Survivor recalls experience in World Trade Center

Michael Fineo
9/11 survivor

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deal but the advantages of
having a cell phone puts
you in a place to better
advance your life,” said
Sanchez.
Diaz compared cell
phones 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
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could change that.

“I don’t think I person-
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Fla. courthouse evacuated over suspicious vehicle

Buildings and streets around a Florida federal courthouse have been reopened after police investigated a suspicious vehicle parked nearby that checked out fine.

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

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model.

The University’s project, the PerFORMDance House, sheds light on its environment and its inhabitants.

The house incorporates light and space among other features and is conditioned to adapt to certain environmental aspects.

Technological design techniques such as a flat roof and the incorporation of louvers, which are horizontal shutters that will not only provide privacy, but also protect the house in case of hurricanes, help make the house in the image of the initial model.

The house will also have a garden, a bio-filtration pond and a glazing system that will protect the windows from letting in the heat and humidity common in South Florida.

The house is not only being built as part of this competition. It has certain goals such as more efficiency due to technological advancements such as sensors and timers, the minimization of mechanical demand by using daylight light, and a weather station to watch over the production, consumption and general use and performance of the solar panel.

Ultimately, the house will promote sustainability.

The house was built on the Modesto Maidique Campus across from Parking Garages 5 and 6 during the weekend of Sept. 2 was deconstructed to be shipped to D.C. Both the student and faculty involved found it to be an enjoyable project.

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

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

Police officers warned Fineo 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.

Fineo 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 in age. Many of us had passed, Fineo still thinks it would be so very different if 9/11 never happened. I have come to terms with it, but I lean on my faith to get me through.”

Fineo made frequent visits to Ground Zero in the months and years following the attacks.

Two years ago, he moved to Clearwater, Fla. and has not been back since.

Regardless, Fineo always experienced the same emotions when standing at ground zero looking at where his office used to be.

“My emotions were of deep sadness. My eyes would fill and my heart would race. It’s like an empty void that I cannot explain.”

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.”

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VOLLEYBALL

Win streak extended to three with sweep over FAMU

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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 Atlantic (3-8, 0.0 MEAC) for its third-straight win in three-straight sets (25-10, 25-23, 26-24) on the heels of junior Jovana Bjelic’s 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 Danijela 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 dominated the court with FIU’s offensive player of the week dictated the tone for the rest of the game, giving 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.

Things got tight when FAMU tied it, 23-23, and exploited hole on the Panther’s side of the net. For the Rattlers, however, the buck stopped there. Seniors Sabrina Gonzalez and Andrea Lakovic rocketed two straight kills to cap the set win and give FIU a 2-0 match lead.

The Panthers found themselves in a hole to begin the third set. An inability to answer FAMU’s hits resulted in a five-point deficit. FIU tried mounting several comebacks but the Rattlers were quick in shutting down any momentum.

As thoughts of Friday night’s near-meltdown raced across the Panther’s head, they decided that the bleeding would stop here. The team scored four-straight points capped by freshman Silvia Carlí’s first-career service ace. Bjelic then decided to steal the spotlight.

“I don’t have that fear at the end,” said Bjelic. “I have a bigger urge to score the points in the end than at the beginning. I’m not afraid.”

Fearless she was as she masterfully dominated the court with FIU’s next five points and ultimately gave them a huge comeback win for the game victory.

“We always seem to play better when we’re in a tight spot,” said Forde. “We definitely need to change that because it’s harder to come back from behind.”

“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 Jackson State and either UCF or UTEP on Sept. 16 and 17 in the UCF Challenge.

FOOTBALL

After big win, Golden Panthers shift focus to Knights

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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 and the Walter Camp offensive player of the week for the first time.

Hilton had 80 plus plays and we were not afraid. The Panthers widened the lead to 11 as not a word came from the Rattlers side of the net; their lack of communication, something that plagued the Panthers on Friday, heavily handicapped the team. Meanwhile, the Panthers roared to a 25-10 win with a service ace from Forde.

“Tourek Williams, but Cristobal. “We have to have it, only that he is “good to go.”

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 25-10 win.

It is unknown whether 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 their touchdowns 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.

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 57 yards.

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 defense held Louisville to 17 points in the win and made key stops on third downs and near the endzone towards the end of the game, but quarterback Will Stein did throw for a career high 349 yards.

“Many of those yards came later in the ball game, and we had six sacks but we should have had more,” said Cristobal. “We have to have more plays on offense, they had 80 plus plays and we had about 50.”

Practice began at 10:30 a.m. with some light drills and situational plays that the first and second teams ran. St. was on the field in an orange injury jersey was starting defensive end Toreuk Williams, but Cristobal did not say much about it, only that he is “good to

Carolyn Fouts [Above, #17] practices before a match against FAMU.
Men’s and women’s team finish 7th at USF Invitational

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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 backend 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 26:17.60, 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 to not 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 a lot better longer,” Charles said.

“They were a lot closer as a group than the 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 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.

“When all of the back and forth, whether or not they were going to do the race because of the rain and lighting, 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

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

FIU (2-2-2) went to their second extra time game only to tie the Jacksonville Dolphins (1-2-1) in a 1-1 contest. “This is a game we should have won. We have the better team and we are continuing to have problems finishing our opportunities,” said Coach Munga Eketebi after the frustrating tie on Sunday afternoon.

HAVING TROUBLE FINISHING

The Golden Panthers played well majority of the match, but struggled to find the net of numerous opportunities. In the 43’ minute, JU keeper Johnny Foley made illegal contact with the ball, giving FIU an indirect free kick just outside the six yard box. Nicolas Rodriguez-Fraile took strike just past goal and off a rebound. Colby Burdette tried to take a shot but was kicked out by a Dolphin defender.

At the end of the first period the score was nil-nil, but the shots would show signs of a much different score line. At the end of the half, FIU outshot the Dolphins 12-3, looking to make a break through in the second half.

Off a long sequence of dribbling, Jahbari Willis would push up the Dolphins’ defensive third and thread a ball through to Lucas Di Croce, who lobbed the ball to Nicolas Rodriguez-Fraile.

Rodriguez-Fraile finished the play by chipping the ball over the JU goalkeeper for FIU’s only goal of the game. The goal was his first of the season.

SEALING THE DEAL

The Golden Panthers continued to push the ball up into Dolphin territory despite feeling fatigued and worn out after playing an overtime game the day before. Jahbari Willis took a long shot on goal and the Dolphins gained possession. Off a swift counter attack, FIU conceded just 10 minutes after they broke the deadlock.

Dolphins’ forward Nick Rodriguez took a shot in the box and off a deflection from keeper Eric Reyes. Pelayo Ivanovic slipped the ball through to equalize. “It’s unfortunate that after a hard fought goal we conceded the way we did, we have to be aware on those quick counter,” said Eketebi.

The Golden Panthers picked up the pace and continued to out play the Dolphins. FIU out shot their opponents 22-10, while holding the ballers to only two corner kicks in the match.

In the end, the heat and fatigue would prove too much for FIU as they settled for the tie 1-1 after two periods of extra time.

Keeper Eric Reyes recorded seven saves as his career high for FIU while continuing to play a huge role in FIU’s defensive scheme.

“We just need to communicate better, and honestly, we had better players and better players throughout the game, the fatigues just got to us and we have to find ways to finish plays,” said Reyes after the game.

The Golden Panthers return to play on Friday Sept. 16 against the North Florida Ospreys. Kick off is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.
FIU rugby club prepares for jump to new conference

ALFREDO ROIG
Contributing Writer

Rugby is a sport that takes many of the aspects of American football and soccer and combines them to make one tough, hard-hitting and endurance-testing game, a game that Puello believes can catch on at FIU and other campuses around the country.

FIU rugby team is stronger than ever with Puello at the helm

The FIU rugby club is preparing for a jump to a new conference. The team has been ranked second in the state and last year we ended the season 5-2-1, said Eketebi. The Golden Panthers dominated on the second aspect of American football and soccer and combines them to make one tough, hard-hitting and endurance-testing game, a game that Puello believes can catch on at FIU and other campuses around the country.

FIU rugby club prepares for jump to new conference

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, said Eketebi. Albrecht controlled a long ball from defender Nicolas Chase and dropped it onto his left foot, placing the ball in the left side of the net.

The Golden Panthers dominated on the field, outshooting the Hatters 17-11 and a 2-0 lead. The game went into overtime and Albrecht was able to take the lead back for the Hatters with a goal in the extra time. The Golden Panthers' rugby club, which is independently operated, is coming off an impressive season last year with victories over University of Central Florida, University of Miami and Florida Atlantic University. The team will kickoff their exhibition season at Florida Gulf Coast University on Oct. 1 in Fort Myers, Fla. Their first official home match of the season will be against rival, Florida Atlantic University on Oct. 8 at 12:00 p.m. The club plays its home games at the FIU-MMC Intramural Fields on the northwest corner of campus.

LIFE IN RUGBY

The life of an FIU “rugger” is no walk in the park. The team practices twice 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 member and is looking to introduce others to the game he fell in love with.

“Collegiate rugby is trying to become more mainstream,” noted Puello. “It is exciting to be a part of a brand new conference that gives us the ability to create something very dynamic,” Puello added. This team has faced hardships and off the field by having to fund all of their own traveling, housing, and equipment expenses. This rising group of young athletes is coming into this season with high aspirations and new goals in mind as they enter a new conference with a higher level of competition.

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Abundant opportuni-
ties continue to grow in the hospitality man-
agement 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 profes-
sors, including Patrick J. Cassidy, Eric Hener 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 Fagan, 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 sophomore hospitality management major.

“It is important to be knowledgeable about different wines and the wine vineyards throughout 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 be at least 21,” said Fagan, “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,” Fagan said.

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.

Sophomore, Hospitality Management major

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 will 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,” continued Hintz.

Tiffany Disney, a junior and business major, affirms the benefits of the program.

“The Wine Masters Certificate can actually be beneficial for a student who is a business major looking to be a wine vendor. If you have the correct perspective as a student and plan on properly using the certificate in the future, I believe the certificate can be quite beneficial to any individual.”

The Wine Masters Certificate Program not only benefits individuals in hospitality management, but it also improves the university as a whole.

“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.”

RADIATE REVIEWS

Red Hot Chili Peppers’ latest LP a success despite loss of guitarist

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 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” mantle, or if it is time for all to hang up their tubscocks 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 retooled version of the band with their 2011 LP “I’m With You.” The band replaced Frusciante’s virtuosic presence with the understated-lividus, 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 structure are undoubtedly missed. It is clear that his skills brought a layer of extra emphasis that not only complimented Flea’s bass but Chad Smith’s drums, but it had force and frenetic energy.

The feeling of inspired jam sessions that created this band’s music is depicted here. It can be attributed to a combination of things: Frusciante’s departure, Rick Rubin’s lack-adulteration production – which sounds like it 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,” cacophonic 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’s searing vocal commands in. Soon after, it breaks into a psycho-disco bass line and Kiedis sings “The Savior 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 Klinghoffner, who has this slying reverb solo that really isn’t a solo, as it is completely engulfed by Smith’s rolling toms and Flea’s deep bass.

That is how the rest of the album follows. It is not Klinghoffner’s fault he doesn’t make himself discernable in this incredibly distinguished 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 snerehy, colorful riffs we are accustomed to. Songs like “Factory of Faith” and “Ethiopia” feature a finger-trembling bass groove from Flea that is shamelessly wasted by stale drums and sporadic guitar strokes. None-theless, Kiedis goes on with his incessant rambling, only this time it becomes near unbearable and is leaning on the verge of comicoic. Kiedis’ lyrics are not always clear but that’s because they aren’t always meant to be. His percussive-like sounds fit specific songs and act like another instrument. On the latter song, “Ethiopia,” he starts verses with

Cover art for the Red Hot Chili Peppers’ new studio album, “I’m With You.”

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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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It is hard to be a college student who is obsessed with material things that she can’t afford. If you’re fashion, the old adage “no money, no ending” does not apply. In fact, I firmly believe that if I did have more money, my closet would be perfect. Okay, maybe not perfect, but definitely an improvement on what it is now. One day, I will be able to afford a few of those luxury items that I covet but, for now, I better stick to less expensive items that I can’t afford a few of those luxury items that I covet but, for now, I better stick to less expensive items that I can’t afford.

This is why designers created their more accessible little sister brands, like Marc by Marc Jacobs or T by Alexander Wang. These brands often offer a more “street style” vibe than their older brothers, but at a lower price point. Unfortunately, even these labels end up costing an arm and a leg. The cheapest available on www.revolveclothing.com from T by Alexander Wang is an $84 cotton tank top, which is not exactly a steal. Compare that style to a similar tank top at Urban Outfitters for $16 and it’s clear that style to a similar tank top at Urban Outfitters for $16 and it’s clear that style.

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Having a lot of stuff can be overwhelming, so streamlining your closet will not only help you visualize what you have but also force you to get more wear out of the things you keep.

Then, make a list - this is where your smart phone comes in handy of what you want and how much you are willing to pay for it. Some things I want right now include: a white blazer, bright red pants, black jeans, an anorak and more jewelry. I like to check out the prices of the things I want on retailer’s websites so I have an idea of how much the item will cost me before I can do any budgeting accordingly.

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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 patriotism to our students, then they must honestly pledge their allegiance to the U.S., fully aware of what they are doing, or choose not to do so because the pledge does not jibe with their ethical outlook.

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**Halftime 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 those who purchased tickets to attend half of the game, which can be found on FIUSports.com, it is clearly a policy, not just a practice.

As contributors to Athletics through student fees, this practice puts students at a disadvantage. By paying $15.56 per credit hour in athletic fees, every student is, in essence, purchasing a halftime ticket.

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, that do not restrict student access to home games after halftime. As contributors to Athletics through student fees, this practice is clearly a policy, not just a practice. The Beacon does not see a distinction between students and season ticket holders and believes that student IDs are the same type of access to University home games.
CEO to discuss changing face of journalism at lecture

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the blurring of what have been the traditional differences by industry,” said Dona Lozano. “Where you used to have broadcast media and print media, you now have, media companies under- standing that they need to diver- sify across all of those platforms and becoming a fully integrated media company.

With the emergence of social media and citizen jour- nalism it isn’t only the media organizations that are having their need to be intuitive with the shape of news- rooms that are experiencing the most drastic changes.

“Not only are the news- room walls rear put up, we’ve gone from being focused on a produc- tion cycle where one day you gather, write, edit content to be produced and distributed the next day,” explained Lozano. “That can’t be the way we compete any more.

Now, every member of the newsroom has to be retrained to be multimedia journalists.”

With these transformations taking place, it is necessary for institutions of higher learning to adapt their curriculums to better prepare students with the skills necessary for the industry that they are looking to get into.

LGBT students evolving

Students in order for them to benefit directly.

With the construction of new buildings, such as PGS and the School of International and Public Affairs at the Modesto Maidique Campus, the imple- mentation of family bathrooms gives the transgender commu- nity the option of being more comfortable.

Baptiste, however, expressed that it would be better to make those adjustments for the older buildings that are identified for “men” or “women,” which will create a sense of inclusion for everyone.

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This skills matching is one of the initiatives that Lozano, and the President’s Job Council are focusing on, but as the president admits that this is something the academia is lagging behind in.

“One initiative is skills matching. Many of the institu- tions 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 educa- tion to adapt,” said Lozano. “I do see some progress in the develop- ment of journalism schools’ curriculums to be more respon- sive to the needs of media organi- zations. I don’t think that they’re there necessarily, but they’re being headed in the right direction.

With the other focus of the Job Council being on innova- tion, 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 orga- nization requires not only people who have the skills and the know-how, but who are adaptable to the constant change. The sense of adaptability is absolutely essen- tial today,” said Lozano. “You want people in the newroom to be intuitive with the new tools that are available today.

“Continued content to be the differentiation for a successful media platform grows and the need to focus on the creation of high quality of content for your brand that is reflective of the community that you are and the fundamental elements of success.”

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Cooking demonstration showcases healthy eating habits

Residential Life in collaboration with the Wellness Center hosted The Wellness Cooking Demonstration, an event that showcases several student presentations that demonstrate how to make healthy meals.

The Wellness Cooking Demonstration was held with the objective of informing students residing in Biscayne Bay Campus’ Bay Vista Housing on making health conscious food decisions.

According to Betsy Josma-Ducheine, assis- tant Resident Life coordinator of Bay Vista Housing, hospitality students are recruited to host the event, and cook for the event.

“We encourage [students] to maintain well- ness, and the importance of healthy food,” said Walcott, assistant director of University Health Services.

“Cooking health is a major issue for students living away from home, the event sought to teach students how to shop smart. Those who participated in the demonstration even showed students how to make smarter and healthier dining choices.

The Cooking Demon- stration wanted students "to get excited about preparing a home-cooked meal for themselves," said Walcott.

“You’d be surprised at some people who don’t really know how to make a proper, healthy and balanced sandwich,” said Josma-Ducheine.

Along with the students residents and other interested students, partic- ipated in the event to gain experience that can help them in the future. Participants were also able to enhance their public speaking skills, as well as give attendees an insight into how they cook at home.

“We have the experience of actually presenting to people what they’re cooking outside of the hospitality field,” said Josma- Ducheine. “They come and make food, and the results 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, but to not only say, ‘I like it’ but to learn what they didn’t like about it.” Organizers are aiming to get students to walk away with the knowledge that this organization is on campus and is available to help, even when the event is over.

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SGC-BBC accepting applications for vacancies

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The Senate is still accepting applications for two lower divi- sion senators and two journ- alism and mass communica- tion senators, as well as sena- tors for housing, business adminis- tration, 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.

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University gets mixed marks on LGBT issues

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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 was expected in a state where homosexuality is prevalent.

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.

Rossomery 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.

However, Correale has plans to communicate with the director to address the problem. He emphasized the difficulty of addressing safety issues when the people in charge of keeping students safe are not educated in that sense.

Under recruitment and retention efforts, the questionnaire inquired whether there was an effort to recruit LGBT students like the rest of minorities and provide scholarship opportunities.

Correale and Jameer Baptiste, vice president of SPA, plans to propose that funds from the University be used for LGBT scholarships.

As the Golden Panthers prepare to face the University of Central Florida, Knights on September 17, Panther Power is hosting a pep rally just two days before the big game to arouse excitement among students.

Free food, FIU paraphernalia, games and a live DJ will all be present on the Biscayne Bay’s Panther Square on September 15 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

“It’s going to be pretty awesome, we are bringing back some DJs, going to have some awesome games like musical cheers and free food,” said Tamicha Rogers, Panther Power President and sophomore International Relations student.

Panther Power hopes to get students chuck full of panther pride for the upcoming game that many say is the most difficult opposition the panthers will face this season.

“The students get more excited about the games when we have pep rallies,” said Judy Julmisse, Executive Assistant for Panther Power and a junior Hospitality and Management.

“I expect to get a lot of participation this time, I mean last time we had good participation but this time I want more” said Rogers.

Panther Power hopes to foster ongoing panther pride, not only for football games, but even after they have completed their