T.Y. FOR HEISMAN

As silly as this campaign sounds, it has brought attention to the football program. With electrifying returns and elusive moves, Hilton has been the clear-cut focal point of the Golden Panther offense the past three seasons. The Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year has all of the intangibles that you look for in a star college athlete. With all of this attention, however, comes a lot of pressure. He could very easily fall under the weight of the hype that our own athletic program has put on him. Although he’s proved naysayers wrong for the past three years, it’ll be a very difficult task to live up to such high aspirations.

OFFENSIVE LINE NEEDS SOME SOLIDIFYING

One thing was for certain in the past four years—Brad Serini was your starting center.

OUT OF THE GATE

The Golden Panthers will kick the season off against the Mean Green of North Texas on Sept. 1 at 7 p.m at FIU Stadium. Last season, the Panthers beat North Texas 34-10 and hope to have a repeat performance.

Students worry about events in Libya

MIDDLETON

Seven months of rebel fighting demanding the end of Colonel Muammar Gaddafi’s regime culminated on Aug. 21 as rebel leaders charged Tripoli. However, even with a possible victory, University students professors expressed doubt.

“As it has the potential to be a really, really good thing. But descent into authoritarianism again is possible,” said Danny Bressner, senior international relations major.

The rebel group, called the National Transitional Council, announced the presidential guard had surrendered. But a Libya without a leader is a concern for Bressner.

“The NTC has emerged as the potential future government of Libya, but their credibility and competence remains questionable. While international support for the rebels has been abundant, the NTC suffered a blow to their credibility when they reported their triumphant capture of Saif al-Islam, Gaddafi’s son and most likely successor.

On the morning of Aug. 23, Saif al-Islam arrived at a popular tourist hotel in Tripoli, where he interviewed with journalists, stating, “We are here. This is our

Professor warns not to leave cell phones unattended

Faisal Kaleem says the inconspicuous hazards of the information technology era in the most least expected places: in our pockets.

Cell phone tapping has long been considered governmental intelligence, but Kaleem, professor in the College of Engineering, explains how now anyone with access to an unsuspecting individuals handheld and a couple of minutes to spare can tap not only into a call, but into absolutely every aspect of their phone’s activity.

About two years ago Kaleem began looking into one of the least talked about and perhaps most dangerous kind of application: spy ware.

Kaleem said he got into this research because of his love for information technology.

“Information Technology is my passion — especially the safety aspect of it,” Kaleem said. “So of course, I wanted to see what dangers we were facing wirelessly.”

There exists dangerous software that can be downloaded onto cellular devices in the form of an application.

This software allows the person who installed it to listen in on conversations, as well as to access anything stored on the phone.

In other words, text messages, photos, emails and data use - none are safe from peering eyes.

In addition to gathering information from a device, this software also enables the handheld to act as a sort of microphone.

So, although the phone may seem as if it is idle, the person who installed the software can hear everything going on near the cell phone.

“All you need is to grab someone’s phone for 10 to 15 minutes and you can download and install the software. The worst part is it is totally undetectable on your phone. There is no way to see

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country. This is our people, and we live here, and we die here. And we are going to win, because the people are with us. That’s why we’re going to win. Look at them - look at them, in the streets, everywhere!”

When reporters inquired about his arrest, he responded, “We are going to break the backbone of the rebels.”

Events like this leave a level of general uncertainty about NATO’s possible role in Libya.

“And the people in the NTC, no one really knows these figures [people]. They’re academics and people in exile. None of them have really managed a country before,” said Bressner.

The 40-year Gaddafi regime began to crumble in February when Libyan people began to demand a change to democracy. Protests were met by acts of immense violence ordered by Gaddafi.

“There is a lot of push for democratic change because of the Middle East youth bulge,” said Joshua Zamora, international relations major. “I hope it doesn’t lead to another Gaddafi.”

Despite tremors of embarrass- ment and uncertainty, the NTC soldiered on to continue gathering support.

Part of this success was because of the role of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

In an interview with Student Media, Natalie Cox, associate professor and director of graduate studies in the Politics and International Relations department, discussed the role of NATO in the revolution.

“NATO went well beyond what it was authorized to do. There was essentially 8,000 bombs dropped by NATO and various forces by NATO countries, all designed to help rebels come to power. The mandate was to help civilians, that’s it. They’ve clearly gone well beyond that,” said Cox.

Cox pointed out that NATO played such an integral role in this revolution that it could this affect how much the West supports future governments.

“I can’t say I’m surprised by the fact that the media hasn’t asked tougher questions but they operate more as cheerleaders than journalists,” Cox said.

Despite the fact that the rebels’ flag is being flown in Tripoli, it continues to remain unclear whether the NATO has sustain- able control of Libya. However, students continue to express hope for democracy.

“I am more optimistic than pessimistic not just for demo- cratic change in Libya but in the entire Middle East,” Zamora said.

MUSLIM LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Dinner brought together diverse cultures

JONATHAN SIMMONS
Contributing Writer

The aroma of a multitude of dishes from as many cultures mingled in the air of the Graham Center Annex on Aug. 26 at the first event held this year by the newly-established Muslim Law Student Association.

The meal laid out on the tables of the annex was an iftar – the evening meal which breaks the daily fasts of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, during which observant Muslims abstain from food and drink from before sunup to just after sundown.

“The MLSA tries to approach shariah [Islamic law] from an academic perspec- tive,” said Mahira Khan, the Association’s president. “We’re more focused on Islam through an academic lens in a law school environment.”

The month-long fast, unique among the major world religions, is enjoined upon believing Muslims in the Qur’an as a way of promoting self-restraint and a sense of empathy with the needy. The fasts are held during the daylight hours of Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, the month in which Muslims believe the Qur’an was revealed by God to the Muslim Prophet Muhammad.

The fast of Ramadan, as well as daily obligations of prayer and the annual payment of zakat – a form of tithing in which Muslims who are financially stable contribute a portion of their wealth to charity – are all aspects of what is gener- ally referred to as shari’ah – generally translated as “Islamic law.”

But the term “law” is perhaps a misleading characterization of the numerous, and at times competing, judgments and edicts of Muslim clerics and scholars that together define the rules of religious practice and righteous conduct for observant Muslims who attempt to live their lives in accordance with divine will.

The word “shariah” is related to the Arabic word for “path,” and the shari‘ah is popularly described by Muslims as the path by which a believer draws near to God.

To generate interest in the associa- tion, and Islam, among non-Muslim law students, the MLSA distributed invitations to the iftar event broadly at the College of Law.

The total attendance was around 50 students, with a roughly equal number of Muslims and non-Muslims – a situation which allowed Muslim students to share their understanding of the Ramadan fasts with non-Muslim classmate from outside the faith.

Many non-Muslims, naturally, expect that the fasts would simply be hard, a test of faith to be endured for 30 days until the holiday of Eid, which marks the end of the fasting month – with a feast.

Mahira Khan spoke of the difficulty of the long summer fasts.

“Fasting while going through law school – it’s very hard,” said Khan who also mentioned that it provided an opportu- nity to focus on spiritual growth. “I’ve been reading the Qur’an more. Fasting makes you feel spiritually lighter.”

Because the Islamic calendar is lunar, Ramadan and major Muslim holidays circle through the seasons, sometimes falling in the short days of winter, when fasting is easier, and sometimes in the long, hot hours of summer, when the requirement to go without water, especially, can become a true test of fortitude.

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Rebels claim victories with NATO’s help

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**LOCAL**

Bachmann says she’d consider Everglades drilling

Republican presidential candidate Michele Bachmann said Sunday that she would consider oil and natural gas drilling in the Everglades if it can be done without harming the environment.

Bachman said the United States needs to tap into all of its energy resources no matter where they exist if it can be done responsibly.

“The United States needs to be less dependent on foreign sources of energy and more dependent upon American resourcefulness. Whether that is in the Everglades, or whether that is in the eastern Gulf region, or whether that is in North Dakota, we need to go where the energy is,” she said. “Of course it needs to be done responsibly. If we can’t responsibly access energy in the Everglades then we shouldn’t do it.”

**NATIONAL**

FEMA sends Joplin money to East Coast after Irene

Some federal money pledged to tornado-ravaged Joplin and other disaster sites is being diverted to victims of Hurricane Irene.

Bob Josephson of the Federal Emergency Management Agency said Monday that FEMA’s Disaster Relief Fund is running low. He says individual aid to victims of the May 22 tornado that destroyed about one-third of Joplin will continue, but money for long-term public repair and rebuilding projects will be used for immediate disaster relief on the East Coast.

Josephson says it will be up to Congress to restore full funding to Joplin and other places hit by disasters earlier this year.

Missouri Sen. Claire McCaskill tells The Associated Press she will work to ensure that Joplin gets the promised money. She said she would have liked to get the money faster.

- Compiled by Melissa Caceres

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**WEATHER**

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A tropical depression far out in the Atlantic is forecast to become a hurricane this week, but it’s too early to know if it’ll strike the U.S. or anywhere else.

The depression is forecast to become a Tropical Storm Katia — the name that replaced Katrina in the rotating storm roster because of the catastrophic damage in Katrina’s wake in 2005.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said Monday the depression south of the Cape Verde Islands could become a tropical storm later Monday and could reach hurricane strength Thursday, still far out in the Atlantic.

Hurricane Center spokesman Dennis Feltner said it’s too early to know what would hit the U.S. and it will be more than a week before the system reaches the mid-Atlantic.

Hurricane Irene led to the deaths of at least 26 people in eight states:

**FLORIDA:**

- In Volusia County, 55-year-old Frederick Fernandez died Saturday after New Smyrna Beach after he was tossed off his board by massive waves caused by Irene. The Orlando Sentinel reports the high school teacher had a large cut on his head, apparently from hitting the sea floor.

- In Flagler County, 55-year-old tourist James Palmer of New Jersey died Saturday in rough surf. Family members say they lost sight of him after he waded into the surf in North Florida. He was pulled to shore and his wife attempted CPR, but he was pronounced dead at the hospital.

**CONNECTICUT:**

- In Prospect, 89-year-old Charlotte Foye died in an apparent carbon monoxide poisoning.

- In New Canaan, 92-year-old Joseph Rocco of East Islip died of injuries from a falling tree limb pulled power lines onto his car.

**NEW YORK:**

- A man in his 50s was electrocuted in Spring Valley when he tried to help a child who had gone into a flooded street with downed wires. The child was in very serious condition at Westchester Medical Center’s burn unit, said a spokesman for the Rockland County Emergency Operations Center.

- State police said they recovered the body of a woman who apparently drowned after she fell into Onquaquetuck Creek in New South, near Albany.

- In Suffolk County, the 68-year-old Joseph Rocco of East Islip drowned while windsurfing in Bellport Bay.

- Two men were swept down the Croton River on Sunday evening after their inflatable boat capsized, and one of them died after being pulled down river by heavy currents, Croton police said.

**NORTH CAROLINA:**

- In Nash County, a man was killed after a tree limb fell on him outside his home Saturday morning as outer bands from the storm brought near hurricane-force gales inland.

- Goldsboro police say a 15-year-old girl died Saturday afternoon after the SUV carrying her and family members collided with another SUV at an intersection where Irene had knocked out power to traffic lights. She was one of four family members thrown from the vehicle; the family was returning to northern Virginia from Myrtle Beach, S.C.

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**WEATHER**

New tropical storm looms; Irene leads to at least 26 deaths

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it installed at all,” warns

Kalem.

“It makes sense; it’s just like a computer,” said Jennifer Garcia, a junior accounting and finance major. “I wouldn’t leave my phone lying around either way because people could and would steal it.

However, Garcia isn’t worried about her phone being tapped into.

“I wouldn’t be a problem for me...but I can see how it can affect a lot of people,” she said.

Upon hearing about this software and the dangers it poses, one of the first questions that arises is whether cell phone companies know about these security hazards.

Kalem said his biggest fear is cell phone companies not knowing about the potential security holes.

“If I can install this software, imagine what the companies can do,” Kalem said. “There’s no guarantee that if asked to do so, by the government for example, they wouldn’t install a spy ware device themselves, and we’d be faced with a ‘Big Brother’ situation. Anything is possible.”

There is no way to tell whether a phone is carrying spy ware, but some tell-tale signs of infection are false calling-waiting signals, which occur when the spy listens in on a call, as well as unexplained heating of the device when it is idle.

“It’s kind of creepy to think that you could have someone listening to you at all times without you even knowing it,” said Rolly Delgado, a junior information technology major. “It makes you wonder if any glitch your phone has is really just a glitch, or possibly something more.”

Fortunately, there are ways to prevent this from happening.

“First of all, physical protection is the key,” Kalem said. “It is necessary to keep your phone on you at all times. All it takes is a few minutes to fall victim to this.”

Kalem also advised to password protect your phone with a strong password, as well as to only download apps from reputable sources.

Anyone is at risk according to Kalem.

“If you have a smart phone capable of downloading apps, it can happen to you,” he said.
Abstinence-only sex education futile

I October 2010, journalist Evan Smith asked Texas Gov. and current presiden-
tial hopeful Rick Perry about the effective-
ness of abstinence-only sex education. Although the
football player is a bit old, renewed interest in
Perry after his announce-
ment of entering the 2012
presidential race has caused
it to become popular again.

Perry claims that he is justi-
fying abstinence-only sex edu-
cation in Texas points to a larger struggle to
reconcile the merit of this method in our
country overall.

During the interview, Evans pointed out
that even though Texas has one of the highest
teen pregnancy rates in the country, abstinence-only sex education is the method
the state has chosen to stick with. In a labor-
ated response, Perry says, “It works. Maybe it’s
the way it’s being taught, or the way it’s being
applied, but the fact of the matter is
it’s the best form to teach our children.”

Although Perry may personally believe
abstinence-based sexual education may be
the “best” way, statistics show that it is not
the most effective.

According to the Guttmacher Institute,
seven out of 107 teenagers report being sexu-
ally active by the time they turn 19. Unless
these teens are married, this is already a strike
against the acceptability of sex. As for
our nation’s teen pregnancy rate, 750,000 girls
between the ages of 15 to 19 become pregnant
yearly. Further, it is obvious that even with
the rise on -15 to 24-year-olds account for
half of new STI reports in the United States,
approximately 9.1 million.

I cannot help but think that these numbers
would be significantly lower if comprehensive
sex education were the norm.

When I was in the fifth grade, it finally
came time for the “human growth and devel-
opment” section of the curriculum. Each of us
has a folder in which we wrote in big, block
letters the word “abstinence.” Before each
lesson, my teacher would have us recite the
definition of abstinence, perhaps in hopes this
ritual of sorts would embed this principle into
our young minds.

Even as I grew up, I did not hear about
condoms or oral contraceptives until I was
about 17, and this information did not come
directly from my biology teacher. As of now,
many of my peers have either became teen parents
or have fallen victim to a host of STIs, most
likely because they lacked the knowledge of
safe sex practices.

I honestly think my immediate and distant
followers would have benefited greatly from
lessons on effective birth control methods
and “How to Use a Condom 101,” rather than
reciting the definition to an abstract value
that ultimately went unheeded. Furthermore, with
the explanation of sex being limited to inter-
course in abstinence-only sex education, the
topic of oral sex remains ignored. While it
cannot result in pregnancy, unprotected oral
sex can still spread a host of painful STIs, which,
with the exception of HIV/AIDS, are
often not included in the curriculum.

As Perry illustrates, it is a struggle to argue
that abstinence-only sex education is truly
the best way, or at least the most effective.
Instead of wasting class time promoting an
often ignored ideal, sex education must evolve with
sexual behavior. Leaving safe sex prac-
tices and a full lesson on STIs out of the discus-
sion will only serve to create health problems
among teens, which is the last thing they need
to be worried about.

“Class Dissimulated” is a biweekly column
critiquing education in America.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR
For FIU football, the price is just right

I was inspired to write this letter in response to the “High sporting event ticket letter in response to the Sun Belt Conference, he charge too much for football assumption that FIU must.” Mr. Badger knows this information when it comes to trade, are a city of major importance when it comes to trade, banking and so forth. With this in mind, I would like to bring to the attention of FIU.

I have no problem being critical of my alma mater when I perceive mistakes have been made; however Mr. Badger claims in off-base. FIU is very near and dear to my heart and I bleed blue and gold.

It is important for alumni to support FIU Athletics. Complaining about ticket prices and stating that the cost of them causes low attendance is ridiculous. We need to stand behind Head Coach Mario Cristobal and the foot-

ball team as they strive to turn the event into quite the fiasco. While Lupe Fiasco and Tinie Tempah will perform at FIU Stadium, a venue that holds over 30,000 seats, there are only 22,000, there are only 7,000 tickets available for the show. The audience placement for the concert will only allow for a little over 15 percent of the 46,000 student population to attend.

Following Athletics’ suggestion of using the football game layout, the stage will be placed on the 10 yard line to face the East end zone. However, this design does not accommodate the most amount of students.

The Beacon believes that the stage the at the 10 yard line, facing the south side of the stadium, would give more students an opportu-

nity to attend the event.

With this layout, more sections of the stadium are open for seating to the bleachers and on the field, and the committee can utilize the video board to project the concert.

A mere 5,000 fan tickets are being offered for the event. Prior to the two weeks leading up to the event, tickets are only being offered once a week for a fee at the Campus Life offices at Modesto Maidique Campus and Biscayne Bay Campus.

Not only does this limit a student’s chance to get their ticket, it can cause serious disturb-
ance in already crowded areas in both campuses. To alleviate potential issues, we believe that the tickets should have different locations throughout both University campuses to help control the demand and distribution of tickets.

The most troubling of the issues that the Homecoming Council faces is the weak

promotion of the limited free tickets available. According to the Homecoming Overall Director Mercy Lavado, the council has promoted the distribution of tickets on their twitter and Facebook pages, such as Facebook and Twitter. As of print time, the FIU Homecoming Twitter account has 23,438 followers, and the Face-

book page could not be found. Using no other means to promote ticket distribution, we believe that the Homecoming Council should have taken the necessary measures to get the word out.

The University’s official Facebook and Twitter pages have 26,697 likes and 3,503 followers, respectively. With these two web sites alone, the council could notify a higher percentage of students about the distribution of free tickets and give more students a better chance to obtain a ticket.

Unlike last year’s concert, the best seats for the event are on sale. Currently, the tickets are selling for $30 for VIP floor seats and $25 for general admission.

We believe that University students should be provided with discounts for these tickets. These tickets are available to the public, so, basically, anyone can attend the concert. Since this happens to be an event that students have paid for previously with student fees, we feel that students should receive a discount.

The number of tickets and stage layout are set, unfortunately, but the Homecoming Council still has time to reevaluate and restrengthen their current promotion efforts.
Will the Golden Panthers repeat as SBC Champs?

T.Y. Hilton
RETURN OF THE CHAMPS

Golden Panthers ready for the season opener

Jackson Wolek
Staff Writer

After months of preparation and waiting over a long offseason, the Golden Panthers will finally be put to the test.

FIU takes on a once highly talked about North Texas football program in their first game of the 2011 season. The Mean Green at one point were three straight Sun Belt championships in a row in the early 2000’s, but now they have fallen to the middle of the pack and this year the Golden Panthers are the ones who are starting out on top.

It will be the first time ever that FIU takes on a once highly praised North Texas team, as the added pressure on the players and coaches is there, pushing them to the test.

“The way that the offense is going to be, it will be the first time ever,” Williams said. “It’s always going to be a fight and whoever fights the hardest will come out with the win.”

FIU is going through a similar process that North Texas is dealing with on the offensive line, having to replace both Cedrick Mark and Brad Serini. What they have that North Texas does not is the defensive line.

Not only is Dunbar their leading rusher from last year, but he is the second leading rusher in the Sun Belt Conference. Lance Dunbar, who averaged 129.4 yards per game in 2011, will be held to his worst performance by North Texas with just 30 yards on 11 carries.

“We cannot let the offense get into a rhythm,” Cristobal said on his team’s performance.

The offense goes as the running backs go. Last year, four running backs touched the ball at least forty times during games. The offense is dependent on three eligible running backs to pick up large chunks of yardage for them. When an offense is forced to rely on a slant of backs at the position, the team normally suffers.

The Golden Panthers are going to have to learn that the running backs are faster and quicker. With that being said, the over all depth at the running back position should be enough to make the most out of their running backs. Although those teams have not seen the best in the results in the standings, Lance Dunbar (North Texas) and Danny Rayner (MKU) are two of the best running backs in the Sun Belt Conference.

The replacement throughout training camp was Giancarlo Rivilla, who2

Caylin Hauptmann. "They are a force to be reckoned with and have many options coming out of high school. A couple of highly rated recruits have declared to bring their talents back down to Florida after 2011 to make up for the losses.

With that being said, players like Darriet Perry, Jerimiah Harden and Kendall Braxton will all see carries this year. Perry has been able to make the most out of their running backs. Although these teams have not seen the best in the results, the added pressure on the players and coaches is there, pushing them to the test.

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Golden Panthers blank Zips for first win of the season

By ANTHONY GUIVAS

When two of the biggest schools in the country met on the soccer field at Stetson's Noseworthy Field on Saturday, the Golden Panthers were looking for a win. The Owls, on the other hand, were looking to continue their hot streak.

The game started off with both teams playing well, but it was FIU who scored first. In the 10th minute, the Golden Panthers scored their first goal of the season, courtesy of Joe Dawkins. The Owls answered right back with a goal in the 11th minute, but the Golden Panthers were not finished yet. In the 14th minute, FIU scored again, this time on a penalty kick. The Owls then scored two more goals, but the Golden Panthers were not done. They scored one more goal in the 17th minute, and then added two more in the 23rd and 33rd minutes, respectively.

The final score of the game was 5-2 in favor of the Golden Panthers. The team now has a 1-1-0 record, and is looking forward to their next game against the Akron Zips. The game is set for Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. at FIU Soccer Stadium.

― BEACON STAFF PHOTO

Soccer

MEN'S SOCCER
Golden Panthers, Owls battle to close season-opening weekend

By ANDRES LEON

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VOLLEYBALL

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Tailgating 101: from the gate to the grill

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Staff Writer

The stands packed to capacity, the wild cheers from fans as the ball is passed from player to player until it reaches the end zone for a touchdown.

After coming off a 7-6 2010 season, with the Sun Belt Conference Championship and their first-ever Belt Conference Championship game, the Golden Panthers are ready to hear their fans rattle the cage against their first opponent, North Texas, Sept. 7 at 7 p.m. in the Football Stadium.

“I’m super excited for the game,” said Anson Lewis, a senior and marketing major. “Coming off an amazing bowl game, I’m pumped to start this season off and hopefully make it to another bowl game.”

While the game will be intense, the fans ranging from fans as the ball is passed from player to player will be able to make it to another bowl game.

A crowd of students [above] dances to a Lifehouse performance during last year’s Homecoming tailgate. A new football season creates new opportunities for new and old students to experience tailgating for a Panther football game.

Tailgating sounds like an opportunity to get away from the classroom setting and be able to enjoy college experience with your fellow students,” said freshman Bryan Villetta, a pictures psychology major. “It is a big school, and we all have busy schedules, but we come together for events like these and stand up with our school to root on our team.

Being a part of a university like FIU means more than just going to class. The football games provide an opportunity to let loose, have a great time and build up some excitement while connecting with fellow classmates.

“My first tailgate was freshman year, and it was really something. There’s a ton of people that go -- lots of food. There’s music and free stuff,” said Jennie Campa, a sophomore and TV production major. “During my first tailgate, one of the fans experiences was body paint and dancing to the music that you hear from all the different parties.

Sure enough, fans will always find plenty to do at the tailgates. One important thing to remember, though, is that when the time comes to do some tailgating, fans leave their worries, stress and positions at home.

“I expect to meet new people while tailgating and go bananas with them at the game, not caring how foolish we look, because we’re showing our pride,” said Villetta.

“They should bring food, drinks, friends and dress up for their team to support them. Also, they should bring stuff like footballs and Frisbees -- anything that you can do outdoors; if anything, bring music to dance to,” said Campa.

And of course, along with the festivities come the basics: students are not unfamiliar with the Miami heat, so while there will be plenty of shade under tents to hide from the sun, it is always a good idea to keep some water, a hat and sunglasses to the game.

Villetta may only be a freshman, but he seems to already have what it takes. “I’ve never been more excited about anything. I’m going to be attending every football game and going to be looking forward to meeting new people at each game and making friends that will last a lifetime.”

Beirut’s third album, “The Rip Tide” more personal, relatable

L ead singer of pop-folk group Beirut Zach Condon says “sound will bring me home again,” in the soft and steady building track “East Harlem” on a brisk 33-minute LP by Beirut called “The Rip Tide.”

The group’s third LP puts the element of swirling, pumping horns with Condon’s crooning vibrato. None of the instrumentation on the album is superfluous though, as this is a sweetly coaxed package.

Condon has crafted an elegant summer album that can feel airy and deep all at once, depending on what you want to discern from your listen.

From his aspiring debut “Gulag Orkestar” to the worldly, chanson-inspired follow-up “The Flying Club Cup,” Condon has demonstrated wealthy amounts of musicianship.

Now, at the ripe age of 25, his maturation in songwriting is increasingly apparent. “The Rip Tide” does not go for splash or something grandiose, but horns it back with its accordion and ukulele accompaniment.

It is rich in its simplicity and Condon knows how to craft charming songs. Triumphant trumpets and a rattling drum pattern layer “A Candle’s Fire,” which breaks into Condon’s rich voice.

He sways back and forth through the track that leads to a soaring cacophony of voices in a natural way with a teary piano back-drop that reaches the brass crescendo that is accustomed to Beirut. “Payne’s Bay” and “The Rip Tide” come together in the team spirit with great food, good friends and fans.

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Whether you listen to Beirut on the shore of the beach or when it is used as interpretive dance music on the reality TV show “So You Think You Can Dance,” this really happened: it will connect to you with its enchanting disposition.

“The Rip Tide” is the most personal
SEASON OPENER!

LIFE!
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With a total number of 35 initiates, Theta Chi Fraternity is the newest member to the Interfraternity Council and Greek life at the University. Founded in 1856 at Norwich.

University, Theta Chi currently has 130 Chapters in the U.S. and Canada, with 10 colonies and interest groups spread throughout North America. One of those interest groups officially became a colony on Aug. 27.

The reason I chose this organization as opposed to any other organization already established on campus is because its ideals connected with me. ‘Truth, temperance and tolerance’ will mold you into a gentleman, which ultimately is what I strive to be.”

Nuñez, along with two others, Adrian Espinosa and Aaron Bethencourt, started the initial interest group at the University and marketed the fraternity through word of mouth until they became an official interest group this past Fall semester.

By the time the semester ended, the interest group had a total of 27 members; because of academic requirements, 14 members were let go. Theta Chi received 14 interests in the Spring semester and another nine this past Summer semester, bringing the total number of pledges to 35 pledges.

The 35 pledges made this the first official colony of Theta Chi on campus. With a total of 13 organizations as part of the Interfraternity Council, Theta Chi makes 14.

“I believe we have the most eclectic and diverse minded group on campus,” said Nuñez.

Kevin Martin, a junior finance and management information systems double major, as well as the public relations and homecoming chair in the fraternity, was very emotional.

“The main thing that hooked me was the chance to change Greek life on campus.”

Condon feels he has “found a musical home”

SANDY ZAPATA
Staff Writer

Growing interest creates new colony on campus

The sound has finally caught up with him, and a little over half-an-hour spent with “The Rip Tide” shows that sentiment come into fruition.

It is nothing distinctively new or even as daring as past projects, but it feels more inspired than his last compositions.

It is a fitting album to end the summer with.


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**DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH**

**VMAs fashion: a few bright stars shone in the darkness**

**BEST WORST**

Kanye West is probably the most stylish man in pop culture. He couldn’t top the crimson suit he had on last year’s awards but his Americano-themed outfit was something I’d steal right off his back. I loved his umbre shirt and slim fitting waist paired with a wrist full of bohemian bracelets. This outfit was the right combination of casual but cool. I will definitely try to recreate this outfit on myself minus the $1,680 Nike kicks. Katy Perry was able to look graceful in her pin-up geisha look that would have appeared to be a costume on anyone else. Her pastel colored Atelier Versace dress was probably the most beautifully designed and constructed dress of the night and definitely the most original choice. The thing I loved about Perry was that she made the effort to accessorize everything around her dress; she had a cherry blossom tucked in her purple hair and carried a parasol to complete the geisha theme. 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Facebook update focuses on streamlined privacy process

The main status box on Facebook has always asked its users “what’s on your mind?” For Facebook executives it seems to be more privacy. Last Thursday, Facebook launched its new privacy settings that will give users more control over exactly who sees what is on their profile.

With recent innovations like the ability to tell people your exact location by “checking-in,” to the use of facial recognition technology to identify people in pictures, Facebook has seemingly transitioned from a benign and useful method to keeping up with friends to what some have called the ultimate stalking tool.

Too often, many users have felt the website has fallen short of expectations when it comes to privacy; for many who have succumbed to the cyber sharing culture, the consequences of sharing too much is often over looked.

Facebook’s new privacy settings aim to change that by allowing users to edit who can view their post even after it has gone live by using a box that appears on your profile called the “inline audience selector,” eliminating the need to navigate to a different page. The box features icons that replace the previous padlock menu.

This new feature is intended to make it easier for Facebook’s more than 750 million users to control their privacy settings.

“It makes it easier to access the privacy features. The only bad thing about it is that you have to constantly remember to change who sees what,” said Daniel Cabrera, senior fine arts major.

Facebook’s move towards a streamlined privacy procedure comes in the wake of buzzing competition from a social network operated by Google, Inc. Launched on June 28 2011, Google+ garnered over 20 million visitors in the first 21 days, according to the research firm Comscore Inc.

Google+ allows users to create “circles” of friends and with each post the user specifies which “circle” is able to view the post, giving users more control over who is viewing content on their profile.

“I heard that the privacy options are better on Google+ but no one I know is really on there, so I decided to stick with Facebook,” said junior journalism major Latoni Perris.

“I also have a twitter. Adding Google+ would be too much social networking.”

Although Facebook contests that the changes were not made in response to competition from Google+, the move towards more user-friendly privacy options couldn’t have come at a more convenient time.

Aside from the option of controlling which friends view the post thru the “inline audience selector,” users can also manage what “tags” can appear on their profile.

Now when a user is tagged in a picture, it will not appear on the user’s page until the tag is approved.

However, the picture will still appear on the person’s page that uploaded the image, allowing their friends to view it. The new settings also allow people that are not your Facebook friend to tag you in their friend’s posts.

There is also the option to tag your location in your status from a computer - a feature limited previously to the mobile Facebook app.

Although Facebook is making strides towards giving their users more privacy, they continue to gather personal information from its users. It recently came to light, for example, that if Facebook users had installed the Facebook app on their phone, Facebook synchs all of the contacts saved on the phone and stores them on their servers.

In a statement to BGR.com, an online technology news service, a Facebook spokesperson stated, “Rumors claiming that your phone contacts are visible to everyone on Facebook are false.” Our Contacts list, formerly called Phonebook, has existed for a long time. The phone numbers listed there were either added directly to Facebook and shared with you by your friends, or you have previously synced your phone contacts with Facebook. Just like on your phone, only you can see these numbers.”

Your contacts can be removed from your page, but whether they are removed from Facebook’s servers still remains unclear.

Making privacy setting easier to control may provide more security for users but what is released into the cyber world is ultimately up to the user.

If you’re using Facebook, you are wanting people to see what you say” said Cabrera.

“If it’s private, don’t make it a status.

DEBORAH SOUVÉRAIN
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Tropical Florida, Inc. and the Miami Children’s Museum; and organizations for the advancement of the arts such as the Adrienne Arsht Center and Art Studio Inc.

Non-profit organization recruiters will be fielding students’ questions and concerns while showcasing the different positions and responsibilities that can fill within the respective organizations.

Bromfield sees this fair as a way of getting both students and volunteer organizations to come together in a centralized location to see how the two can best work with each other towards the causes that they feel passionate about.

“I would like students to walk away with the impression that there is so much more that can be done in the world. Everyone has two hands that can contribute to the greater good,” said Bromfield. “Students coming to this realization is the main purpose of the fair.”

VOLUNTEER FAIR

• Time: 11 a.m.
• When: 09/01/11
• Where: WUC Panther Square