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**PEN AND INK**

Senior Scott Hinz, a BFA in performance major, writes a letter to a loved one at Scrivener’s Sentinel Station at Austen Manor. The event, which was hosted by the English and Theater departments, was a tribute to the 19th century author Jane Austen.

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Staff Writer

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“There are people who have to feed their families, cloth themselves and they are trying to not lose their homes to foreclosures,” said Rep. Geraldine Thompson, an Orlando Democrat who authored an amendment aimed at getting more federal grant money.

But Republicans hold an 81-39 advantage in the Florida House and used that muscle Wednesday to reject a handful of amendments aimed at softening the blow to those jobless workers who depend solely on their unemployment checks to pay bills.

“The intent of this bill is to reduce taxes on businesses to help our businesses recover,” said Rep. Doug Holder, a Sarasota Republican and real estate broker who sponsored the bill. “It’s about tax relief, to save more jobs so that more people aren’t added to the unemployment system.”

Because of the lengthy recession and its toll on the economy, businesses are looking at having their minimum unemployment compensation tax rate being hiked from $25.20 per employee in 2010 year to $72.10 in 2011.

The Senate is working on similar legislation that is favored as well by Gov. Rick Scott.

And while it could reduce the maximum state benefit from $7,150 to $5,500, the $1,650 difference is seen as huge by those on both sides of the issue.

Holder, who is chairman of the House Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee, pointed out the state has borrowed heavily from the federal government to cover its share of the unemployment benefits and now finds itself paying millions in interest, adding that the state system is broken.

The Republican-dominated House voted down several amendments before the bill was slated for debate and a final vote Thursday, which will be the third of the 60-day legislative session.

“It is reprehensible that the Florida House of Representa-
tives’ first order of business was to cut unemployment benefits,” said Jeannette Wynn, local president of the union that represents state and municipal workers.

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**Graduate Council to get a new addition**

**MELISSA CACERES**

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In a unanimous vote at a March 8 meeting, the Faculty Senate approved the addition of a student representa-
tive to the Graduate Council.

The student member would be a non-voting representative appointed by elected graduate student sena-
tors from Student Government Association.

According to Faculty Senate Chair Thomas Bredlin, the Steering Committee “felt that [it] was a good idea and will be recommending the Undergraduate Council to do the same.”

“The purpose of this is to make the governance system more inclusive, to show it and to bring in a perspective from graduate students. It is to follow a trend that has been very successful at other universities for about three decades,” said Fred Eblevans, chair of the Graduate Council, during the faculty senate meeting. “Almost all of the universities in the state of Florida have done this already and it seems to bring students in to give their perspec-
tive on policies and procedures into the council, as well as concerns that we might not otherwise have heard.”

As one of the 18 committees of the Faculty Senate, the Gradu-
te Council is a committee that is “charged to recommend and evaluate policy and procedures concerning graduate education at the University, evaluate proposals for new graduate programs, tracks, or academic certif-
icates, safeguard the Curriculum and perform related tasks as assigned by the Faculty Senate.”

During the meeting, the Senate also passed a Graduate Council amendment to the Faculty Senate.

**SPECIAL TO THE BEACON**

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Almaguer said. “This year when they invited me again I couldn’t turn down the opportunity.”

The trip to Tennessee, aside from a 17-hour car ride, will feature a pit stop at the Biltmore Mansion in Asheville, North Carolina. “I’m pretty excited,” said Almaguer. “Last spring break I just chilled and took it easy but I’m going to be more adventurous this year.”

And while some relax in the snow, others will take the sunny weather in Florida.

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**LIBYA**

Official gives Egypt Gadhafi message

A ranking member of the Libyan military flew to Cairo with a message for Egyptian officials from Moammar Gadhaf, whose troops spread opposition forces with artillery barrages.

**AFGHANISTAN**

Iran shipped powerful rockets to Taliban

NASO forces in Afghanistan have scored about 90 Iranian-made rockets intended to aid the Taliban’s spring battle campaign, the most powerful weapons ever intercepted on route.

**CUBA**

US gives 8 more airports approval for Cuba

Eight airports have gained federal approval to schedule charter flights to and from Cuba, opening new gateways for Cuban Americans to visit relatives in the communist island nation.
NEWSPRINT

NEWS FLASH

Final landing day for space shuttle Discovery

Space shuttle Discovery aimed for an on-time touchdown Wednesday to wrap up a long flying career. The world’s newest space station was due to return to Earth — for the last time ever — three minutes before noon.

NASA’s oldest shuttle has flown 39 missions over nearly 27 years. Discovery is beached back from the International Space Station. Its crew delivered and installed a new storage compartment, complete with a hatch, for future trips.

The mission added 13 days to Discovery’s lifetime total of 365 days in space. Its total mileage is 148 million miles.

Once back at Kennedy Space Center, Discovery will be decommissioned and sent to the Smithsonian Institution for display.

NPR chief ousted after exec’s racist remarks

NPR’s CEO and president, Vivian Schiller, has been forced to resign, the radio broadcaster’s media correspondent said Wednesday, following an under-cover sting in which a senior executive was videotaped describing Tea Party members as “racist.”

On Tuesday, Schiller had condemned the comments by Ron Schiller (no relation) — NPR Foundation’s senior vice president for fundraising at the time — that were secretly filmed by political activist James O’Keefe of “Project Veritas.”

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But a Wednesday statement from the chairman of NPR’s board of directors, David Edwards, said the board had accepted Vivian Schiller’s resignation “with deep regret.” It was effective immediately.

— Compiled by Alexandra Camejo

IN THE WILD

The Marine Biology club met at Bill Baggs State Park at Key Biscayne on March 6 to explore the local marine life. Members snorkled around the local sea grass beds and used a seine net to observe squids, octopuses, conchs and urchins.
GOLDEN CHANCE
Honduras, Jamaica to play at FIU

JAMAICA will return to FIU Stadium for this year’s Gold Cup after a 1-1 draw with El Salvador in 2009.

JAMAICA vs. GUATEMALA
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FIU has chance to become “Soccer U”
On a typical summer day, FIU Stadium would not be a very eventful place. Most students are out of class. Summer practices have yet to begin for the Golden Panther football team with the season still several months away. The aluminum seats at the stadium would be the only things bearing the brunt of the Miami summer sun.

But with FIU Stadium hosting its first Gold Cup group matches in 2009, things began to change.

Thousands of soccer fans congregated at ‘The Cage’ to watch Costa Rica take on Canada and Jamaica face off with El Salvador. By night’s end, the aluminum stadium was nearly filled to capacity with prudential and passionate fans hoping to see their team earn a World Cup berth.

FIU will have a chance to repli-

Golden Panthers prep for trip

The Golden Panthers (10-10) will face off against New Mexico and Boston College on March 9. The Golden Panthers come into the tournament with a 9-1 record and are extremely excited for this year’s Gold Cup and are confident that it will be the best ever, CONCACAF General Secretary Chuck Blazer said. “We are bringing our fans the region’s best football in fantastic venues – with a lot on the line. It is truly a can’t-miss event.”

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The team will face off against New Mexico and Boston College on March 9. The Golden Panthers will then play New Mexico for a second time on March 10, followed by an early evening tilt against tournament host Nevada.

FIU comes into the tournament on a two game losing streak. When the Golden Panthers get off to a fast start, they are in good shape to win the game.

FIU currently has a 9-1 record when they score first in a game, but the team has struggled to pull out wins when trailing. The Golden Panthers have a 2-8 record when trailing after four innings of play.

Offensively, FIU will be led by Ashley McClain who is hitting .397 and slugging .603 on the season. Jessy Alfonso is not far behind with a .327 average.

In the circle, look for the platoon of Jenn Gniadek, Mariah Dawson and McClain to likely make starts during the weekend. FIU’s team ERA is a solid 2.43 and opponents are only hitting .245 against the Golden Panther pitching staff so far this season.

The New Mexico Lobos (6-6) are led offensively by junior Jessica Garcia, who is hitting .447. Garcia also leads the team with a .921 slugging percentage. The top of the Lobos lineup is loaded with .300 plus hitters that includes Kerry Hodgins (.379), Kaity Ingram (.333), and Danielle Castro (.324). Castro also leads the team with 10 RBIs on the season.

The Lobos pitching staff is led by sophomore Kaela DeBroeck, who currently is 3-3 with a 3.74 ERA in seven starts for New Mexico. The pitching staff is also supported by Kari Gutierrez and Madeline Greene, who have combined to pitch in 39.2 innings this season. The Lobos have faced a future opponent of FIU in the Baylor Bears, but lost all three games against Baylor.

The Boston College Eagles (5-11) have struggled early on this season.

The Eagles have played against tough non-conference teams in Michigan State, Virginia Tech and No. 10 Tennessee. The Eagles also lost to DePaul, who defeated FIU earlier in the season. The Eagles are led by pitcher Nicole D’Argento. She is 5-1 with a 3.75 ERA with twenty-seven strikeouts.

Brittany Wilkins leads the Eagle offense coming into the series with a .379 average and three home runs. Maria Pandolfo leads the Eagles with eight RBIs on the season. The Wolf Pack (5-16) has lost four of their last six games. The Wolf Pack is led offensively by Karley Hopkins and her batting average of .378. Nevada is led in home runs and RBIs by Lauren Lasek and Erin Jones, and Danielle Patrick, are also hitting over .300 for the season for Nevada.

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Golden Panthers win fifth straight match

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Following a weekend road trip to Fresno, CA, the Golden Panthers came out with a 9-8 victory over the College of Charleston Cougars.

The team started out a little shaky, barely pulling out the doubles point when Lisa Johnson and Christine Serendi won a 9-8 tie breaker over Katie Lee and Kinsey Case. Coach Melissa Applebaum-Dall'au was happy with how the team competed.

“The first match after a big win is always a difficult one,” Applebaum-Dall’au said. “But they came out and competed. They started out slow, but they turned it around and in my book winning 6-1 is okay.”

The team came out after having a rough doubles portent, but came through strong in singles. Liset Brito, a senior, defeated Christin Newman in straight sets (6-0, 6-2). This was her fifth consecutive singles victory and felt pleased with her effort today.

“I was a long weekend but overall, it was a good day,” Brito said. “I didn’t have a good rhythm at the beginning, but came out strong in the end. It was a little uncomfortable with the wind, but it is always going to be there.”

The wind might have played a role for both teams, but neither team would let it be an excuse.

Maria Spenceley also came out strong and defeated Kinsey Case in straight sets (6-1, 6-2) and then Lisa Johnson clinched the match for the Golden Panthers, winning her victory over Caroline Newman in straight sets (6-3, 6-1).

“Concentrate that atmosphere again this summer, hosting two Gold Cup matches on Jun. 12. Having the Gold Cup return to “The Cage” is not only good for the university itself, but also for the entire South Florida soccer community.

“The matchups are nowhere near as appealing as the United States and Canada fighting each other, but as long as teams such as Honduras or Mexico and Costa Rica clashing in Chicago. With a sizable community of Jamaicans and Hondurans in the region, FIU Stadium should be buzzing with just as much fervor as it was in 2009, when the multi-purpose facility was nearly filled to capacity with adrenaline-charged soccer fanatics cheering on their native teams.”

It is sure to be a special night for soccer not only for fans of the countries involved in this summer’s games themselves, but also for FIU and the local soccer community. It’s a great event for Miami to start promoting.

But FIU needs to do more.

“SOCCER U”

The school should be doing more to promote itself as a “soccer university,” bolstering its once prominent collegiate program to where it was in the 1980’s and 90’s, when the program was competing for national championships and sending players that would become successful and well-respected members of the national and international soccer community.

The same year the school hosted its first Gold Cup, FIU came heartbeatingly close to hiring a Major League Soccer bid for an expansion franchise that would have poured a substantial amount of investment and consistent national exposure to the campus.

After the bid, one that was spear-headed by a local billionaire and FC Barcelona, fizzled away and shattered the hopes of thousands of soccer fans awaiting the return of Division 1 soccer to South Florida.

Since then, FIU has dropped the ball on channeling the potential energy and enthusiasm of what could be the most fervent soccer fan base in North America. The Gold Cup is a good start, but it is nowhere near enough.

TIMELY SPARK

This Gold Cup should act as a catalyst for FIU to renew its efforts to establish itself as the go-to location for the largest events beautiful game.

No more passiveness. No more idly sitting by waiting for the local soccer community. There are thousands of Miamians who hold allegiances with national teams from their home countries throughout the western hemisphere. Tapping into those communities and hosting international ‘friendlies’ regularly would have them flocking into Modesto Maidique Campus with regular ease while at the same time uniting a soccer community that has been fragmented for decades without an identity.

These multiple groups provide a solid pool for FIU to tap into and market to.

This summer’s double-header Gold Cup match will be the first soccer match held at the stadium since it served as one of the home venues for the local lower division soccer club in 2009. Having one night of international matches every couple of years and even fewer soccer events in general will not be enough to fulfill the potential FIU Stadium holds as a perennial soccer facility.
Phrases like “Twitterpated,” or lines like “If you can’t say something nice... don’t say anything at all,” are still part of the cultural lexicon almost seventy years after the release of “Bambi” in 1942. A “fawn” is a term commonly used by its images and mood; thick forests, rolling fog clouds, intense flames and an incredible attention to detail that comes to life in the newest Blu-Ray release of the film.

From the moments of the film, an audacious panning shot of the forest, there is an authenticity to the artwork. A mist covers the forest, the morning still and gray as the stream flows gently. Brush and tree trunks fly by as an owl finishes its nightly ritual.

Bambi is easily the most ambitious work to come from the Walt Disney studio, save perhaps for “Fantasia.” Both eschew dialogue for story-telling purposes, and concern themselves with blending images and music into an experience. “Fantasia,” for all of its advances in using abstract images, is still a series of short films. I bring up this comparison because certain details in the earlier film, particularly the panning shots of the forest of autumn leaves falling to earth, are mirrored in both works. You can also see the advances made by the roster of artists with Disney in the short time between the release of “Snow White” and the Seven Dwarfs” in 1937, and “Bambi” in 1942. Look at the deer drawn for the earlier film. They are cartoonish of deer with no focus on their structure or anatomy. Bambi is not so much a cartoon as he is a deer with human features and attributes; factors that are vital to making the film work. Bambi has the locomotion of a real deer but the face of a child. It is the drive to achieve the perfect balance between the natural and the cartoonish.

The shooting of Bambi’s mother is still one of the most shocking and traumatic moments in cinema. Committed off-screen, neither Bambi nor the audience ever glimpses her corpse. When told that she won’t be coming back to him, Bambi sheds a single tear and follows his new guardian away. He glances back for a moment, leaving childhood behind.

The reason this film resonates so deeply resides in its seeming universality. The discovery of both light and darkness in the world, life and death, shows a duality that seems more in keeping with Terrance Malick’s “The Thin Red Line.” That Disney trusted the audience with such a small, yet profound work, is shocking. It is simple yet complex, direct yet all encompassing. It’s trusted the audience with such a small, yet profound work, is shocking. It is simple yet complex, direct yet all encompassing.

Bambi was released from the Disney Vault on Blu-Ray and DVD on March 1.
"Last year, my family, ex-boyfriend and I went to Magic Kingdom in Disneyworld and stayed at the Pop Century Hotel in the 70's building," says Samantha Garcia, 19, a sophomore, public relations and advertising major.

This year, because her parents will be taking a trip with her little brother to Orlando for a baseball tournament, Garcia will take the opportunity to go down to Key West for a week and some fun.

"I'm taking this week as a chance to relax and enjoy not having school or work," Garcia said. During the trip, Garcia will have the chance to visit the house of one of her favorite writers, Ernest Hemingway.

"It's about enjoying yourself and having fun," she said.

Another student, Kristyll Gutierrez, 20, a sophomore, an education major with a specialty in English, will enjoy her week by spending some time at the Wondrous World of Harry Potter in Orlando with her boyfriend and some friends.

"It's still a slight maybe but either way this year my parents are busy either with work or school so we won't have the chance to do what we normally do," she said.

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Extracurricular activities enhance education

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With the University being a commuter campus, most students travel to campus to take a few classes, and then return home. This common scenario does little to depict a fulfilling college experience. When students come to campus just for class, it becomes very difficult to meet new people, participate in meaningful activities and get the most from a time that is supposed to be one of the best on the planet. The University hosts many extracurricular activities that can do a great deal to enhance the college experience for many students.

Spending a little extra time on campus does not have to mean studying for an exam or completing an assignment. There are many opportunities for students to complete their college experience by engaging in a variety of activities, including sports teams, professional development programs, leadership positions, student membership on committees and sororities or getting an on-campus job.

These options provide a great way to meet new people and try new similar things, make a difference for your school or make some money on the side while being on campus. Getting more involved is a great way to learn about your university in some way, with the added benefit of having fun and meeting new people.

The Student Government Association and the Student Programming Council always have a say in major events while environmental groups frequently visit the nature preserve and greenhouse on campus. Student media also has a say as a student run newspaper at the University that coordinates Radio FM, the University’s student radio station and various fund-raising groups are always finding ways to raise money for worthy causes.

The fact that the majority of students drive to and from campus could be the reason why it may be difficult for some to feel at home and meet new people. From firsthand experience, finding others who are interested in similar things can do wonders to make going to college much more enjoyable.

From the very beginning, our country has had the belief that “Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.” Our unswerving conviction that it is the people who should hold power over the government, and not the other way around, is one of the ideologies that makes our country so very unique. The earliest Americans believed in this ideal so strongly that they were willing to go to war with the most powerful empire in the world at the time to make it a reality.

The rest is history, 234 years of it to be exact. Therefore, even after gaining our independence this belief of ours has not diminished and has helped to ensure that our government stays true to its most fundamental principles. Before our now hallowed Constitution could be adopted, Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay wrote The Federalist Papers to assure the American people that a powerful system of checks and balances was embedded within the Constitution, and that it is very important for the government to not overreach its authority.

With the breadth and depth of today’s government, it is easy to forget that we still live in a republic and that our elected officials are representatives of our collective views. We seem to think that it’s only powerful lobbyists and multinational corporations who can influence our government’s decisions, but history tells us a different story. It was a ragtag group of poorly supplied farmers that ultimately banded together to defeat the most powerful military force the world had ever known to win our independence. Our country has seen slaves overcome seemingly insurmountable oppression to gain their rights through peaceful protests and violent confrontations. When women were severely underrepresented, they led a suffrage movement which resulted in the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, prohibiting any US citizen to be denied the right to vote based on sex. The underdogs of the civil rights movement in the 20th century shuttered longstanding barriers due to racism and discrimination that have forever changed our nation for the better.

The power of the people is the power of the United States, and it is time for us to exercise that power. Our nation faces a dire economic situation; we cannot continue on the fiscal path we are currently on. Yet in order to secure our continued success we must have an educated populace, and so budget cuts of our education system cannot be allowed to pass. No area of investment sees greater returns than the education of our future citizens. We must collectively raise our voices and defend these areas of funding to ensure that we can maintain global competitiveness.

An important way that you can help is by contacting your Congressmen and Senators. Raise your voices and be heard. Let them know that the government disallowing consent to cutting areas of education funding. Help ensure that the American tradition of a government “of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

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FOODGASM

These recipes are worth trying over the long break

Spring break starts next week and the season starts, officially, next month. I associate spring with fresh vegetables and both of the dishes I’ll share with you in this column happen to be vegetarian.

Not long ago, I got over a two-week-long bout with emeritis, an inflammation of the small intestine, during which I could not eat any real food without experiencing immense pain. One day, after work and experiencing the pain my doctor mentioned, I felt rewarded and quickly thought of something to make using the limited items I had on hand: a portobella mushroom cap, a potato, and some garlic.

Garlic mashed potatoes to go with the big mushroom sounded almost as wonderful as it turned out to be. Keep in mind anything would have been delicious at that point, after eating only rice cakes for two weeks straight. But there was pure indulgence in every juicy bite of mushroom and creamy garlicly mouthful of potatoes, both bursting with robust flavor. While I thought of that combination out of urge more than creativity, the next meal was thought up under different circumstances.

I was in the shower, contemplating food ingredients I don’t normally use. My mind was concentrated on subtle flavors, and leeks, a vegetable similar to onions and garlic, just popped into my head. Shallots soon followed suit, and I imagined how the two flavors could marry in a slightly creamy pasta sauce.

The flavors and aromas I foresaw were a mellowed saccharine, begging to refresh fresh pasta. The sauce I created from this idea exceeded my expectation.

The most important aspect of making it was delicately cooking the vegetables to allow their juices to slowly ooze out. In the past I made the mistake, when making similar items, of using high heat to speed up the process. I stress taking your time, and cooking the ingredients over low heat to let their flavors fully develop.

Full recipes at fiucom.com.

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For non-University members, tickets are $15. Students are advised to pick-up their tickets as soon as possible, as of Tuesday, 250 tickets have been distributed.

Felisha Monet, radio personality at WEDR-FM 99.9 Jamm, will host the event alongside Kyle of BET’s reality show “College Hill.” DJ Griot, also from 99 Jamz, will provide the music for the show.

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According to Delia Nemorin, senior inter-national relations major and step show director, since BSU became a council in March 2009, there has been a desire to host an invitational step show that could grow to compete with FISS.

“If you’re not as big and we’re younger than UF, the goal is to create the tradition and one day become as big as the one at UF,” Nemorin said.

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