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FOOTBALL
PRIME TIME WIN
Golden Panthers bring down BCS team on national stage

Golden Panthers defensive lineman Isame Faciane and defensive back Sam Miller sack Louisville quarterback Will Stein in FIU’s first win against a BCS school with a 24-17 victory.

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Staff Writer

It may have taken nine years to get their first win against a BCS school, but the Golden Panthers did just that after traveling to Louisville, Ky., and coming away with a victory against the Cardinals on what seemed to be the T.Y Hilton show.

The one touchdown victory on Sept. 9, 24-17 being the final score, was owed to Hilton’s two touchdowns that made the difference in the first half of the game.

Ending the game with an astounding 201 receiving yards and 268 all purpose years, Hilton broke the previous record he once held.

“Just having fun and playing the game,” said Hilton. “Wes threw a perfect ball. Can’t ask for a better ball.”

Before the game, cornerback Andrew Johnson of Louisville tweeted that he was prepared to lockdown Hilton this game.

“I like our program and our players, we stay away from that kind of stuff,” said head coach Mario Cristobal. “Hopefully he earned the respect from us tonight.”

The win moves FIU to now 2-0 on the season. After being broad cast on ESPN College Football Primetime, the win and performance is sure to garner FIU national attention.

Cristobal is well aware of what an impact the coverage will have on this season and those to come.

“I hope the eyes were real, real wide as to what went on here tonight,” Cristobal said.

The defense set the tone early on when linebacker Winston Fraser intercepted a pass from Louisville quarterback Will Stein and took it back 78 yards to put FIU up 7-0.

The Golden Panthers did not allow any points until Chris Phipp put a 30 yard field goal through the uprights to make it 7-3 with 13:35 to go in the first half.

It was after this that Hilton physically took over, scoring two touchdowns on consecutive FIU drives.

The first one, a crossing pass from quarterback Wesley Carroll that he took 74 yards to the house and the second, a deep 83 yard pass.

FIU’s defense gave up their first board of Trustees

BOT meeting sets goals

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After presenting the outcomes of the University’s 2010-2011 goals, University President Mark Rosenberg laid out the goals for the 2011-2012 academic year.

In addition to increasing percentages and dollar figures University-wide, this year’s goals also included completing a plan to acquire the land the Miami-Dade County Youth Fair uses.

“1 believe this year we can get it done,” Rosenberg said during the Sept. 8 meeting. He added the 86 acres the fair takes place on from March 15 to April 1 would be a “game changer” for the University.

In terms of dollar figures, the University wants to increase their “philanthropic revenue,” or donations made to it, to $37 million - a six percent increase from the previous year.

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University ranks as top institution to work for

Over the summer, the University has been ranked one of the top institutions to work for, according to a survey conducted by The Chronicle of Higher Education.

“This honor is special,” said President Mark Rosenberg as he addressed the matter for employees at the University, “because it’s based on a survey of FIU faculty and staff. In other words, this recognition reflects how you feel about our work place.”

The Chronicle of Higher Education recognized 12 features critical to having an excellent workplace as per the assist of higher education experts who helped to customize the survey for the University work experience.

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First half outburst proved to be enough for upset win

**FOOTBALL**

**T.Y. VERY MUCH**

Victory a testament to Hilton’s Heisman-worthy talent

The little receiver who once wasn’t good enough to play for the big schools just sent out a message to the rest of the nation: try to stop me.

Maybe the Heisman committee was asleep when FIU played last week. That might be why the mainstream media has yet to caught on.

After his second touchdown, Hilton struck the Heisman pose. He threw his own little flare in just to let the fans know that he is for real. It was a well-deserved attitude after his first two weeks of play have accrued a total of 551 all-purpose yards and three touchdowns.

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For the second time this season, FIU has been ranked in the BCS Top 25, No. 20. The Panthers have also been ranked in all the major polls for the first time since the 2004 season.

Tyrone ‘T.Y.’ Hilton, a true freshman from South Carolina, has been a revelation for the team.

The team did not disappoint. In an nail biting match, FIU (5-3, 0-0 SBC) overcame defensive woes and the Golden Panthers can be proud to show the crowd just how exciting one goal for the team’s Sept. 9 game—at the Louisville Superdome—was.

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Following one of the best games in his collegiate career, 283 all-purpose yards and a touchdown, the senior all-around threat stepped on the biggest stage of them all—ESPN.

With 157 yards and two touchdowns on his first two catches, it was evident that Hilton was on a mission to torch the Louisville Secondary Earlier before the game, Louisville defensive back Andrew Johnson wanted everyone to know just what the Cardinals secondary thought of Hilton.

“Somebody might want to give T.Y. Hilton some handcuffs cause it’s lockdown time,“ Johnson Tweeted.

I think its safe to say that Hilton found the key to those handcuffs and destroyed the Louisville defense. On the second of the two touchdown catches, it was apparent that the reigning Sun Belt Player of the Week could easily start on most, if not all, Big East teams.

He flew through the secondary with ease and without regard toward the goal line. Papa John’s Cardinal Stadium has not been that quiet even when there isn’t a game going on.

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**Quick Release:** Quarterback Wesley Carroll, avoids the sack to find tight end Jonathan Faucher for a small gain.

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Touchdown of the year off a late 6-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Michaelae Harris with 41 seconds left in the first half to make the score 21-10 going into halftime.

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The Cardinals made one last ditch effort to come back when they scored a touchdown late in the game and tried an onside kick that went unsuccessfully for them.

They forced the Panthers into a 3 and out but with just over a minute left in the game, and the ball near their own end zone, the defense made one last stop to conceal the win.

This is without a doubt a huge win for the program, and this sets up an even bigger Sept. 15 opportunity when they take on University of Central Florida at home at 600 p.m.

**VOLLEYBALL**

Defense holds off a late comeback to win their home opener

**Quick Release:** Junior Jovana Bjelica spear headed the offense with 18 kills and a career high four service aces, a career high. Senior Sabrina Gonzalez led the shaky four service aces, a career high. Senior Sabrina Gonzalez led the shaky four service aces, a career high. Senior Sabrina Gonzalez led the shaky four service aces, a career high. Senior Sabrina Gonzalez led the shaky four service aces, a career high. Senior Sabrina Gonzalez led the shaky four service aces, a career high.

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The Panthers managed to build a three point lead on Bjelica’s fourth service ace of the night. They widened that lead, going on to score a 24-20 lead down any Panther offense to prevent a comeback. Down 16-20, Tomic called a timeout to regroup the team.

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SPORTS

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After a heart breaking loss at the hands of UMKC on Sept. 2, the Golden Panthers look to go back to their winning ways after facing off against a 4-2-0 Florida Gulf Coast University club at home.

Offensively the Panthers have underperformed this season. Shooting out four of their five opponents this season, the team still has not been able to score the decisive goal when needed. Thus leading to their 2-3-0 record.

With that in focus, the Panthers sought to shed their offensive struggles against a Florida Gulf Coast team, who happen to be 2-0 in away games this year.

With heavy rain hampering the field—making it nearly unplayable—the game, which was set to begin at 6:30 p.m. was delayed until 7:50 p.m.

From the start, FIU and FGCU battled back and forth and it became clear that a Panther victory would not come easily.

FIU broke open in minute 12:53. Co-Captain Kelly Ann Hutchinson took a great assist from Nicole DiPerna, as she had a fantastic strike towards the right side of the goal post. Panthers continued to persist after their 1-0 lead. They broke through again, but this time the goal came from Sophomore Kim Lopez in minute 14:39 of regulation.

Lopez took a quick pass from Deana Rossi, which then enabled Lopez to make an impressive header—giving FIU a comfortable 2-0 lead.

The first half then pursued on in a back and forth battle, as no team gained full momentum of the game for longer than a play or two. The half concluded with FIU keeping their 2-0 lead.

Once the second half started, FGCU began attacking aggressively and continually kept FIU on their toes with constant strikes.

Then finally after constant battling Gulf Coast broke through FIU’s defense and scored, as FGCU midfielder Kayley Clay took a clean shot from the penalty box. The game was then 2-1, still in favor of FIU.

FGCU carried their momentum throughout the remainder of the game as FIU couldn’t conjure anything productive offensively, with FGCU’s defense smothering them.

With that momentum, FGCU made two devastating goals in the span of 5 minutes. In the 64th minute, FGCU’s Melissa Arnold broke through a weak FIU defense and took a shot beyond the box that sailed away from goalkeeper Kaitlyn Savage. It was in minute 68:32 that FGCU nailed down their win with a third goal from Gina Petracco.

This marked the second devastating loss in a row for FIU who now stand at 2-4-0 so far this season.

“Hats off to Gulf Coast. They battled back in the second half and they found a way to win,” said coach Thomas Chestnutt. Coach Chestnutt attests the defeat to the team’s loss in the midfield battle.

“The game was won tonight in the midfield. They ultimately did the better job in the midfield than we did and that’s what won the game,” Chestnutt said.

Regardless of the outcome, FIU is looking ahead as it heads out to Oregon to take on the Beavers in hopes of getting rid of their losing streak.

“After tonight, whether win or loss, you have to move on” Chestnutt said.

Eagles score two late goals to stun Golden Panthers at home

WOMEN’S SOCCER

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Forward Roberto De Sousa [top], battles past Stetson opponents in the Sept. 10 matchup. Lucas Di Croce, midfielder, [bottom] drives the ball in the second half. It would ultimately be a 3-2 victory for the Panthers.
Feelings of loss are universal in new exhibit

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To commemorate the 10-year anniversary of 9/11, The Wolfsonian-FIU has created an exhibit entitled: "Reflections on Loss and Commemoration."

The exhibit examines how humans cope and commemorate emotional loss and tragedy and is part of the University’s public program series, “Unity/Diversity: Reflecting on the Meaning of 9/11.”

While most Sept. 11 memorials and commemorations look to call forth certain feelings through photographs or videos taken during the terrorist attacks; this exhibit, however, is an unexpected digression from the original event itself, and is instead a study of the emotions that were (and still are) felt across the nation.

The pieces on display were all created by artists from several different nations in the first half of the 20th century. Even though each piece was inspired by a different tragic event, they all deal with similar feelings of loss; each artist finds a different way to document, commemorate and cope with the tragedy they have faced.

“(This is) how people display emotions when a tragedy takes place. How they go ahead and handle the loss,” said Tommy Gomez, The Wolfsonian-FIU’s communications assistant.

One of the more dominating pieces in the exhibit is a large, somber portrait of an industrial worker by Italian painter, Alberto Helios Gagliardo entitled “La Piedad Umana” (Human Compassion). The painting is a direct reference to Michelangelo’s Pietà, however, Gagliardo takes the classic “Pietà” theme and transforms it into a raw, modern and tragic scene.

Whereas in Michelangelo’s “Pietà,” the Virgin Mary embraces a dead Jesus Christ, Gagliardo’s version contains a dead industrial worker being carried by a distraught coworker, while a mournful crowd of onlookers gather around the subject of the painting.

Gagliardo passionately captures a very realistic and modern-day tragedy in a biblical context. Another piece of interest is a book by an unknown Japanese publisher entitled, “Taisho Shinshai Gashu” (Painting Book of Taisho-Earthquake). The picture book portrays scenes from different areas of Tokyo during an earthquake and the ensuing windstorms and cyclones.

In the first scene, a man and woman are seen having a picnic calmly as the earthquake begins; the next page shows a horrific scene of a tsunami passing through a harbor, while ships are capsizing and fishermen are drowning in the ocean.

The following page depicts the destruction of an overturned train, and of the passengers frantically trying to escape to safety.

The final page of the book illustrates a group of men pulling a bleeding person out of the rubble of the destroyed train station.

Each page demonstrates the horror felt by those who experienced these events first hand, however, unlike Gagliardo who makes commentary through his work and takes certain artistic license in portraying the death of an industrial worker, Taisho Shinshai Gashu’s piece is documentation without commentary of the events that took place.

Also, a commemoration of the destruction three years after the earthquake.

While some pieces are not directly related to Sept. 11, the emotions that inspired them, and that they evoke, are very similar to the emotions felt by the nation towards the destruction and grief caused by the tragic event.

This exhibit gives insight to how Sept. 11 may be commemorated and documented in future years.

“Reflections on Loss and Commemoration” is open now through Sept. 30, on the fifth floor of The Wolfsonian-FIU in Miami Beach.

Alberto Helios Gagliardo’s painting of an industrial worker, “La Piedad Umana,” will be part of “Reflections on Loss and Commemoration.”
CHANNEL SURFING

GUITY PLEASURES

Trashy TV is entertaining, if only for the laughs

The shore crew is car-less while superhuman teams battle awkward situations. Enjoy!

COMEDY: “AWKWARD.”
MTV, TUESDAYS @ 11 P.M.

So here it is, another high school drama, except it is actually relatable — who knew?

From “The O.C.” (come on, like all people in high school are perfect, beautiful and rich) to “Gilmore Girls,” with a character like Paris (frankly smart, inappropriate and competitive), the typical high school drama is not always as relatable as they can be.

In any case, “Awkward.” is a typical high school drama that narrates the story of Jenna Hamilton, a somewhat social outcast whose friends either speak “text” or have strict Asian parents who prevent any kind of outside life.

The characters go through a new relationship every week, and the awkward tension between herself and Tamara, Marty, and Jake, after last week’s unexpected shindig at Jenna’s house. When Jenna realizes she’s a ‘girl-code’ breaker because she kissed Tamara’s unexpected crush, Ricky McMillen, a popular, less good-looking version of Finn from “Glee” hooks up with Jenna on a whim. However, she later finds out he has no intention of committing himself to her, or is his social status the concern?

Jenna is forced to cope with a variety of individuals: Lacy Hamilton, her juvenile mother; Sadie Saxton, who is a walking oxymoron and manipulative fat cheerleader; Valerie Marks, an insensitive and unprofessional student counselor, and Jake Rosati, a guy Jenna recently kissed and is now fighting for her affections.

I’m interested to see how Jenna deals with the awkward tension between herself and Tamara. Marty and Jake, after last week’s unexpected shindig at Jenna’s house. When Jenna realizes she’s a ‘girl-code’ breaker because she kissed Tamara’s unexpected crush, Ricky Schwartz, she also discovers that Tamara was the coward who forgot to inscribe her name at the end of the “friend-emy” letter.

In the upcoming Sept. 15 episode, Jenna’s parents who prevent any kind of outside life.

REALITY TV: JERSEY SHORE
MTV, THURSDAYS @ 10 P.M.

The “Jersey Shore” phenomenon has gone beyond the U.S. and into their Italian roots. Jenni “J-Woww,” Nicole “Snooki,” Sammi “Sweetheart,” Deena, Vinny, Ronnie, Pauly D and Mike. “The Situation,” all embark on a trip to Italy, even though some may not know exactly where Italy or its neighboring countries are.

It may not be the most substantial television show ever, but it’s extremely entertaining and satisfies the guilty pleasure quota of TV viewers everywhere because the cast is too easy of a target to laugh at.

The recent drama was intense with the fight between Ronnie and Mike, Jenni attempting to be the mediator and Ronnie and Sammi continuing an on-and-off relationship.

While the show is a tad addicting, the average American sees the gang as a joke, but to be honest, this is what attracts its viewers and it is, in fact, hilarious -- from Deena falling on her face (sober or drunk) to Snooki getting in trouble with the police. In the upcoming Sept. 15 episode, “The Jersey Shore” crew decides to take a trip to an Italian beach. The most anticipated event of the season will finally premiere: Snooki, who happens to be the only girl able to drive stick, crashes into an Italian police cruiser and a wall, which causes two police officers to be taken away on stretchers to the hospital for whiplash. Snooki has her license revoked, but she is not arrested. What will the gang do for mobilization???

SCIENCE FICTION: ALPHAS
SYFY, MONDAYS @ 10 P.M.

Running for its first season this year, “Alphas” delivers the enhanced abilities of “X-Men” mutants with a sprinkle of “One Tree Hill” drama and the investigative quality of “CSI.” It’s a great combination, if I may say so myself.

“Alphas” focuses on six characters who have super human abilities (called Alphas), such as visualizing electromagnetic signals (Gary), the ability to see movement at an advanced speed and hyperkinesis (Cameron); the ability to heighten one or more essential senses (Rachel); or the use of hyper induction, the power to force someone to do something by verbally asking (Nina). Dr. Lee Rosen takes on the mentor role of the group of Alphas and urges them to use their powers for the greater good.

The characters go through personal problems: the sexual tension is growing between Nina and Cameron; Rachel’s overhearing has kicked her out of the house and she can’t seem to catch a break in her love life; and Gary’s mom can’t seem to let him go when he has to go out and fight crime as an Alpha.

The characters are extremely human with all their quirks, issues and wins. The dialogue is fresh, full of one-liners (courtesy of Gary) and an overarching storyline is developing among the stand-alone episodes, promising something bigger in the long run.

The group also has to deal with the Defense Criminal Investigative Service and the U.S. Department of Defense who forbid them to get involved in their investigations concerning rogue Alphas; the growing uncertainty on where the government’s true intentions lie; as well as a rebel group, Red Flag, who are Alphas hell-bent on destroying Alphas who have confirmed themselves to working with the government. Sept. 12’s episode displays a problem that could potentially hinder the team or actually benefit them: an Alpha who can see what will happen before anyone else could actually be a huge life saver (if he’s on Dr. Rosen’s team). I can’t tell the future, but I know that this episode is going to be incredible.

REMEMBERING THE PAST

Students line up with candles in the Graham Center Pit to illuminate an outline of the United States in commemoration of the 9/11 tragedy. The event was one of several that day which included a half-mast ceremony outside the main entrance of GC. Commemoration & Reflection at the GC Fountain and Peace Monument, and a reception in GC 243.

Sudoku

Go online at http://www.sudoku9x9.com and enter puzzle l2 #: 25962507 to get your answer key.
On Sept. 2, the Obama administration declared that it was stepping down on deregulation to promote ‘growth,’ by the people—the same people to whom they were supposed to protect and serve its people. The Obama administration was given the opportunity to govern for the better, but what we have so far is a cat surrounded by wolves.

What we are presented with today is deregulation to promote so called growth, but the big picture is the selling out by the appalling United States’ legislative and executive branches. This government is supposed to protect and serve its people. The environmental policy at hand, which affects the health of the country, is just a microcosm of a bigger vision, a vision which does not include the welfare of the majority, but the betterment of the few that can afford to see the fruits of their seed. This can only be accomplished by skewing a once virtuous democracy into a plutocracy—and President Barack Obama’s “change” is doing nothing to amend that.

Michael Steele, spokesman for the House John Boehner, stated that the derailment of the proposed Environmental Protection Agency regulation was “the tip of the iceberg when it [came] to stopping Washington Democrats’ agenda of tax hikes, more government ‘stimulus’ spending and increased regulations, which are all making it harder to create more American jobs.” This is not about the E.P.A., it is not about health and it is not even about jobs. The Republican Party cares only about business, and the three main points in the antithesis of the Democratic agenda presented show just that.

That of the U.S., but it can often be an easier process, as many schools abroad do not require entrance exams such as the GRE, GMAT or LSAT. In most European countries, graduate school is a fraction of the cost in the U.S. Take Sweden for example. As Sarah Menkedick, a writer for “Mataador Abroad,” writes, “Graduate school is free. The website for Uppsala University announces this nonchalantly, as if the whole world lived in the calm socialist paradise that is Sweden.” Such is the case in Norway, where higher education is also free of charge. South Africa, Mexico, Spain and Germany offer extremely competitive prices. Furthermore, federal U.S. loans can be used abroad at approved institutions.

In addition to going abroad for graduate school because of how cost effective it is, pursuing an international education also brings forth less tangible factors of equal importance. Positive growth is inevitable because it presents a highly independent experience. For students who did not have the finances, during earlier college years, there is now a chance to finally do so.

Learning a new language and being forced to acclimate to a culture outside of your own gives one a much needed crash course in the real world. The occasional loneliness and awareness that you are a foreigner can lead to a much-needed growth spurt of independence.

So, while you finish your application to Harvard Graduate School and begin negotiating loan terms with Sallie Mae, consider going abroad for your degree. It will save you thousands and will cause you to grow both intellectually and personally.

“Borderless with Brooklyn” is a biweekly column examining world events.
Open house offers a glimpse of Health Center’s available services

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No matter if you’re a resident assistant or living off-campus, the University’s Health Centers provide a wide range of services at prices that are often less than the cost of visiting an outside clinic.

On Sept. 14, Biscayne Bay Campus University Health Services Department will be hosting their annual open house event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is open to everyone interested in learning more about the facility while being offered a number of tests and screenings for free.

Outside participants from Mt. Sinai Medical Center, asthma allergy centers, local chiropractors, massage therapists and Mercy Laboratory will also come in to perform screenings.

Information on skin care and men’s health will also be provided as well as sun vision testing, fitness and nutrition assessments, blood pressure and cholesterol screenings.

“Last year we had over 270 participants and close to 80 percent of them were students. It’s always been a good way to let students know we are here for them,” said Therese Boyd, director of BBC University Health Care.

On a daily basis, the health center focuses on women’s health services, from cold and flu, to sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy tests and pelvic inflammatory diseases.

The health fee that students pay every semester entitles them to use the University Health Services, unlike other clinics that require a separate payment just to see the doctor.

The only time students are charged for anything additional testing is needed, such as for strep screens, blood work, urinalysis, mono tests and others.

Nonetheless, these extra laboratory tests are much more economic than doing them outside of school. While a baseline blood work test, for instance, can range from two or three hundred dollars outside of school, FIU only charges $40.

Also, a pap smear can normally cost $150 out of pocket, but if done at the BBC health clinic, it’s only $25.

They do not, however, accept third-party payments such as Medicaid.

“We are not here to make a profit. The health clinic spend as much time needed with the patient depending on what is being done,” Boyd said.

“We pride ourselves on teaching our students about improving their health,” Boyd said. “We enjoy spending time with them and working with them.”

Nurse practitioners and physicians are on staff and can write prescriptions. On Wednesdays, the health clinic also provides free 10-minute massages.

The health center is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Both BBC and Modesto Maidique Campus health services are reliable and looking for new ways to improve in order to benefit their students.

Oscar Loyaun, MMC’s University health care director explained on a plan that is still in the making.

“The [MMC] campus is pretty much a full service pharmacy and we’re working on trying to get some of the prescription medication over here to the BBC campus, so if a student needs something it can be ordered at BBC and transported to MMC campus,” said Loyaun.

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“Even though we’ve had in the past several problems, like the pharmacy or the lab, the problem or the suggestion.”

Students wishing to receive updates on SGA BBC’s activities can visit the Web site home page and join the SGA-BBC mailing list.

New SGC-BBC website intended to be more ‘relevant’

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The Student Government Council at the Biscayne Bay Campus has launched a new web site, http://sggbbe.fiu.edu/.

SGC-BBC Clerk Larissa Adams said that the decision to create a new Web page was motivated by a desire to make the site more relevant and useful.

“The [old site] was extremely outdated.” Adams said. “We wanted to update it and change it.”

The new SGC-BBC web site includes a comment box, students can use to contact SGA representatives, an archive of the minutes of SGA general meetings dating back to May of 2010, contact information for the heads of the various committees, content explaining the roles of SGA councils and committees, and a section containing links to information on upcoming campus events.

Unlike the website for SGA at the Modesto Maidique Campus, the SGC-BBC site does not currently have a “senate compliance dashboard” that allows visitors to see whether or not SGA representatives are keeping up with the demands of their position.

The new version of the SGC-BBC web site, Adams said, went online on Aug. 15.

At the time of printing, however, the content for some sections of the new SGC-BBC site was not yet been added, and links from the main SGA site at http://www2.fiu.edu/~sga/index2.html have not yet been updated and still redirect users to the old website.

Adams encouraged students to familiarize themselves with the functions of the various SGA branches and officials.

“They need to know the branches,” she said. “So they know who to contact when they have a problem or a suggestion.”

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‘Sorbet’ meet and greet set for Pines Center

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The University’s Pines Center Campus is hosting Sorbet on Sept. 14 as a University wide event introducing SGA members from both the Modesto Maidique Student Government Council and the Biscayne Bay Campus Student Government Council, in which the Pines Center is represented.

“The point of this event is to educate MMC and BBC on what happens at the Pines Center Campus,” said Emmanuel Okwor, former SGC-BBC Pines Center Representative and current Pines Center Senator.

According to Okwor, the sorbet theme was chosen to serve as a simple meet and greet to create a degree of affinity amongst the Pines Center community. As part of the event there will be a short lecture describing the satellite campus and its offerings, a small tour of the class rooms and labs, followed by a small gathering where snacks and refreshments will be served.

During the socializing hour that concludes the event, students and faculty will be able to get to know one another and exchange their experiences and concerns on the Pines Center Campus.

“So much is offered and so much goes on at the Pines Center, and I feel that most of the student body does not know that this campus exists,” said Okwor. “I thought we should have this University wide event so that everyone could come out and see how nice this campus is.”