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A 5.8 magnitude earthquake hit the eastern part of the United States on Aug. 23. This proved to be surprising because the area is not known for seismic activity.

Despite this, Richard Olson, professor and chair of the political science department, said in an interview with Student Media that it was a minor seismic event and the reactions to it are a “tempest in a teapot.”

“Everybody needs to calm down,” Olson said.

The earthquake’s reach was as far north as Toronto, as far south as Atlanta, Ga. and as far west as Kentucky.

There were no reported deaths or serious injuries but the quake did cause structural damage to the Washington Monument and the National Cathedral. Cracks were seen on the monument and three capstones of the cathedral’s tower broke off.

In Virginia, where the quake was centered, windows were shattered and grocery stores were wrecked. The White House, Capitol and US Geological Survey were also evacuated.

At the Pentagon, a low rumbling built until the building itself was shaking and people ran into the corridors of the complex. The shaking continued to shout of “Evacuate! Evacuate!” The main damage to the building, the largest single workspace for the federal government, came from a broken water pipe.

People also evacuated from buildings in New York, 410 miles away from the center. Hundreds poured out of the federal courthouse and Empire State Building after the quake struck at about 2 p.m.

Wall Street also felt the brief impacts of the quake. The floor of the New York Stock Exchange did not shake, officials said, but the Dow Jones industrial average sank 60 points soon after the quake struck.

The Dow began rising again a half-hour later and finished the day up 322 points.

Two nuclear reactors at the North Anna Power Station in Virginia were automatically taken off line by safety systems. The plant is in the same county as the quake’s center.

Although a minor in the pantheon of quakes that have hit the country, the one on Aug. 23 is the strongest quake to hit the east coast of the US since World War II.

Since 1900, there have been 50 quakes of magnitude 5.8 or greater in California alone. Quakes in the East tend to be felt across a much broader area.

However, Olson said the quake was a reminder that there is seismic activity on that part of the country.

“(The east coast) has quakes too but not as big or as often as the west,” Olson said.

The minor damage done to structures wasn’t enough for Olson to suggest buildings on the east coast be built to withstand earthquakes.

“Should buildings be seismically resistant? Probably. But that ship has sailed,” Olson said.

As the east coast recovers from its quake, the west coast, the area known for quakes, was hit by several on Aug. 24.

On that morning the San Francisco Bay area was hit by a quake several hours after it was hit by a quake the night before.

Both quakes, which measured at 3.6 magnitude, were centered about six miles southeast of Oakland along the Hayward fault, a major Northern California fault zone.

As a reminder of the country’s widespread seismic activity, Olson said two of the biggest earthquakes to hit the country happened in 1811-1812 and were centered in Missouri. Those quakes were felt from Philadelphia to New Orleans.

Large chunks of stone fell of the tops of St. Thomas the Apostle church along 4th and Bancroft in Wilmington, Del. on Aug. 23.

A Forum for Free Student Expression at Florida International University

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Contributing Writer

The University topped Hispanic Outlook’s list of 100 universities who awarded bachelor’s and master’s degrees in 2010.

Out of a total of 6,626 degrees awarded in 2010, 3,918 bachelor’s degrees and 1,014 master’s degrees were awarded to Hispanic students.

The bachelor’s degrees represent 63 percent of the total degrees awarded to Hispanics and the master’s degrees awarded represent 43 percent.

The student body totaled 42,287 in 2010 according to the Common Data Set for 2010-2011.

There were 33,786 undergraduate students and 8,501 graduate students among the student body.

Hispanics represented the majority of the student body as 21,910 of the undergraduates were Hispanic students.

Out of the undergraduate student body in the year 2010, there were 4,018 African Americans, or 13 percent; 1,069 Asians, or 3 percent; 34 Native Americans, or less than one percent; 4,290 Whites, or 15 percent and 21,910 Hispanics, or 58 percent.

This made the undergraduate Hispanic population account for more than half of the student body according to the report.

The University has colleges and schools that offer Hispanic programs, such as the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, the College of Law and the College of Health and Urban Affairs program.

SJMC’s Spanish-language journalism in Journalism and Multimedia is a master’s program where students are trained in Hispanic journalism and the program is a track in Latin American and Caribbean Studies.

This interdisciplinary program prepares students to become journalists and reporters who will cover Latin American political and historical issues.

Out of 12 courses, eight are taught in Spanish.

The eight courses are: Visual Storytelling and Production, New Media Techniques, Applied Research Methods, Advanced On-Camera Reporting, Thinking Like a Writer and Advanced Print News Reporting.

“Our population of student body in the program is currently 67 percent Hispanic so no matter what we do or what training we give them, we are sending out students who have the ability to speak in two languages and who have a Hispanic cultural background sending them out into jobs from the United States, so that, to me, is very positive,” said Kopenhaver to Student Media.

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Miami judge awards Cuban exile $2.8 billion

A Miami judge has awarded a Cuban exile $2.8 billion in damages for the forced suicide of his father after Fidel Castro took power during a revolution in 1959.

Two years ago a different judge awarded Gustavo Villicold more than $1 billion in damages. The latest award comes under a different legal theory that also counts alleged efforts by Cuba to threaten and terrorize Villicold in the decades since Castro seized power.

Attorney Andrew Hall says he will attempt to collect by tapping frozen Cuban assets in the U.S. and Cuban-linked businesses around the world.

NATIONAL

Straus-Kahn free after NY court ends sex case

Dominique Strauss-Kahn, his wife by his side, walked to a Manhattan courtroom through shouting protesters carrying signs that read: “Put the rapist on trial — not the victim.”

Just hours later, the French diplomat was a free man — his attempted rape case formally dismissed.

The former International Monetary Fund leader can leave the United States after he’s handed back to French authorities.

The New York case was dismissed Tuesday after prosecutors said they no longer trusted the hotel maid who accused him of attacking her in his suite.

His wife, Anne Sinclair, said Strauss-Kahn will return to France to face an assault case.

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Justice, assistant director of campus life and SGC-MMC adviser, “The University is going. We need to ask what is the University doing and how can we align ourselves to some of those projects,” said Toscano.

“Sometimes our goals are left or go to the right. There is never a straight and narrow in which both SGA goals, department goals and University goals are all one. So our strategy, as SGA advisors, is to bring everything together.”

Projects included improving the University’s online rating system for professors, the development of this year’s homecoming events and the successful implementation of the coffee shop at the Engineering Center.

“We’re going to try to get it so the rate my professor system that FIU uses is a lot more reliable and has more usable data for students,” said SGC-MMC President Patrick O’Keefe who also mentioned in his report a program is being developed for professors to obtain internships in Washington, D.C.

Senate Speaker Donovan Dawson announced six senate vacancies: two for the College of Nursing, two for the College of Education, one for the College of Business and one for Housing.

The vacancy in the business seat comes from the resignation of senator Cesar Chauquizuta, who, according to Dawson, sent a letter explaining that he accepted a marketing position at Volkswagen.

Chauquizuta was elected during the 2011 SGA elections and received the most votes out of all of the business candidates.

“I was offered an opportunity for professional development,” Chauquizuta said in his letter.

The senate approved the proposal of the University’s solar decathlon project which requested $1,940 from SGC-MMC to cover the flight cost of sending 10 students to Washington D.C., where the competition will take place from Sept. 18 to 25.

Nominations made during the meeting included Alexandra Almanzar, for elections commission; Susa “Blue” Waters, as sustainability coordinator; and Sergio Pantoja, as technology coordinator.

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“I’m glad Hispanics are taking their education more seriously. It’s hard: finishing up, I know a lot of kids in college dropout.”

According to Orlita Argenal, a psychology major, “It’s actually something great—especially for the Hispanic student population since some come looking for opportunity.”

“I didn’t know the University was recognized” but it’s good because people would look at FIU a lot better than they would’ve said — U.M.,” said Steph- anie Abundado, a senior psychology major.

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Season begins with road swing in California

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Contributing Writer

Today is the day.

Months of steadfast training, rigorous workouts and skin-in, will be put to the test as the Golden Panthers open the 2011 season in Berkeley, Calif. at the Cal Molten Classic Invitational this weekend.

The season begins with the Panthers squaring off against Fairfield University, who had a 13-20 record last season, on Aug. 26. The team then plays the final two games of the invitational on Aug. 27 against teams that could not be more different from each other. The doubleheader starts off with a match against the University of California Riverside, who posted a paltry 2-30 record last season, and will be followed by the nightcap against UC Berkeley, winners of the Pac-10 title and runners-up in the NCAA championship match in 2011.

Middle blocker Andrea Lakovic, however, says that the team has set a new goal for themselves this season: Focus strictly on themselves and not the opposing team.

“We could play Cal Berkeley or FAU,” Lakovic said. “It doesn’t matter who we play. We’re not going to be thinking about other teams or which level they play. We’re going to go on the court and put our game on the court.”

Head coach Danijela Tomic added: “We’re basically worrying about things we can control on our side of the net and adjusting quickly after we start playing. I don’t want our team to focus too much on the other team. Let’s control things on our side of the net.”

Even though the team will try to play through the season with this mentality, it is hard for them to ignore their last opponent on this road trip. Along with winning the Pac-10 title, Berkeley’s head coach, Rich Feller, won the American Volleyball Coaches Association National Coach of the Year award, and senior setter Carli Lloyd took home the AVCA National Player of the Year award.

Though Berkeley no longer has Lloyd, they still have a great team, and defense, intact.

Chanel Araujo, libero and defensive specialist, knows their team has some work to do if they want to go toe to toe against Berkeley.

“Berkeley is a team we need to step our game up to,” said Araujo, the 2010 team leader in digs with 339. “They’re well-known for their blocking and we’re working our defense around how they’re going to block us.”

A native of southern Calif., Araujo is excited to go back and play against some of her friends in the tournament. Her friends and family are driving up to see her, giving her extra motivation to perform well.

“I’ll be fun to be back,” said Araujo. “I haven’t been back all summer.”

The team also hopes to iron out the setter position this road trip. Held down for the previous four years by former FIU great Natalia Valentin, there’s a big hole left, now that she has graduated.

“We need to having one setter run the show,” said Araujo. “It’s really hard to get adjusted for the hitters. Especially for the middles [like Lakovic] because they have the quickest tempo with their setters.”

Lakovic believes it has been her biggest hurdle thus far.

“I need to develop better chemistry with setters because I’ve been playing with Natalia for three years,” said Lakovic.

Despite this tough transition, Lakovic will head into the season opener with a spot on the Preseason All-Sun Belt Conference Volleyball Team for the first time in her career, announced Wednesday afternoon by conference officials. Joining Lakovic is Outside Hitter Jovana Blejica, who was honored for the second consecutive year. Regardless, the Panthers are ready to go. The long, scorching days of summer are winding down, and with the season about to get under way, the team is already eyeing their first victory.

Asked if they could sweep the three teams at the invitational, Tomic responded, “I’m confident we can do that, that’s our intention. We’ll be hard to beat.”

FOOTBALL

Daquan Hargrett, may still have a chance to be his a guy who is picked to be the conference player of the year (Dunbar), and I know coach McCassy and the way he prepares each position, so we know the challenge is a big one, but so is the opportunity.”

The opportunity to win their first game of the season against a conference opponent at home is something that FIU has yet to accomplish. They will have a little help on their side though, as the top wide receiver for North Texas, Darius Carey, was released from the team during the summer for not living up to the team’s expectations.

For the most part, practices have stayed the same since starting on Aug. 3, with all teams being able to get around the same amount of reps and opportunities to showcase their talents in front of the coaches. Those opportunities are dwindling down now that game time is getting nearer, and Cristobal says that it is still too soon to have a full depth chart.

There is still no word on whether or not wide receiver James Louis from Ohio State will transfer to FIU, but the recent running back that was transferred from West Virginia, Daquan Hargrett, may still have a chance to play this year if he signs a waiver.

“One thing I’m really excited about is he’s a smart guy, and he wants to come here because he wants to be part of a team,” said Cristobal.

Hargrett will not be up to speed with the rest of the running backs on the team and will be behind a deep roster of Darrius Perry, Durain Mullary, Jeremiah Hardin, Keidrick Rhodes, Robert Boswell and Shane Coleman.

Perry led the team in touchdown last year with 16, but didn’t have any against North Texas. He is not worried about having any against them this time either.

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Perry also stated that he did get to see the new stadium that North Texas built this year, but he wasn’t too disappointed in not being able to play there.

“I am not too impressed with their stadium, because we have a great stadium here,” said Perry.
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**SPORTS**

**LOOKING FOR A WIN**

FIU women’s soccer returns to the pitch this weekend with a home match against Akron. After losing two matches during their opening weekend, they hope to bounce back with their first win of the season and avoid falling to 0-3 on the season.

**VOLLEYBALL**

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LIFE!

Renovations and outdoor events welcome students

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Housing & Residential Life kicked off the new semester on Aug. 19 by welcoming new and returning students to their residence halls with a series of outdoor events. Students were invited to take a break from moving in to check in at the FIU Bookstore and Panther Dining.

“I moved in on Friday at 10 a.m. and everything was pretty fast,” said Kristen Renee Hidalgo, a junior with an undecided major. “I first had to make a payment, then check in and get my keys; Everglades Hall was not too packed.”

Renovations were made to some of the residence halls just in time to welcome in the new semester. Panther Hall is complete with new flooring for the exterior stairs while the University Park Apartments received a new exterior and interior paint job. “The renovations are looking great!” said Gracie Martinez, a hospitality management and public relations double major and transfer from Penn State, via the Housing & Residential Life Facebook page.

On Sunday evening, residents attended a mandatory floor meeting with their resident assistants to learn about the rules and regulations upheld in the halls, including the smoke-free campus policy. Residents were initially asked to state their major, ranging from sports studies, architectural technology management and public relations to fine arts to speech pathology and child development, and what wing of the hall they lived in.

Residents were invited to participate in outdoor events during the move in process. The RAs also expressed their efforts in creating a comfortable and creative environment for the hall inhabitants. Veronica "Nicky" Pereda, a junior architecture major and RA for Everglades Hall explained, “We have been here for the past two weeks, working really hard and preparing for you guys. We had a lot of fun, but we worked from 6:30 in the morning until 7:00 the next day.” However, noted that their main responsibility was to assist students. “We are RAs because we love people,” added Pereda. “We are here to refer you to any information that you guys might need.

The meeting also discussed the Residential Hall Association, whose goals entail giving members funds to set up special programs that students are interested in implementing. The deadline to apply for an administrative position is Aug. 31. There are also openings for the administrative position is Aug. 31.

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Emma Morley (Anne Hathaway) and Dexter Mayhew (Jim Sturgess) have just graduated from the University of Edinburgh. Morley wants to be a writer, she wants to sit back and enjoy life. After a few drinks and a failed attempt at sex, they decide to become friends. Over the next two decades we watch as she goes from a dead end job to a dead end relationship with a not-so-funny stand-up comic (Rafe Spall). Mayhew becomes a famous TV celebrity; the obnoxious host of a silly pop culture variety show.

One year, on July 15th, the couple vows to get together and share their recent exploits. Parents help new and returning students gather their bags during the Residence Hall Move-In last Aug. 19 and 20. Students were invited to participate in outdoor events during the move in process.

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PC Recruitment week brings individual experiences

SANDY ZAPATA
Staff Writer

Both Katherine J and Meaghan J are members of a sorority, but because official recruitment is less than a week away, their full name and affiliation cannot be disclosed at this time.

“Stand for good scholarship, guardians of good health, maintenance of fine appearance, shortened to Panhellenic Conference, is an organization that is so big,” says Katherine J, the Panhellenic Conference President. “It is a creed the college community to the best health, maintenance of fine appearance, guarding of good academic recruitment is less than a week away, their full name and affiliation cannot be disclosed at this time. In order to learn about the organization and later decide on their own if they want to try and be a part of it. The process is completely private and different for each organization; they are based on the individual rituals and traditions of each organization. The main difference is that PC has, Rho Gammas, the Multicultural Greek Council and the Panhellenic Conference, which are interested in “information sessions”

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Under PC, the recruitment process is a mutual selection between the potential members and the organization. The other two councils, the Multicultural Greek Council and the National Pan-Hellenic Conference, women who are interested in “information sessions”

Although the actual potential members only have a week to interact and get to know the different organizations, they are given informal events during the summer to get to know PC sorority women.

Last year, 500 women signed up for recruitment. This year’s total, not including the number of women who will sign up by the Aug. 25 deadline, at noon, is 400 women. There is a $40 registration fee that covers all of the official recruitment week’s events; each night there will be a programmed event designated to lead potential members to an organization that will fit her best, “Sorority 101,” which is like speed dating. It is the first night the potential members get to meet all seven sororities but have a hard time to interact and get to know the Sheerings of the organization.

As the week progresses, the time and information obtained about each organization gets more in depth as well as the potential bonds within the groups of potential women. By the end of the week, the women choose their organization and the rest is in the hands of the sorority sisters who will bid on their final member choices on Sept. 3. After bids are made and women are broken off into their individual organizations, each organization will hold what is called “the educational process,” an individualized and concentrated way each sorority introduces new information to their new members.

In the rare occasion a woman is not chosen by any organization, they have the chance to repeat the process but only after a year since their initial registration. The goal for recruitment week is ultimately the same for all seven sororities: to find the right woman to her best organization.

Meaghan J said, “This is about joining an organization of women that are going to make you better.”

Romantic drama “struggles to keep a coherent story”

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Along the way, Emma writes a successful children’s novel, while Dexter drifts off into a haze of drugs, alcohol and celebrity-based self-importance. Though clearly destined to be together, it looks like life and love will limit these two to only one day of happiness.

One of the first things that stuck out to me was the actors’ horrible accents. Hathaway and Patrick, who play Dexter’s mother, have the most terrible putting a clamp down on it. At certain points of the movie I felt that Hathaway and Clarkson were either put up to a bet to see who could hold a British accent or they were playing British characters. Aside from the accents, the actual plot was fine. Two people trying to find love with one another, yet can’t break through the friendship wall.

Although it sounds good on paper, Director Lone Scherfig struggles during the middle of their strange romance. The first few years of the young relationship start out fine, but somewhere in the middle, which happened to be in the mid-90s, Scherfig struggles to keep a coherent story together, often leaving pieces of the puzzle out that left me to put it together myself.

The biggest concern I had with the movie was the character arc of Dexter. It is pretty obvious that he’s a douche bag from the very beginning of the film.

Even when the couple decides to give love a chance, I did not see any redeeming qualities to make Dexter a likable character.

I also found his profession a bit unreal. Dexter starts out as a teacher but out of nowhere becomes a television variety show host. Dexter is a womanizer and a jerk, but his new job shot it up to an extreme level of unbelievable.

Trying to get the audience to believe that a smart, conservative woman would be attracted to someone with so much of their human feeling is ridiculous, but then again, that is how love can sometimes work.

Despite the struggle of the direction, there were still a few quality moments scattered throughout. The chemistry between Hathaway and Sturgess did not start well, but developed into a likable relationship once Dexter divorced his first wife and learned the value of his relationship with Emma.

There are moments that are gripping and emotional, such as when Dexter is dealing with his mother’s illness, or when Dexter can’t control himself from trying to get to know the different organization.

Those moments gave me an emotional connection to the characters, but, yet again, the flaws of the film killed what momentum the movie was carrying. The potential for a great story was there but Scherfig struggled to nail down a story that could have become an instant classic.
Campus dining options need upgrade

One of the greatest differences between the Modesto Masinde University and the Biscayne Bay University lies in the variation of dining selections offered. In order to offer students at BBC options and accommodate complete dining options offered at MMC, the quality and variety of eating options must increase.

While it is clear that BBC should have more dining venues due to the smaller student body, the differences between dining at the two campuses are vast. Approximately 7,000 of the 44,000 students at the University attend BBC. The five venues offered to those 7,000 BBC students are of equal quality to the 21 venues offerings offered to MMC students.

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Many marine science, mass communication and hospitality students must take classes at BBC, and since they pay the same tuition, it only seems right they get to experience the same variety of dining selections as those students who attend MMC.

I am a journalism student, thus I spend most of my time at BBC. However, if I want to eat a healthy meal that does not consist of a salad made of soggy lettuce placed in a box, I am forced to waste time and money driving off campus to nearby eateries. We should not have to sacrifice dining amenities.

In Sept. 2010, Jennifer Moreno wrote: “Finding a variety of places to eat around Biscayne Bay Campus isn’t always easy. So many students venture off to the local area searching for different restaurants to feed their appetites.” By offering students more options, the University would successfully keep students on campus, increasing activity there and improving the campus environment while benefiting students.

On the contrary, a recent article, published in The Beacon on June 29, 2011, explains BBC will actually soon eliminate one of the five dining venues, replacing it with vending machines serving Hot Pockets. This addition will not be helpful in keeping students on campus when they are looking for dining options.

I was disappointed to read in The Beacon this week a commentary by Brandon Wise, who seems to rejoice in the troubles currently upon University of Miami’s athletics and suggests that FIU can use this to its advantage.

At FIU we are building a clean and competitive athletic program that is already well on its way to national prominence, having won our first bowl game and a Sun Belt Conference title last year alone. It is not in the character of a proud Panther to use someone else’s troubles to advance in the classroom or on the field.

FIU’s dedicated faculty and staff, 46,000 hardworking students, and 160,000-strong alumni base generate more than enough energy to power our own spotlight. Sincerely, Mark B. Rosenberg University President

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