Survivor recalls experience in World Trade Center

Michael Fineo
9/11 survivor

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After waiting for a response, the Department of Energy brought their own panel of judges to evaluate all the projects sent. By the end of April 2010, the model sent in by the University made the cut; it was among the 20 chosen.

Along with the acknowledge-ment and honor of being chosen among so many, the project received a $100,000 grant towards bettering and perfecting the University’s PerFORMDance House takes shape

Above: Chissy Perez, an architecture graduate and project construction manager, demonstrating the solar house’s hurricane shutters. Right: Tari Perez, an interior architecture graduate (left) and Christina Rodriguez, an architecture graduate (right) demonstrate the house’s sliding glass doors.

MIRIAM ARIAS
Staff Writer

Six years after the original proposal, the University’s Solar Decathlon entry is now in Washing-
ton, D.C. to face off against 19 other universities’ projects in the Department of Energy’s Biannual Event.

The University’s entry was among the few schools chosen by the end of April 2010 to compete in the DOE’s Solar Decathlon event, which will take place from Sept. 23 to Oct. 2.

Dating back to 2005, the University sent a proposal to the Department of Energy to compete in the Solar Decathlon. The request was reviewed, accepted and published in fall of 2005.

The program’s principle idea was to involve the students in the project and have them work together to achieve success, according to Marilys Nepomechie, associate professor of architecture.

“...it was awesome, nothing like it; more so because every year the stakes and expectations are higher,” Nepomechie said.

Almost four years later in 2009, the students sent their work to Washington and a few months later in January 2010, were informed of their success.

FIU made the cut: they were among the 45 out of 80 schools that continued on to the next level.

This first cut was dependent only among the documents and ideas sent.

The next step involved choosing a model to represent the University in Washington, D.C.

Soon after receiving the news of their advancement in the competi-
tion, the University had to choose the best work to send to D.C.

In March 2010, a jury was put together to choose the best three projects; it eventually came down to the one preferred among most.

The project was perfected and sent to Washington during spring break of the same year.

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JILL BOUCHER
Contributing Writer

Most people saw the sights and heard the sounds of 9/11 from a screen miles away. Michael Fineo did so from inside Tower One.

Fineo, who was at the University on Sept. 6 to recount his ordeal as a part of “Unity Diversity: Reflecting on the Meaning of 9/11,” the month-long series of events honoring 9/11, arrived to work in Tower One of the World Trade Center, he would be fighting for his life trying to escape the crumbling building.

Sitting in his office on the 25th floor, Fineo heard the sound of an explo-
sion shortly before 9 a.m. Immediately, people started panicking and evacuating the building but not Fineo. Instead, he remained on the phone with a client. Within 30 seconds, there was another explosion. As he ran to the stairwell, Fineo noticed no one was moving and subsequently, he didn’t have time to escape before the inev-
able collapse of the building.

He ran to a smaller, less traveled stairwell.

“...I escaped down a small staircase. The larger stairwell I tried to enter was packed with people, and there was no way I could [fit]. At that moment, I began to worry that I would not get out,” said Fineo when asked about how he was able to escape death from 25 stories high.

COMING UP: Opinion

Check out the Life! section for the movie review column, “Reel to Reel” by Steve Mesa as he reviews Ryan Gosling’s new movie, “Drive.”

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Florida Supreme Court justice to address law students

ANTHONY FIGUEROA Contributing Writer

The University’s Black Law Student Association is hosting Peggy Quince, justice of the Florida Supreme Court, on Sept. 15.

Quince will speak on the importance of early involvement in the judicial system as well as the importance of earning and clerkship at the College of Law in room 1000 of the Rafael Diaz-Balart Hall from 12 to 2 p.m. Five other judges will be present as well. The event is open to all faculty members, students and anyone interested in pursuing a legal career.

Quince was born in Norfolk, Va. in 1948. She attended and graduated Howard University in 1970 and later received her juris doctor from Catholic University of America in 1975.

During her years as a law student, Quince was a member of both Phi Alpha Delta Law fraternity and the Black American Law Students Association. In 1978, she moved down to Florida and began practicing general civil law until 1980, where she began working with the Attorney’s General Office, Criminal Division.

Throughout her more than 13 years of working at the attorney general’s office, she dealt with various appeals in the Second District Court of Appeals, the Florida Supreme Court, the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1993, Quince was the first African-American female appointed on one of the district courts of appeal. The former and late Florida Governor Lawton Chiles appointed her to the Second Court of Appeals. Quince was elected to the Florida Supreme Court on Dec. 8, 1988.

The purpose of Quince’s visit is to inform prospective students how to get involved in the judicial system and how to develop legal skills early on for the future.

Quince will also cover the significance, benefits and skills acquired from clerking with a judge.

Coming from personal experience in the legal world, Quince will explain the role of judges and clerks during the trial and hearing process of a case and the learning experience gained from being a judge. She will also mention the steps needed in order for a student to better one’s chances of being elected as a judge.

Quince will personally discuss the choices and decisions she felt was essential in becoming a Supreme Court judge.

This event serves to empower the University’s student body to pursue early legal opportunities such as clerk ships in order to better understand a judge’s position in the legal world and how to attain such a prestigious title.

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EVENT DETAILS

• Time: 12-2 p.m.
• When: Sept. 9
• Where: College of Law, RDB Hall, rm. 1000

Cell phone behavior unchanged despite probable risks

ALEXANDRA MARTIN Contributing Writer

Despite the potential health risks, cell phones have become nearly impossible to live without. But as the number of users increases rapidly, so does the widespread use of wireless or mobile phones may cause cancer.

According to the Cellular Telecommunications and the Internet Association there were more than 303 million cell phone subscribers as of 2010 in the United States and an estimated 5 billion subscribers globally.

There are a few reasons that contribute to this widespread worrisome. The main one is cell phones emit radio-frequency energy otherwise known as radio waves.

The National Cancer Institute said the area where the cell phone is held can absorb that energy. There are two types of electromagnetic radiation - ionizing, which is used in x-rays and can cause cancer, and non-ionizing, which is very low power frequency.

Cell phones emit non-ionizing frequency and, while it’s not as strong as the ionizing, there is still speculation and research being conducted on whether long durations of cell phone use can lead to cancer or brain tumors such as gliomas.

The potential health risks are not affecting students’ relationship with their cell phones.

“There hasn’t really affected my behavior with my cell phone,” said Jessica Diaz, a junior English literature major.

“A lot of things are potential effects to causing cancer so this wasn’t really anything new to me,” said Diaz and other students have heard of the news but wouldn’t stop using their cell phones which they say is practical at all times.

“I have my phone attached to me all the time, I sleep with it next to me and at work it’s right next to me,” Diaz said.

“I can tell you that I’m addicted to my cell phone,” said Gloria Ozard, a junior journalism major and Unvision reporter. “I’m a person that’s always with it. A cell phone is a very helpful instrument for my job especially.”

“I’m aware that there is a possibility of cell phones causing cancer but I don’t think it will affect my cell phone use because now electronics have become a third hand,” said Jesse Sanchez, a senior journalism major. “We need them, we feel naked without them.”

Yolanda Santisteban, an advanced registered nurse practitioner for University Health Services at the Biscayne Bay Campus, said tests on the risk of getting cancer from a cell phone don’t get the same results.

“The result of numerous studies all over the world about the association between cell phone use and cancer are conflicting and have inconsistencies,” said Santisteban.

There is no scientific evidence that cell phones can lead to cancer or other health problems, according to the Federal Communications Commission.

Some studies say that there could be a connection between certain brain cancers and long term cell phone use but that theory is still in the air.

Researchers would need to conduct longer and thorough studies.

There is no scientific evidence that cell phones emit cancer causing radiation generally, according to the International Agency for Research on Cancer. However, claims that radio frequency can “possibly be carcinogenic to humans” based on limited evidence and studies.

According to the National Cancer Institute, dozens of studies have been conducted in limited settings.

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“The risk is minute compared to the advantages, yes, cancer is a big deal but the advantages of having a cell phone puts you in a place to better advance your life,” said Sanchez.

Diaz compared cell phone with the similar effects of medical tests. “Medical tests that doctors do on patients at the hospitals have the same effect as a cell phone and they don’t stop using it either,” Diaz said.

Although Sanchez said the news wouldn’t affect his cell phone use, he said more concrete evidence could change that.

“I don’t think I person- ally would make a change unless things started to happen with more of the scientific reasoning being affected by cancer. If scientists can prove that then I think I will have a change in my behavior with cell phones,” Sanchez said.

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STILL STANDING

In commemoration of the Sept. 11 tragedy, flags were placed on the lawn in between the Blue and Gold garages. Flags were also placed in front of the Graham Center entrance.

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House on its way to D.C.; includes sensors, timers, and weather station

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“When we reached the 16th floor, Tower Two got hit. It was at this moment we knew that was not an accident. It was deliberate and probably terrorism. We heard the explosion and felt the explosion, and we could smell jet fuel.”

Police officers warned Finoe and others not to look around upon escaping but it was impossible to not look.

He was able to board a ferry out of the city that was heading to New Jersey. While on the ferry, he saw desperate people waving towels as a cry for help and others jumping out of the two towers as a last option – minutes later he witnessed the collapse of Tower Two.

Finoe was extremely fortunate that day and still carries the burden of surviving because there were so many who did not.

“This is the constant and ongoing pain I deal with. Survivor guilt is with me always. At times, it is more difficult than others, especially around each anniversary. Why did I survive while so many others died?”

While trapped in Tower One, he kept thinking of his family. His wife and children were waiting for him to walk through the door at home.

“I lost many friends that day. We were all very close and always. At times, it is more difficult than others, especially around each anniversary. Why did I survive while so many others died?”

He plans to spend the 10-year-anniversary of 9/11 with his family.

“I intend on going to a local 9/11 memorial with my family and treasuring the day in their company.”
VOLLEYBALL

Win streak extended to three with sweep over FAMU

EDUARDO ALMAQUEGR
Staff Writer

On Friday night, the Panthers were disappointed with how close they were to losing a game that should have been theirs in three sets.

This time, they made sure to hold onto the third set.

FIU (6-3, 0.0 SBC) defeated Florida A&M (0.8, 0.0 MEAC) for its third-straight win in three straight sets (25-10, 25-23, 26-24) on the heels of junior Jovana Bjelica. Its fourth double-double of the season and redshirt freshman Renee Forde’s newfound defense. Forde recorded the first double-double of her career, notching 20 assists and 10 digs.

“I had a really tough game defensively last game and I came out here with my main focus being dig more balls,” said Forde.

“Defense is a matter of discipline,” added Head Coach Daniela Tomic. “Today she stayed in her zones and read everything better.”

The Panthers outplayed FAMU in almost every category, including blocks, digs, kills and assists.

FIU wasted no time steamrolling through the Rattlers, jumping out to an 11-4 lead in the first set. FIU did not let the lead grow smaller than four. The Rattlers, however, slowly gnawed away at the lead.

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“It matters how you lose and it matters how you win,” added Tomic. “When our opponent raises the level of their game, we need to step up and do the same.”

The Panthers will attempt to raise their game to another level when they face off against Jacksonville.

FOOTBALL

After big win, Golden Panthers shift focus to Knights

JACKSON WOLEK
Staff Writer

The first practice after the biggest win in FIU regular season history got cut short due to lightning. No, it was not the streaks of T.Y Hilton, who won the Sun Belt offensive player of the week.

The first practice after the second straight time this year and the Walter Camp offensive player of the week was cut short. It was the inclement weather often seen in Miami around noon.

“It’s just like camp; lightnings come so we come out to an 11-4 lead in the first set. FIU did not let the lead grow smaller than four points as Bjelica unleashed a barrage of kills on the Rattlers that was too much for them to handle. The Panthers widened the lead to 11 as a word came from the Rattlers side of the net; their lack of communication, something that plagued the Panthers on Friday, then handicapped the team. Meanwhile, the Panthers roared to a 25-10 win with a service ace from Forde.

“My serving game was very strong [in the first set],” said Tomic. “It allowed us to put pressure on the other team.”

The teams began the second set battling back and forth as they exchanged blows until the score was knotted, 9-9. A FAMU error gave the Panthers a 10-9 lead. This dictated the tone for the rest of the set, as FIU could not create a lead bigger than four. The Rattlers, however, slowly gnawed away at the lead.

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Caroline Foust [Above, #17] practices before a match against FAMU.

They will take on the number one ranked defense in college football in points on Saturday when they face the University of Central Florida, who just recently held Boston College to a field goal in their 30-3 victory over the weekend.

With that win, the Knights moved up to No. 30 in the latest Associated Press poll, which means they will be the highest ranked team the Panthers have played so far this season.

The bulk of their defensive domination is the result of teams not being able to run the ball on them. They have allowed 1.9 yards per carry through two games, and Boston College totaled 57 yards the entire game.

This does not bode well for FIU who, after their four touchdowns, 208 yard rushing performance against North Texas in week one of the season, got only 45 yards on the ground when they faced a BCS school in Louisville.

The offense that the Knights have generated has been mostly on the ground, compiling 551 yards rushing and 431 passing. Like former UCF star quarterback Daunte Culpepper, sophomore quarterback Jeff Godfrey likes to run the ball and has a Conference USA high five rushing touchdowns this season. He also had 15 rushes for 69 yards against BC.

When he is not using his legs he is using his arm, one that has produced 26 completions in 35 attempts with 287 yards passing, but zero touchdowns. This could be a key game for the FIU defense in noticing that they like to score on the ground rather than through the air.

They also make great use of a deep running back roster that contains Ronnie Weaver, Bryan Harvey and Latavious Murray. All three have rushed for 100-plus yards on the season.

It is unknown whether this could be the next serious rival for FIU, but either way Hilton is not too worried about it.

“It could be a big rivalry game. We’re two teams from Florida and we’re just ready to battle it out,” said Hilton.
The level of competition went up on Sept. 9 as the Golden Panthers’ men’s and women’s cross country teams participated in the University of South Florida Invitational in Tampa. With a score of 177 points, the men’s team finished in seventh place in the eight kilometer run. The Golden Panthers’ women’s team also finished in seventh place in the five kilometer run with 182 points. The University of Florida (39 points), University of Miami (62 points) and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (85 points) rounded out the top three finishers in the men’s eight-kilometer race. “The guys ran good. The front ran particularly well,” Coach Drew Charles said. “The backdrop was okay. We were missing guys so we kind of struggled as a team a little bit.”

Freshman Dylan Cook paced the Golden Panthers in the men’s eight-kilometer race with a time of 26:11.60, which is good for a ninth place individual finish. The result was his first top ten finish of his collegiate career. He transitions really well in his first 8K. It seemed not to bother him too much. He looked really good throughout the race. He got out good, moved well in the middle and finished pretty strong,” Charles said. “I was happy with his performance. It was higher than I expected.”

Joshua Estrada also finished in the top 15 as he ran a time of 26:17.31, which secured a 12th place finish for the Golden Panthers. “He moved well throughout the race. He closed a lot better at the end,” Coach Charles said of Estrada’s race. “He looked a lot stronger (at the end).”

The University of South Florida (42 points), Florida Atlantic University (99 points) and the University of Tampa (102 points) were the top three finishing teams in the women’s five-kilometer run. Due to the weather, the women’s run was delayed by 45 minutes. “I was pretty happy with the women’s team. They did a lot better than the week before. The back end girls ran a lot faster and they ran together a lot more,” Charles said. “They were a lot closer as a group than a week before, so I was pretty happy about that.”

Daniela Espino ran another race under 19 minutes, a personal season best with a time of 18:16.09. Her efforts captured a ninth place individual finish in the women’s five-kilometer run. “She ran a good race,” said Coach Charles. “She got out well and finished well.”

Although the women were delayed due to the weather, Coach Charles praised Espino for her focus in running a strong race. “With all of the back and forth, or whether or not they were going to do the race because of the rain and lightning, she was still able to put all that aside and regain her focus and get back into the race.”

Samia Adam also put in another solid performance as she ran a time of 19:77.44, which secured top 30 finish. Her result was a 30 second improvement over her previous season best time.

The Golden Panthers will not compete again until Sept. 24 when they will travel to Gainesville to participate in the Mountain Dew Invitational. The meet will feature cross-country teams from all around Florida.

**MEN’S SOCCER**

Eketebi frustrated after draw against Jacksonville

Munga Eketebi, Head Coach FIU Men’s Soccer

![Keeper expects to win with world cup experience](image)

Staff Writer

Golden Panthers come up short in extra time with a 1-1 tie against Jacksonville

Andrew Leon

The Golden Panthers looked to bounce back after losing two important matches to Ohio State and Penn State this past weekend. FIU (1-2-1) went on to play on Stetson on Sept. 10 after the game was pushed back Friday night due to rain.

The Hatters (2-1-0) had better luck than FIU in Ohio, splitting their two games. The Hatters upset the 15th ranked Nittany Lions.

But the Golden Panthers were able to pick up a victory over the Hatters with a 1-0 win.

**KEEPER EXPECTS TO WIN WITH WORLD CUP EXPERIENCE**

Keeper Eric Reyes had a wild week in preparation for the game after being called to represent Puerto Rico in World Cup qualifying. On the way to Ohio, Reyes received a call from the manager of the team stating that their lead keeper was injured and they needed him to come through.

“At this point, I couldn’t be anymore excited. Reyes added, “It wasn’t the first time I’ve been contacted, they wanted me to play in training camp but I told them my focus is on FIU and the upcoming games for my team.”

Head coach Munga Eketebi thinks this experience is not only enlightening, but also powerful to a young player like Reyes. “For a player to represent their country is the ultimate position in any sport,” said Eketebi.

Reyes has played well for FIU. Between the posts he has recorded one shutout in his first game in blue and gold, and the 19-year-old has no sense of slowing down after the rewarding experience. Earlier in the season Reyes stated, “Communication is the key to putting this team together and getting wins.”

On his trip to Bayamon, Puerto Rico, Reyes took his time in getting to know his first team. Through training and drills, Reyes developed team chemistry.

Even after the 3-0 loss to Canada, Reyes’ hopes were still high. “My coaches preached to me that the most important thing is to have fun out there. No matter if you win or lose, make sure you go out there and have fun and smile because it’s going to go by in 90 minutes and you’ll never have your debut back. It was unbelievable. I couldn’t have asked for anything more … well, maybe I could have asked for a win.”

A HARD WIN TO GET

Reyes’ search for a victory came up close after FIU slipped past Stetson in a 3-2 extra time victory. Striker Jonathan Mendoza net twice for the Hatters against keeper Reyes. Early on, Mendoza broke loose and rifled a shot off the post and into the net in the 17th minute.

When you limit shoot opportunities, you frustrate the opponent and can score on the counter attack like we did.

Munga Eketebi, Head Coach FIU Men’s Soccer

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Alfredo Roig
Contributing Writer

Full-body tackling with no shoulder pads, funny socks and an odd-shaped ball being slung around the field...it must be rugby season.

Although rugby is widely regarded as a European sport, it is quickly making its way into the American realm of sport and recreation and has found its way into the FIU-MMC campus.

Former naval officer and rugby player Gabriel Puello founded the Florida International University rugby team in 1989. Like all the Florida International University athletics, is coming off an impressive 5-2 season last year with victory over University of Central Florida, University of Miami and University of Central Florida. The life of an FIU “rugger” is no walk in the park. The team practices two times a week for nearly three hours at a time. Their practices include anything from full contact tackling drills to non-stop cardio and endurance training. Practices usually conclude with an all out scrimmage in which the players will practice against each other.

Before joining the club two years ago, Michael Swaebe had never played rugby before in his life. Now, he is a fully dedicated player and is looking to introduce others to the game he fell in love with.

“No experience is needed to come play rugby,” Swaebe said. “We are just looking for players who want to learn the game and get better each and every practice.”

While at times it is necessary for individual players to step up and make a big play, Swaebe insists that the team is bigger than any one player and requires the contributions of many to get the job done on the field.

“There are people who have warranted individual attention, the great thing about rugby is the opportunity for everyone to be a star player and score,” Swaebe said. “From the largest forward to the sleestack back, there is a position made for everyone. If you want the ball bad enough you’ll get it.”

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shots, all of them on target and with two of them goals for Stetson. However, extra time played a different affect in the over time period. With quick passing, Quentin Albrecht was able to shock the Hatters again and break the tie with the game-winning goal. “The young players for this team are really a treat and it was a hard fought win and we are starting to play with more chemistry,” said Eketebi.

Albrecht controlled a long ball from defender Nicolas Chase and dropped it onto his left foot, placing the ball in the left corner of the box. The Golden Panthers dominated on the board,outrushing the Hatters 17-11 and out cornered them 11-4.” When you limit corners and you limit shot opportunities you frustrate the opponent and can score on the counter attack like we did,” said Eketebi after the extra time win.
BBC certificate program teaches students wine culture

JENNIE CAMPA
Contributing Writer

Abundant opportunities continue to grow in the hospitality and tourism industry with the Wine Masters Certificate Program that will be offered on campus for the first time under the Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management.

The program will be headed by several professors, including Patrick J. Cassidy, Eric Hemen and William Hebrank.

“The class meets 13 consecutive Mondays from Sept. 12 onward at 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Southern Wine & Spirits Beverage Management Center located at the Biscayne Bay Campus,” explained Dawn Fagman, assistant director of Enrollment and Recruitment Services. “Students must pay $695 in order to participate in the program.”

The program, developed by Patrick J. Cassidy, a professor of wine technology, was offered last semester through the Institute of Hospitality and Tourism Education/Research and is being offered again this Fall.

“Working in hospitality, there needs to be a lot of knowledge about food, locations and other services so that customers are confident that they will get the best,” said Hilary Hintz, a sommehore and hospitality management major.

“It is important to be knowledgeable about different wines and the wine that each client is satisfied, no matter their taste or preference.”

The series of classes will take the students around the world, exploring over 135 different wine flavors.

Improving the students’ palate is a part of the class, making wine tasting a regular element in the course; for this reason, not everyone can enroll in the program. “Participants must at least be 21,” said Fagman, “as with our other beverage-related courses.”

Among the objectives of the course, students will be exposed to the great wines and vineyards of the world, however, no official trips have been established for the certificate program yet.

“To my knowledge, this class doesn’t offer any field trips — but other wine classes in our department may offer them. This is up to the professor,” said Fagman.

Although there are no pre-requisites required, the certificate program is intended for professionals with previous experience. Each class session is designed to expand upon the experience and knowledge of individuals already working in the field of hospitality and tourism management.

“In pursuing my future career as a wedding planner, I want to be able to satisfy my clients’ desires for their wedding day. Wine is definitely an important aspect of that day,” said Hintz.

“Working in hospitality, it is very beneficial to know about the industry so that I will be able to partner with companies in the future and understand how the industry works,” continued Hintz.

The 13-week program will also instruct students on the proper way to handle beverages, including how to store, serve and merchandise the different wines. Students in the program will also be trained in the skills of buying and selling beverages and the economics behind the wine business.

“The Wine Masters Certificate would also be very beneficial to know about the industry so that I will be able to partner with companies in the future and understand how the industry works,” said Hintz.

“The certificate program would definitely add to the school’s curriculum, not only for the hospitality majors, but also for students interested in the program,” said Hintz. “It creates more diversity in FIU’s studies, as well as providing a unique and interesting topic, applicable to many fields of study.”

Contributing Writer

RHCP

Dear John,

We, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, have found someone else. We want to try new things and feel that our time and creativity is all but done with you. There were some great times, but this is how it has to be. We will be okay without you.

Love,
RHCP

Okay, so this hyperbolic and imagined scenario is not the explanation on how or why singer, song writer and guitarist John Frusciante left the group, but you can hear it ring true in their new studio album “I’m With You.” There is no doubt that Frusciante’s highly publicized departure from the Red Hot Chili Peppers left the band questioning if the rest of the members would continue to take up the “Red Hot” mantel, or if it is time for all to hang up their tubesocks and go on to venture into new musical territory. After the quantity over-quality album Stadium Arcadium in 2006 and a successful world tour, no one was sure of the destination of the Peppers.

Now, we see the reboxed version of the band with their 2011 LP “I’m With You.” The band replaced Frusciante’s virtuous presence with the undeniably bizarre, Josh Klinghoffer. Would the group implement different grooves and sounds to their new lineup, or look for repeated success from their tried and true established genre of funk-rock?

Frusciante’s compositions and song structures are undoubtedly missed. It is clear that his skills brought a layer of extra emphasis that was mixed and equalized on an iPod - and that cohesive sound where each player and instrument fed off each other. It is undeniable that it is the Red Hot Chili Peppers you’ll be hearing, but as of late, it has been a hit-or-miss affair.

There is a promising beginning with the opening track “Monarchy of Roses.” Cacophonous feedback and guitar tuning initiates the sound of a band shaking off the rest and kicking back into gear. It then pumps with Smith’s kick snare and Anthony Kiedis’ muffled vocals leaning in. Soon after, it breaks into a psycho-discuss bass line and Kiedis sings “The sound of your light/The monarchy of roses, the monarchy of roses tonight.”

One aspect that has not gotten lost in RHCP is their penchant for writing catchy melodic choruses. The break is the first glimpse of new guitarist Klinghoffer, who has this swinging reverb solo that really isn’t a solo, as it is completely engulped by Smith’s rumbling tom and Flea’s deep bass.

That is how the rest of the album follows. It is not Klinghoffer’s fault he doesn’t make himself discernable in this incredibly distinctive group of California kids; he is completely entangled in the mass confusion. Other times, he just lets the bass and drum combo ride out and does not dare interfere. Other than that, he does a serviceable job that’s more textured and complimentary than the former sound of the sneezy, colorful riffs we are accustomed to.

Song titles like “Factory of Faith” and “Ethiopian” feature a finger-hitting bass groove from Flea that is shamelessly wasted by stale drums and sporadic guitar strokes. None-
Annual concert rocks theme park, honors 9/11

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If you take the thrilling elements of a theme park, add a touch of movie magic and top it off with some of the largest names in Christian rock, you get something known as Rock the Universe.

It’s a music festival, but it probably isn’t what comes to mind from that classification.

Rock the Universe is Florida’s largest Christian music gathering; an annual celebration that fuses music and worship together.

The weekend was held exclusively at Universal Studios in Orlando, Fla, on Sept. 9 and 10. The lineup featured 17 hit artists and included performances by award-winning bands such as Switchfoot, Anberlin, Relient K and the Daytona Beach natives, Casting Crowns.

Although this festival has been around for over a decade, there were a few extra factors that set apart the 2011 festival from its predecessors.

One of those features was the unveiling of the all-new fan zone, which showcased emerging artists and provided fans with a unique and interactive opportunity.

“The fan zone features autograph sessions with performing acts, band merchandise and a first-ever New Artists’ Stage where they can enjoy live performances by three emerging artists, including former American Idol contestant, Jason Castro,” explained Director of Talent Booking and Casting at Universal Orlando Resort, Jim Stout.

This wasn't the only surprise Universal Studios had in store for those celebrating God and their faith at the music festival.

“In addition to the fan zone, this is the first time we’ve ever featured hidden musical tracks by artists performing at Rock the Universe on Hollywood Rip Ride Rockit,” explained Stout.

Although rooted in its musical components, Rock the Universe, held on the eve of 9/11, extended beyond the stage.

“We have always hosted Rock the Universe on the first weekend after Labor Day. Our candle-lighting ceremony, a tradition during Rock the Universe, has always had [a] very special meaning at this time of year since we also include a special prayer to pay respects to 9/11,” said Stout.

To supplement its famous candle-lighting ceremony, the event honored the 10-year anniversary by hosting presentations about having and using faith to get through tragedy.

The guest speakers were retired Navy Captain Tom Joyce, who survived the attack on the Pentagon, and Sujo John, who made it out from the 81st floor of the north tower in New York City.

To close off the weekend, Rock the Universe offered visitors the opportunity to participate in non-denominational worship at the park on Sunday morning. The congregation was addressed by Speaker Jeff Pratt and the service featured music by the Seth Medley Band.

In coming together, music and worship brought people of diverse backgrounds and upbringings to one place for one weekend.

“While the celebration of God and faith was one intention, honoring lost loved ones through prayer and ceremony was another. It was a combination that rocked Universal Studios.”

TOP: Lead singer of Third Day, Mac Powell (left) sings along with bass guitarist and background vocalist, Tai Anderson (right). BOTTOM: Lead guitarist, Mark Lee rocks out on stage during a performance in the Rock the Universe 2011 music festival.
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HAUTE TOPIC

Tips on how to save money by avoiding trigger-happy shopping

It is hard to be a college student who is obsessed with material things that she can’t afford. One day, I will become fabulously rich and don’t think of when making your purchases. The better stick to more expensive one by Elizabeth James. Planning also lets you keep track of when something goes out of stock. The management is a good idea at a department store sale last year or the ill-fitting, high-waisted pants from American Apparel.

Since I love rules and guidelines, I created some to perfect my shopping technique. The first and most important thing to do is to take inventory of your closet. Count what you have, what you like and what needs replacing. This is a good time to gift things that you don’t wear often to friends, or donate them.

After countless closet cleanups, with a lot of stuff put in the donation pile, I have decided to stop my trigger-happy buying technique. The first and only thing I want right now is to save up for the nice items at higher price points. You can usually tell when an expensive piece is worth it; the material will be of better quality and will be more durable, and the cut will be more precise in order to fit you better.

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After you’re in the shops, it is easy to get distracted by the mountains of items surrounding you. Try to focus on the things you really want by picking them up and checking them out before straying to other items.

Now here is the scary part: the fitting room. Oftentimes, I buy something that convinced me was Kate Moss in the fitting rooms, only to discover that it is too tight or too loose when I get home. When you’re trying things on, make sure to inspect yourself from every angle. Take advantage of the mirrors so you don’t think of that $50 final sale dress on at home and break out into a fit of rage because it looks hideous. I had to learn this the hard way - several times.

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Pledge protest prompts full explanation

By not fully disclosing the meaning behind the pledge, schools are reducing this solemn vow to a mechanical morning routine.

Furthermore, “patriotism” and pledging allegiance to your nation are not mutually exclusive. Rather, the focus on showing love and support for one’s country should be upon teaching our children good citizenship and showing them that, like Phillips, they too can exercise their rights to free speech and protest.

Although Phillips received much criticism for being unpatriotic by his silent protest, I would argue that he is a fantastic example of what being an American truly is: standing up for your rights and the rights of others, and holding your country accountable for ensuring those rights are a reality. As Phillips sits quietly in class as his fellow students stand and face the flag, I too wait for the day when he and others can say, with honesty, “One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

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

Center’s locker shortage burdens students

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As one of the 25 largest public universities in the nation with over 44,000 students, and a large percentage of those students swiping cards at the Recreation Center daily, the lack of semester lockers is unfortunate.

Like many commuting students at the University, I rose before the crack of dawn on the first day of the fall semester. However, while most students set early alarms to evade parking lot brawls and traffic jams, I was one of many out of bed by 5:00 a.m. to obtain a semester locker for the Recreation Center. When I made my way over to a small line of other students who were also anxiously waiting for semester lockers, a girl notified me that only four semester lockers existed in the entire women’s locker room and there were already four women standing in line to pay for them.

Despite arriving to the Recreation Center at 3:55 a.m. for the first time first serve 6 a.m. sign-up, I left campus with bags under my eyes and the money I had for a semester locker still in my hands. Paying the $25 fee for a semester locker benefits frequent Recreation Center users because the added room allows extra space for clothing, toiletries and gym bags. In addition, semester lockers alleviate member concerns of leaving their valuables overnight and save them time from trekking all the way across campus to pick them up from the car. Instead of wasting time from making these extra trips, Recreation Center members could use the extra time to sign up and participate in group fitness classes, generating more revenue for the Recreation Center and more clientele for the Recreation Center website.

In the future, the Recreation Center plans on expanding their facility and creating larger and multiple locker rooms, but I would strongly advise that they include at least 100 semester lockers in both the men’s and women’s locker rooms to account for the thousands of gym users that workout at the Recreation Center every semester.

Half-time practice’ restricting student entry should be eliminated

On Sept. 1, the Golden Panthers played their first game of the season against North Texas, and many students were prohibited from attending the game due to policies enacted by Student Affairs.

Students attending the game with their Panther IDs are not allowed to enter the stadium after halftime. This policy affects the hundreds of students that encroaches upon students attending future games.

Although Student Affairs explained that this policy will not be applied to the upcoming Tuesday night game against Troy on Oct. 25, The Beacon believes it is unfair to not extend the open time-frame during Saturday games as well.

Student Affairs referred to this policy of restricting student entry as a practice. However, because this restriction is explicit in the FIU Fax Code of Conduct, which can be found on FIUSports.com, it is clearly a policy, not just a practice.

As contributors to Athletics through student fees, this policy punishes students at a disadvantage. By paying $15.56 per credit hour in athletic fees, every student is, essentially, a season ticket holder.

In addition to paying the highest fees in the state of Florida among Football Bowl Subdivision schools, students are required to pay a $20 flat fee every year. With that, students deserve the right to enter the stadium regardless of time.

According to Rosa Jones, vice president of Student Affairs, this practice was enacted to “encourage students to attend the game from the beginning as opposed to tailgating for additional time.” Attendees who purchase their tickets are allowed into the stadium at any time, even if they are tailgating until the middle of the fourth quarter.

This discriminatory policy of turning students away after halftime is unfair and unnecessary, especially with a program looking to encourage students to participate in athletic events. Whether it be because of obligations at work or in class, students should have the right to enter the stadium at any point in the game.

There are a number of universities, including schools in the Sun Belt Conference, who do not have restrictions on student access to home games after halftime. Like University students, Troy students get in free with a student ID.

Despite the Thursday night start and inclement weather conditions, students showed up in large numbers for their first game of the season against North Texas. The Beacon does not see a distinction between students and season ticket holders and believes that they should have the same type of access to University home games.
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This skills matching is one of the initiatives that Lozano, and the President's Job Council are focusing on, but the dean admits that this is something the academy is lagging behind in. "[One] initiative is skills matching. Many of the institutions of higher learning have not matched their curriculum to the needs of employers, which is kind of hard to change because it requires all levels of education to adapt," said Lozano. "I do see some progress in the development of journalism schools' curriculums to be more responsive to the needs of media organizations. I don’t think that they’re there necessarily, but they’re heading in the right direction." With the other focus on the Job Council being on innovation, Lozano stresses the need for students entering the work force to be adaptable and innovative, especially with the ever changing landscape in media.

“[This much change in an organization requires not only people who have the skills and the flexibility they are adaptable to the constant change. The sense of adaptability is absolutely essential today," said Lozano. “You want people in the newsroom to be intuitive with the new media tools that are available today. You want them to be creative and flexible.”

“Content continues to be the differentiation for a successful media platform. You need to get the residents to actually come out, to make them learn to cook. They come and make food, and the residents come to eat and learn to cook.” Josma-Ducheine.

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Outside of the hospitality field.” said Josma-Ducheine. “They come and make food, and the residents come to eat and learn to cook.”

Josma-Ducheine stated that Residential Life hopes to not only make an impact on students, but “get the residents to actually come out, and not just enjoy the experience, but lead them to see that they didn’t like it. Or organizers are aiming to get students to walk away with the knowledge that this organization is on campus and is available to help them, because that is so important.”

“[I hope that] students take away the encouragement to fix their own meals, and the knowledge of preparing simple nutritious meals, in their rooms, because that is what we’re trying to do,” said Walcott.

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SGC-BBC accepting applications for vacancies

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The Student Government Council at Biscayne Bay Campus has started another academic year with a high number of vacant positions. The council members are struggling to increase student awareness of the vacancies through Facebook posts, notices on the SGA’s webpage, and fliers distributed in the Bay Vista Residence Hall.

The greatest number of vacancies is currently on the BBC Senate, with 10 positions, according to SGC-BBC Clerk Larissa Adames, have yet to be filled.

The senate is still accepting applications for two lower division senators and two journalism and mass communication senators, as well as senators for housing, business administration, education, nursing and health services, hospitality management, and the Broward Pines Center.

Six positions also remain open on the BBC Executive Council, as well as one on the judicial branch.

These positions have remained unfilled despite an extensive and partially successful campaign conducted over the summer by the SGC-BBC to inform students of the high number of open positions.

The campaign managed to gain SGC-BBC five Executive Council members and a justice.

We do get applications in [after a campaign],” said Adames. But many of those applications are reviewed and then never come to anything, as students often back out after showing interest in a position. “Sometimes,” Adams said, “once [students] apply, they change their minds.”

The number of open positions at BBC is significantly higher than that at MMC, where there are currently only five vacancies, according to SGA Graduate Assistant for Campus Life Roderick Wilson.

SGC-MMC stopped accepting applications for open positions on Sept. 12, and will select new senators on Sept. 15.

At SGC-BBC, where the need for more student representatives is greatest, applications for open positions will be accepted and evaluated on a rolling basis; the only positions which have a firm deadline are SGC-BBC internships, for which the application window will close on Friday, Sept. 16.

Although 18 SGC BBC positions remain vacant, Adames said that the numbers of confirmed representatives this year has still been higher than that of previous years.

Applications for open SGC positions are available on the SGA-BBC web site at https://sgabc.fiu.edu/open-positions/index.html.
The school of Hospitality Tourism Management began breaking ground on the expansion of the school’s teaching dining room and kitchen. Once finished, the expanded facilities will be used for courses across the HTM curriculum, and the Gourmet Luncheons that are a part of the Advanced Food Production, the capstone course at HTM.

The tides of change have been sweeping across the media landscape since the emergence of the Internet. Never has it been as prevalent as in recent times, due to the rise of social media in conjunction with the economic downturn of recent years.

On Sept. 14 at 3 p.m., the School of Journalism and Mass Communication will be hosting Monica Lozano, CEO of ImpreMedia and member of the President Obama’s Job Council, in the Wolfe University Center Ballroom at the Biscayne Bay Campus.

Lozano’s lecture will focus on the current transformation that is taking place in the media landscape, especially within Hispanic media and the influence that it has had in the 21st century.

Being a third generation Hispanic journalist, Lozano is no stranger to the changes that Hispanic media has seen throughout the past century.

With her grandfather, Ignalio Lozano, Sr., being the founder of La Prensa and La Opinion, the original Hispanic media outlets in the United States, and her father, Ignalio Lozano, Jr., later taking over La Opinion, Lozano was born and bred on the cusp of the Hispanic media wave that has swept through the country in the 20th century, and now into the 21st century.

She is taking up the position of managing editor for La Opinion in 1985, Lozano has witnessed the changes that have been taking part over the media landscape as a whole.

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Although Florida has seen a 60 percent increase in same sex households since the 2000 census, the most recent Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Friendly Campus Climate Index demonstrates that the University, which serves a dynamic group of over 44,000 students, is not as gay-friendly as expected in the state where homosexuality is prevalent.

Operated by Campus Pride, a national nonprofit organization that works to create safer, more LGBT-Friendly learning environments at colleges and universities, the LGBT-Friendly Campus Climate Index is a tool that most universities use to measure their progress in providing for the needs of their LGBT students.

Based on a five star rating system, which rates campus gay-friendliness depending on answers provided by students, faculty and staff, the University was given an overall campus climate score of two and a half stars.

“We are aware that the score was at the lower end, but we are looking to improve the score in the future,” said Camille Perkins, the LGBT Initiative graduate assistant for the Multicultural Programs and Services department at Biscayne Bay Campus.

The campus climate score was comprised of the following subcategories: LGBT policy inclusion, support & institutional commitment, academic life, student life, housing, campus safety, and counseling and health.

Of the aforementioned areas, counseling and health was awarded five stars, while the lowest score was one and a half stars given to recruitment and retention efforts along with campus safety.

Rossmerly Galan, a junior education major who identifies with the lesbian community, said that “we can’t claim to be ‘Worlds Ahead’ if we continue to allow LGBT people to fight the same fight they’ve been struggling to overcome for centuries.”

In regard to the low rating for Public Safety, Giovanni Correale, president of Stonewall Pride Alliance, a University organization that promotes awareness on LGBT issues, explained that “the Department of Public Safety is not necessarily trained on sexual orientation issues.”

“If you have a transgender individual who doesn’t necessarily look like the sex they identify with and they’re using a different bathroom for what they seem to be, the officer may see it as public disturbance because they are not trained in LGBT issues” he says.

The Department of Public Safety was unavailable to comment.

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