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9/11 events bring together University

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The week-long series of events remembering 9/11 throughout the University brought many speakers and artistic performances for all to enjoy.

The Office of Global Learning put on the memorial for the University community.

Arianna Caroli, a world-traveler and artist, displayed her artwork on the exterior of the Frost Art Museum. With an admiration of the American flag, Caroli began photographing the flag a few years before 9/11, not knowing how powerful her photographs would soon be. Caroli spoke in a more personal atmosphere on Thursday, Sept. 8. She presented photos and paintings from her world travels and spoke fondly of the children she has met on her journeys throughout the world.

Images were from her travels within the past four years in Asia, India, Italy and beyond.

“What’s important is not the final portrait, but it’s the process,” said Caroli. “Art is a universal language.”

The hour was filled with personal stories of Caroli. She always related her experiences back to movement, strength and resilience, words commonly associated with 9/11.

To speak about current issues surrounding Muslim-Americans, former Assistant State Attorney Azad Banyan met with a full house in the Frost Art Museum.

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SGC-MMC senate fills vacant seats

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The senate of the Student Government Council at the Modesto Maidique Campus appointed five senators at their first meeting in their newly renovated senate chambers. There were at least 12 people running for each of the seats up for grabs.

After long deliberation and much consideration – the Business and Housing seats each had runoff votes – the positions were filled and the new senators took their seats as SGC-MMC senators.

The new senators have already begun working to represent their student body and are expected to start making progress in their positions immediately.

Senator Adrian Samma, who will represent Housing students as their second senator along with Carlos Rodriguez, plans to make the necessary changes and improvements to the current living conditions of the University’s on-campus living.

“There is currently a deficiency in the awareness and solution of problematic issues for residents,” said Samma, during his presentation to the senate. “I plan to create a way for residents to voice their concerns and for housing to respond immediately.”

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FOOTBALL

Hype builds as game nears

You could not have asked for a better script. Central Florida, coming off of a 30-3 bashing of Boston College last week, and FIU, who just defeated its first school ever from a BCS automatic qualifying conference, are on a collision course for Saturday night when UCF travels the 240 miles south for the match-up.

The “Battle of the Turnpike,” as the UCF players have dubbed it, is shaping up to break the attendance record for an FIU football game set at the Rutgers game last season at 19,872. The only problem is how friendly this crowd will be, as numerous people have said that UCF will bring a lot of fans down to “The Cage.”

When the fans of another school are willing to buy season tickets from FIU to see one game, it goes a long way in showing the fandom that UCF has created around their program in the last 20 years.

It will be an embarrassment to this school if the Knights out number the Golden Panthers in the stands. However, the scoreboard has nothing to do with how both schools attend the game. The Golden Panthers will have to play nearly perfect football this weekend if they hope to come out on top.

The hype of this game has been building since the schedule was released and fueled even more this past month, with fans on both sides going at it on social media websites. Now, the players have even begun to give each other some bulletin board material.

Jeff Godfrey, quarterback for UCF and Miami native, has had a lot to say about coming back home to Miami and specifically about FIU when he talked to the Orlando Sentinel.

“They had a pretty good game over Louisville,” Godfrey said of FIU’s game over the Cardinals. “They played great. T.Y. Hilton, he had a great game. Broke their school record. He’s just a phenomenal player. But I think our defense will go out there and shut them out.”

This is the not the first time that opponents have doubted T.Y. and the rest of the offense this season. It seems like every time someone says something about Hilton, the senior takes it personally and makes sure they remember exactly why they should have kept their mouth shut. Hilton will likely see double coverage again this week, but he will find the key of those handcuffs a couple of times yet again.

Last season, UCF faced off against one of the best receivers in the nation, A.J. Green. The Knights held Green, who is now in the NFL, to eight catches for 77 yards in a dog fight that UCF won 10-6.

Now, these are two different types of receivers with different characteristics.
Sept. 11 anniversary honored through lectures, ceremonies

We're soldiers who have given [our] lives in this war. We're integrated in every part of society.

Asad Ba-Yunus, Former Assistant State Attorney

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Appointments made for Housing and colleges of Business, Nursing

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resolve these issues.

Samma also “intends to make the student body more united through more on-campus housing activities, which will be available for both on-campus and commuter students.” He went on to say that he “plans to promote community awareness for issues residents are experiencing and plans on fixing them in a timely manner.”

The new College of Business senator Tatiana Medina brings with her experience from the community college level.

Medina recently transferred to the University from Hillsborough Community College and brings concepts and two years of senatorial experience from HCC to SGC-MMC.

Medina attended many state conferences addressing new opportunities for students she formerly represented and she stated that she “plans to bring these opportunities with her to the University.”

She also wants to “promote on-campus groups and activities within the College of Business to students who are unaware of the opportunities the University has to offer, for example promoting more student clubs and organizations for business majors at orientation.”

Senator Karen Iglesia, the new senator for the College of Public Health & Social Work, is a graduate student who has “had the privilege to participate in many events promoting public health. She is a New York based actor, and the Amir Vahab Ensemble, the first performers of the evening.

Rogan began the show with a brief overview of what Surfi is and what it means.

“The word Surfi means filtered, pure, cleansed and light. The primary message of Surfi is love,” said Rogan.

“Surf is not about differences between the religions. We all believe in equality. Surf is traditionally an Islamic tradition. With such hatred directed towards those of Islamic decent since 9/11, it is critical to show such a different, more positive side of this ethnicity.

Acts varied between musical productions to poetry readings. During many musical acts, the Amir Vahab Ensemble recited lines of Persian readings.

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Godfrey was named Conference USA freshman of the year last season when he threw for 13 touchdowns and ran for 10 on the season while leading the Knights to a victory in the Liberty Bowl against University of Georgia. This year he has already ran in for five and rushed for 115 yards while also throwing for 287 yards, but zero touchdowns.

Cristobal was quick to bring to attention that even though he has no passing touchdowns, he was 20-25 last week, so he can definitely beat you on the ground as well as through the air.

Hilton had words fired at him last week before the Louisville game from cornerback Andrew Johnson when he said on Twitter that he was going to lick him down, 201 yards and two touchdowns later, it was Hilton who got the last laugh.

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“Is this Division I football, this isn’t the WWE?” Cristobal said on the comments. “They have real good football players, we have real good football players, and we’re fortunate to have a tall order.

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“Y ou can’t ignore it, it’s there, but I do believe that when that ball is kicked off and you start playing the game it becomes a faceless opponent,” said head coach Mario Cristobal.

The two biggest names at each school, wide receiver T.Y Hilton of FIU and quarterback Jeff Godfrey of UCF, know each other very well. Godfrey played at Miami Central while Hilton was at Northwestern, and they even played on the FIU field for some home games.

“He’s a great kid and he’s very talented,” said Hilton on Godfrey.
The current lack of communication and energy has convinced Tomic that her team is simply not enjoying the game of volleyball.

"I want to see the team really enjoy playing. I just think they’re not showing that," said Tomic. "I told them I base my decisions on their behavior. I don’t see some of them playing like they’re enjoying it."

Despite this, Tomic and her team know that they have all the cogs to power up a winning machine. With rising stars, like Junior Jovana Bjelica who is second in the conference with 4.28 kills per set and Middle Blocker Sabrina Gonzalez, third in the conference with 1.19 blocks per set, it is not in their system to lose.

"I’m always confident in my team. I believe in them," said Lakovic. "They need to believe in themselves that they can do it. If everyone gets a little bit out of their comfort zone, we’ll be fine."

The UCF Challenge will definitely pose as just that: a challenge. With all possible opponents owning records well over .500, any loss of energy in game can very well cost them the match.

Junior Marija Prsa has already set her sights, as well as the teams, on their goal. "We need to really kill those two teams, 3-0, and play our game not theirs," added Prsa.

RECORD CROWD EXPECTED FOR FIRST EVER GAME VS. UCF

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Golden Panthers hope to capitalize on opportunities

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With FIU having the most talented group of recruits under Coach Chestnutt, along with returning players who led FIU to the semi-finals of the Sun Belt Conference just a year ago, it wouldn’t be a stretch to believe the Panthers can be more than contenders for the conference championship in 2011.

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William “Billy” Sergio is not like anyone; his experiences have given him a unique perspective on life and music. Sergio is presently a junior business major, minor in marketing and the bassist for the band, Seizurely.

He was born in Santa Monica, California to an Italian father and Dominican mother. His father, who was known as the “King of Informers,” lost his company and money when Sergio was two years old.

It was then that his family moved to Miami. The move to Miami was a way of getting away from the crazy world of Hollywood and a way to get closer to family since Sergio’s mom’s great aunt lived in Miami.

At 21 years of age, Sergio has conquered demons that most people never learn to leave behind.

“I have always been an impressionable kid,” explained Sergio. “I grew up around television and movies that made hardcore drug use look okay.”

With this mindset, Sergio tried cocaine for the first time at the age of 14. As his addiction got worse, he was kicked out of Coral Gables Senior High School’s International Baccalaureate Magnet Program and started attending Southridge.

The expulsion was looked upon as just a phase that he was going through.

At his worst, Sergio was spending $200 on cocaine without a second thought. “My parents had and still have no idea about my addictions. They knew something was wrong but never knew exactly what it was.”

“At the time, I knew I was dying and I was okay with that. I was 17 [and] the drugs were taking a heavy toll on me. I had nothing to look forward to; I was lost.”

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“I chose electric bass because the bass above all other instruments. The high low plays guitar; it was through music that I found a new light in life.”

He gave up his addiction almost immediately.

“Music has always been my passion but with no self-confidence, it was easier to turn to drugs than to pick up an instrument. Music is what truly saved my life and I have no problem letting people know that,” said Sergio.

For two years, he went on to study under the bass player of the Bee Gees, Matt Bonelli, whom he credits for learning how to be a good bass player in such a short amount of time.

He can also play the piano and the guitar but chooses to play the bass above all other instruments. “I chose electric bass because the strings were bigger and everyone plays guitar. Plus you cannot pop and slap on a guitar,” Sergio said.

Sergio’s list of influences include: George Clinton, Herbie Hancock, Marcus Miller and many others. “I’m stuck in the seventies because I can’t bring myself to find music from today’s day and age that I like. Music today is horrible; even the Red Hot Chili Peppers sound washed up now.”

Now, Sergio is a student at Miami Dade College with an associate degree in music. He is currently working on finishing his bachelor’s degree while also trying to get his band’s name out there. Seizurely, which is a Jazz/Funk/fusion band, is gaining a following though playing gigs all over South Florida.

“My most recent gig was at Black Point Marina. We will be playing there again on Sept. 21. Good music is music people can make love to,” said Sergio. “That’s something I hope people find in my music.”

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Coffee choices for every palate

Coffee is the lifeblood of many college students; it is how we get up in the morning and how we pull off “all-nighters” during the season of midterms and finals.

There is not a day where I step foot on campus and do not see a small army of students and staff clutching their paper cups and travel mugs as though they were filled with liquid gold.

As a student and a writer, I too have developed a “two cups per day” habit. Not only does the precious caffeine keep me alert, it also tastes delicious. Here are a few of my favorites coffee drinks that can be found right here on campus.

CAFÉ BUSTELO DULCE DE LECHE CAFE CON LECHE

Café Bustelo, located right next to Burger King in the Graham Center, consistently serves up amazing Cuban coffee and its consists. I know anything involving dulce de leche sounds like a lot of sugar to have during the day and, to be honest, it is. In keeping with my current health kick, I get it made with skim milk.

Even so, the richness of the drink is still present and the caramel is more than enough sweetness, no additional sugar necessary. On a “cheat day,” it pairs perfectly with tostada. At only about $3 for a small, it is quite a bargain in comparison to my next on-campus pick.

I just wish we could tip the staff again for their friendliness.

Barnes and Noble Bookstores carry Cafe Vanilla Frappuccino Come on, you know you could not write a coffee review without mentioning at least one of the Starbucks flagships on campus. For the Frappuccino lovers, I know the Caramel variety is the go-to standard favorite.

However, the Caffe Vanilla Frap is a cult favorite among those who frequent the second floor of the campus bookstore for their fix. This beverage gives you the mellow flavor of vanilla with the coffee kick, which makes it much more worth the $4 for a tall cup than the glorified milkshake that is the Vanilla Bean Frap (delicious, but really, you’re Burger King for that).

JAVA CITY STRAWBERRY MOCHA

A campus secret for coffee lovers is Java City, located in the College of Business Complex. When I saw the Iced Straw-}

berry Mocha on the menu, I was instantly curious.

Thankfully, my curiosity rewarded me with a refreshing drink that makes chocolate-covered strawberries seem like child’s play. It is also a pretty quiet spot, so you can get some studying done between sips. It might be out of the way, but the top is worth its weight in coffee beans.

DUNKIN’ DONUTS FRESH BREWED COFFEE

Sometimes, coffee does not need any special syrups or creamers to taste amazing — that is what makes it a true winner.

By far, Dunkin’ Donuts’ brewed coffee, which can be found at the POS Market Station, is the absolute best on campus.

They never overheat their beans, so all that is left is a truly smooth finish. Like Starbuck’s, they will gladly sweeten it and add creamer for you.

Maybe that is why there is always a line at 7:30 a.m. waiting for the gates to open.

I hope you keep this short-list in mind when it comes time to grab your next “cup of Joe.” Cheers!

Food for Thought is a bi-weekly food column. Look for it every other Friday this Fall.
Movies like “Faster” and “Drive Angry” feature well-known actors such as Dwayne Johnson and Nicolas Cage acting as furious or revenge-stricken men - sometimes both - who are amazing behind the wheel. Unlike “Drive,” those films were neither great nor memorable. Directed by Danish filmmaker Nicolas Winding Refn, “Drive” is a gritty and violent film that features an intense performance from actor Ryan Gosling.

Set in Los Angeles, Gosling’s nameless character is a Hollywood stunt driver who moonlights as a getaway driver. One day, the driver meets and befriends his next-door neighbors Irene (Carey Mulligan) and his son Benicio (Kadens Leo). When Irene’s husband, Standard (Oscar Issacs), is released from prison, he gets a vicious beat down from some guys he owes a lot of money to. In order to ensure that Irene and Benicio are safe, the driver decides to assist Standard in pulling off a heist at a pawn shop. However, things go downhill from there as the situation causes the driver to move toward extremely violent and methodical acts to ensure the safety of Irene and Benicio.

The opening sequence of “Drive” immediately captures your attention with a getaway that quickly turns into a cat-and-mouse game among the driver, his clients and the Los Angeles Police Department. As the opening credits roll, the text and the music that play are very similar and reminiscent of “Grand Theft Auto: Vice City,” or some cheesy 1980s action movie.

Even though the movie starts with an exhilarating chase scene, “Drive” is a quiet and subdued film that does not require a lot of action sequences in order to keep it exciting. The movie slowly unfolds from being a car-chase action movie to a fantastic modern-day crime story. This movie is not for the squeamish, as “Driver” features intense and violent scenes that appear at the most unexpected moments in the film.

Ryan Gosling delivers his most intense performance to date, even though he does not say much. His character starts out as a likeable and shy person, but when the moment calls for it, he can become a vicious psycho who will do anything to protect his friends. Gosling works with a top-notch supporting ensemble that includes Bryan Cranston and Albert Brooks. Cranston is great in his portrayal of a man who is way over his head when things begin to spiral out of control. As Brooks is better known for his comedic performances rather than dramatic films like this one, he is surprisingly excellent as a villain while his character becomes progressively more violent and sleazy as the movie develops.

After directing a few independent films, such as “The Pusher Trilogy,” “Bronson” and “Valhalla Rising,” Nicolas Winding Refn’s latest film proves that he is an amazing storyteller with a unique cinematic vision. The film is visually stunning with a unique use of lighting that is unlike anything I have seen before. The stylish cinematography is fantastic; the movie displays some amazing aerial shots of the Los Angeles skyline that are smooth and do not require quick rapid cuts to enhance the film.

“Drive” features a synthesizer-driven soundtrack composed by Cliff Martinez, who recently scored Steven Soderbergh’s “Contagion.” The soundtrack also includes songs that will instantly transport you to the 1980s with songs like “Tick of the Clock” and “A Real Hero.”

“Drive” is the best movie of the year that features another great performance from Ryan Gosling and showcases Nicolas Winding Refn’s skill as a brilliant filmmaker.
Security measures absolve our rights

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Since the Sept. 11 attacks, Americans have lived in constant fear. Many are oblivious to the freedoms they have lost, and many violations of The Constitution have been made legal. Like Benjamin Franklin once said, “Those willing to give up liberty for security will lose both.”

An anxious and borderline panicked government passed the Patriot Act. This act was sent to the congressional floor with no debate, and was passed even though many congressmen did not read it to a full analytic extent.

The Patriot Act violates the 4th Amendment by expanding the power of the government to search and spy on its own people without their consent or a warrant. It expands access to personal records by third-parties, and it gives the government unchecked power to rummage through citizen’s individual records, such as medical, Internet and financial records.

The extent to which we have given up our freedoms becomes glimmer when we put into perspective certain expenditures. The two wars in the Middle East have amounted to $1.3 trillion. The United States spends nearly $700 billion annually on defense – less than health care, but more than education.

We have let these cowards, these so-called “martyrs” who do not represent even the smallest speck of human love, ingenuity or courage dictate how we should run our society. We have let them win by becoming their proxy for the continueance of fear.

Fear has masked itself under the fear of terrorism. It has become normal to be afraid, to have little privacy, to have your calls, your texts, your emails, your credit cards and your position tracked. Ask yourself, “Am I more free now than before 9/11? If so, at what cost?”

We pay for the government and its actions with our taxes. We are paying for our own enslavement, and with that, we are blinding ourselves from a fulfilling existence. Ask yourself next time you walk down a New York City street if you are safer now, if you have not become prejudiced, if you have not ever questioned whether or not you should get on that plane, on that train, on that subway.

It is not about guns or scanners; it is our mannersisms and habits that mirror the fear in our hearts. There is no fulfillment in fear. Only in liberty and freedom can we find ourselves whole. Whether that is worth giving up is up for debate.

Until then, until we realize what kind of marginalization we have put ourselves in, we will have to wait and see how free we citizens of this country really are. Until then, do not forget the pain and do not forget your freedom. Because after all, we are the lucky ones.

The boundless optimism of inexperience leads invariably, to promises that cannot possibly be fulfilled.
DCC invaluable resource for medical research

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The Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine’s Division of Research & Information Data Coordinating Center opened new offices in the Biscayne Bay campus this past April.

“We are a branch of the school of medicine that does the research part,” said Grettel Castro, a research analyst for the center. “We survey the area and collect the information for the (medical) students, so that they can interact with these families.”

Designed to be a resource for university students as well as the communities it serves, the Data Coordinating Center collects research from actual participating communities in order to better understand where improvement of health is needed most.

According to its recently released data analysis report, “The Community Benchmark Executive Summary – Northwest Miami-Dade,” “the program’s fundamental pivot is visitation to households by medical, nursing, and social work students.”

These students visit each home to determine racial and social characteristics, as well as the state of the community’s health.

The report is an extensively detailed survey of the Northwest Miami-Dade community and consists of 156 basic questions designed to provide a snapshot of the condition of health there.

Since the area has never been surveyed before, the report reflects only the baseline of the community.

But, researchers plan on continuing to study the community in order to better serve it.

“We aspire to inform future research, support programmatic activities designed to affect change, effectively translate findings into relevant public policy recommendations, and train the next generation of health care providers in the proper use of evidence-based medicine,” said Patti Stauffer, the associate director for administration.

The next project the center will be working on is concentrated in Little Haiti.

“The Little Haiti Benchmark study will provide valuable baseline information needed for the FIU Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine to form an equitable partnership with the Little Haiti community,” said Stauffer.

The Data Coordinating Center is located in Academic One, room 234, and can be reached at (305) 919-4062.

According to Stauffer, the center is important for its ability to “establish a socially responsive program designed to close the gap in health disparities and provide short-, mid-, and long-term mitigation efforts, thus improving prevention strategies and the overall health status of local residents.”