

The two-year study by the Pathways to Prosperity Project at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education notes that while much emphasis is placed in high school on going on to a four-year college, only 30 percent of young people today place an emphasis is placed in high school on going on to a four-year college. Only 30 percent of young people today go on to a four-year college, but only 30 percent of young people go on to a four-year college.

In a press release sent out on Feb. 1, Student Government Council at Modesto Maidique Campus Senate Speaker and College of Engineering and Computing Senator William-Jose Velez announced his resignation.

“We have had to make a difficult decision to step down from my positions in order to be able to focus on my academic and professional careers,” Velez wrote.

Due to SGC-MMC Senate statutes regarding line of succession in the special case of the Senate Speaker’s resignation or removal, the Speaker Pro Tempore, in this case Hector Mujica, will become Senate Speaker.

Velez went on to say that he is confident that Mujica will do “an extraordinary job as Speaker and [that] the Senate will continue its work on the many reformation we began this year.”

With Mujica moving to Senate Speaker, the position of Speaker Pro Tempore will be up for grabs. While there is a line of succession for cases in which the Senate Speaker is removed or dismissed, there is no explicit statement in the statutes regarding the process for replacing the Speaker Pro Tempore by succession. However, if it were to be by succession, next in line would be the Finance Committee Chair, which is currently held by Cristina Loreto.

Student Media spoke with now Senate Speaker Hector Mujica, who has been consulting with both Campus Life Advisers and the SGA and Senate staff to confirm the correct process for replacing the Speaker Pro Tempore position.

“As of now we are planning on asking Senator Loreto to step up and be confirmed by the Senate on Monday as Pro Temp to avoid any legal issues,” Mujica told Student Media. “She should fail to pass the Senate, we may need to have open elections within the Senate for the position.”

Zogby: Arab culture skewed in Media

In headlines across America in the days following the attacks of September 11, 2001. The question, “Why do they hate us?” and its become a partisan slogan.

Zogby felt the Arab world and people had been represented in the American media for decades through crude stereotypes. Following the attacks, the Arab world had been personified in the minds of Americans in the faces of 19 hijackers.

But the question, and the American perception of a widespread Arab hatred of America and American values which underlie it, is in fact based on a fallacy - polling across the Arab world, Zogby said, indicated that “65%, across the board, like American values.”

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“We’re in a deeper hole, knowledge-wise, than we were back then,” said Zogby, and it’s become a partisan hole; a deep, partisan divide has come to characterize this lack of awareness...”

Zogby cited statistics that “73% of Democrats polled desired greater information about the Arab world, while 82% of Republicans were interested in learning more. Zogby spoke about his perception that this kind of American ignorance – in some cases, what he referred to as “willful ignorance,” of the Arab world has contributed to policy debates in the Middle East and led to actions on the part of the U.S. government that have eroded American credibility in the region.

Zogby points out that the neoconservative movement suffered from “a mindset that all these natives understand is force.” In Iraq, he said “...their wrongness cost us four thousand lives.”
Playmakers headline arrivals

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After landing eleven out of 25 offensive recruits on National Signing Day, Mario Cristobal focused on finding athletes who can be a threat in multiple facets of the offense and possibly on defense.

“We recruit like men possessed. It’s our lifestyle. We have some real nice plays run up on paper, but you have to have the players to make those things happen,” Cristobal said. “We want to take another significant jump this year. These were the body types and final pieces that we need to make this offense explode.”

For nearly a year Cristobal sought out for a home-run hitter in this class, in anticipation of one day, having to deal with life without FIU’s most explosive player – T.Y. Hilton. “We don’t want to talk about life without T.Y. [Hilton],” Cristobal joked. “The home-run hitter mentality, in terms of our approach to recruiting this year was a major point of emphasis.”

Ten out of eleven of Cristobal’s recruits on offense came from high schools in the state; four of them were a wide receiver. “You can’t deny the fact that every time he touches the ball, he is dangerous. I see him doing a lot of the stuff that T.Y. Hilton did,” Cristobal said. “We always thought that he was the cream of the crop in Broward County and in the state. There’s a big package in him. Tindal played running back, but he is here,” said Cristobal, when speaking about Orlando.”

Mario Cristobal announces his 25 recruits during his National Signing Day press conference.

Recruiting class focuses on defense

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We found a way to use the conference championship to and bowl win to catapult us into a new era.

Mario Cristobal
FIU Head Coach

Since the departure of defensive coordinator Jeff Collins, now the co-defensive coordinator at Mississippi State, there have been rumors swirling about Todd Orlando taking the job. When asked about how close the possibility of having Orlando take the job, Cristobal did make one thing clear.

“He is here,” said Cristobal, when speaking about Orlando.

Orlando was previously the defensive coordinator at the University of Connecticut, where he ran a defense that ranked 35th in points allowed (22.0) in 2010, as the Huskies went on to win the Big East championship.

Cristobal was very excited with the prospects who committed to the university, especially being able to add talent to a defense that he growing buzz of excitement in the FIU Stadium Club as Mario Cristobal spoke to fans gathered to celebrate the latest batch of collegiate hopefuls, along with the aroma of fresh pizza lingering throughout the room, effectively capturing the state of the Golden Panther program for at least one night. A Little Caesars Pizza Bowl victory along with the newest additions to the football roster have provided the first tangible sense of hope for the future, a tangible taste of what could be for this program nestled on Tamiami Trail.

And the general feeling is that this coaching staff has only begun to scratch the surface.

It’s easy to see the excitement Mario Cristobal has for the latest batch of recruits that will soon be making their way down to Tamiami Trail. And that enthusiasm seems to be contagious as fans left the FIU Stadium Club buzzing about the next generation of FIU football and what they could accomplish on Saturdays wearing the blue and gold.

Once again, Cristobal and his staff of coaches went after highly-regarded recruits that were being targeted by some of the more established programs in the country. They lost some, but they also won some key battles and picked up players that will help the Golden Panthers prove that they are more than a one-hit wonder.

FILLING THE GAPS

More importantly, the recruits that signed on the dotted line on Feb. 2 will be filling in gaps that were recently created when last season came to an explosive finish.

In the midst of the excitement, All-Sun Belt defensive back Anthony Gaitor had played his last down.

Toronto Smith would no longer be a tackle garnishing machine at linebacker. The defensive line would also lose some of what could be for this program nestled on Tamiami Trail.

The class more than adequately tackled those potential pitfalls with some key acquisitions in this year’s strategically-constructed class.

In particular, the Golden Panthers were able to stack up talent in the defensive backfield with the re-acquisition of Richard Leonard, who signed with FIU in 2010 but needed another semester to qualify for play at the collegiate level, along with the additions of Jordan Hunt, Corey Tindal, and a
Miami filled with great places to watch the Big Game

JOEY CRUZ
Staff Writer

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The New York Times reported that Apple rejected the Sony e-Reader app’s entry into the App Store on the basis that it circumvents the iTunes in-app store purchasing API’s. What that means in English is that Apple is not getting a 30 percent cut on eBook sales.

“We have not changed our developer terms or guidelines,” Trudy Muller, an Apple spokeswoman told the New York Times. “We are now requiring that if an app offers customers the ability to purchase books outside of the app, that the same option is also available to customers from within the app with in-app purchase.”

It seems odd that Apple would allow eBook ecosystems like the Kindle and Barnes and Noble’s Nook to set up shop on iOS devices to, all of the sudden pulls the rug out from under them.

I understand what these guys are trying to do and frankly, I admire the idea a bit. Amazon doesn’t really want you to buy a Kindle, but they do want you to buy eBooks.

The fact that Amazon’s Kindle reader is available on almost every type of mobile device and operating system is impressive. The company is striving for ubiquity in terms of their reach and distribution and it’s ubiquity wins consumers.

“If this were implemented today, it would be a disaster—there’s not even room in Apple’s system for all the books in Amazon’s catalog. And while a 30 percent cut on all sales in the App Store seems reasonable, that same 30 percent cut for content that’s neither tracked nor served by Apple seems high. It would be impossible for Amazon or Barnes and Noble to maintain existing book prices while also cutting Apple in for 30 percent,” Macworld’s Jason Snell said.

The fact of the matter is, when this happened Amazon would be more likely to leave the AppStore rather than raise prices to comply with Apple’s demands, a move that would hurt Apple more than Amazon.

The fact that iOS devices offer access to all these types of eBook readers is a selling point. One of the reasons I love my iPad is because I can read Kindle books on it.

The Kindle ecosystem is very reliable and popular, especially in the United States where Amazon recently announced that it was selling more Kindle books than physical books, according to The Guardian.

Amazon’s presence on iOS, as significant as it may be, is not a deal breaker for the company’s service. Apple is just pushing users and companies that add value to its product away just to bolster their failing competitor.

Apple is giving consumers another reason to buy the Kindle, which at $139 for the Wi-Fi only version, teeters dangerously close to the “impulse buy” price target.

Hell, it’s so cheap I might even buy one right now.

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**COLUMNIST**

Let's stray away from Miami's local beats and bring it home for at least one series of Impromptu. Fellow University students, Taylor Vega and Sam Savage will perform with their band Ever So Klever, Friday, Feb. 4 at the Van Dyke Cafe on Lincoln Road.

Taylor Vega, Ever So Klever's saxist, has been a friend of mine for quite some years now. I can remember the high school practice room. There and the late night jam sessions. Now majoring in Jazz Performance at the University alongside Savage, the band's trombonist, the high school jazz soul that was creeping inside of him comes to life. Named after a racehorse that never won a race, Ever So Klever combines 1930s big band sounds with ska, creating a genre of music they like to call “Power Swing.” Big Band is style of music that became popular during the swing era, focusing on big brass sounds from horns like trumpets and saxophones.

Ska on the other hand, emerged from a 1950s Jamaica as a precursor to reggae. Notable artists like Sublime and No Doubt really brought this calypso music to the limelight and so does Ever So Klever. The band uses all aspects of instruments within their sound from guitars to keyboards and drums to bass, layered with two smooth female vocals. Sometimes I feel I repeat myself, documenting bands that are at least five instruments in their ensemble, but who doesn’t love a full sound blasting through their headphones?

**AFRICAN BAMBAATAAA**

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, 65 percent of American adults are either obese or overweight today. Health care costs associated with obesity are approximately $100 billion per year. Over the years, portion sizes have distorted to sizes unbearable, such that the car’s cup holders have increased their sizes to accommodate the ever-increasing soda drink sizes.

It's time we think what we are doing and what are we eating.

Adults who go to school spend about five to six hours on an average there, which means cafeteria food is the major way for most freshmen and 71 cities to declare a state of emergency.

**COLUMNIST**

Healthy Tips

Eating on the go is often the way of life for students where they are always in a rush because of their studies. It is critical to know what you are eating and make a choice.

But at the end of the day, it is a student's choice whether he or she wants to adopt healthy eating habits or not. Fast foods are cheaper, tasty and convenient, and a lack of planning and time on the part of the students makes them an easy prey to restaurant foods and cafeterias.

The biggest challenge is the food industry's advertisements, as they overwhelm the public health messages. Here's an example: in 2004 food, beverage, candy, and restaurant advertising expenditures weighed in at $11.26 billion versus $9.55 million to promote healthy eating.

So powerful is the bombardment of the fast food advertisements that the healthy messages fail to make an impact on the minds of children and young adults.

Eating on the go is often the way of life for students where they are always in a rush because of their hectic life. With the scheduling of meal times and some healthful tips from this article, eating healthy can become an ingrained part of life as is studied. During my internship at the Biscayne Bay Campus, I researched and evaluated the foods and beverages available at the campus. You can find lot of healthy foods for under $5. Eat the way you know you should. Use these guides to help you overcome the barriers of time, location and healthy eating knowledge. This week’s tips are ways to eat healthy at Moe's Southwest Grill.

- **Burritos**: Joey Junior
- **Salsas**: Personal Trainer
- **Kids Menu**: Moo moo mr. Cow, Power Wagon
- **Tacos**: Overachiever, Unanimous decision, Funk Mexter
- **Healthy Tips**
  - Go for the kids menu.
  - Go easy on ‘Dress it up’ sides like cheese, sour cream and quesadilla.
  - Opt for chicken or veggie choices rather than red meats.
  - Go for beans, tofu or chicken to add protein.
  - Ask for a whole grain tortilla.
  - Ask for beans or rice for sides rather than chips.
  - Choose whole grain tortilla, ‘streaker’, soft taco rather than crispy corn tostado.
  - Add flavor with Pico de Gallo.

**EVER SO KLEVER**

- Time: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
- Where: Van Dyke Cafe
- 846 Lincoln Road