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“In my opinion, it’s a top 25 football team, but at the same it gives you an idea that our program, FIU football, is rising and rising fast,” said head coach Mario Cristobal.

UCF jumped out to a 17-0 in what had all the makings of a instant rivalry, the Golden Panthers showed that they can defeat an instate opponent without their star player. In front of a record 20,205 home attendance, the Golden Panthers got the best of Central Florida and came away with a victory to keep them undefeated.

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Golden Panthers topple Knights and remain unbeaten

Florida Supreme Court Justice speaks at College of Law

The College of Law’s Black Law Student Association invited a member of Florida’s highest court to give students tips for them to keep in mind on their path to the court room. BLSA hosted Florida Supreme Court Justice Peggy Quince and a panel of five other judges on Sept. 15 in the Rafael-Diaz Balart Hall to educate law students on clerkship and internships at firms and courts.

Before addressing the University’s faculty and law students, R. Alexander Acosta, dean of the College of Law, delivered a quick speech about Justice Quince.

In his speech, Acosta hailed Quince as being a pro-active member of the community who is always willing to give back. Quince views her role as greater than merely serving on the Court, according to Acosta. “She makes an effort to be a leader in our profession and in our community” Acosta said, before giving the podium to Quince.

Quince began by addressing the College of Law students as “the future of the legal profession.” She then started comparing issues the students are going to have to face in the legal world, issues such as the economy, the availability of jobs, and globalization.

In regards to law school, the justice mentioned several key factors needed to make the best law school experience. First, she mentioned the student’s class experience. “Having a great classroom experience is important” said Quince.

Quince, during her lecture, pushed law students to begin writing law journals and participating in mock trials and becoming involved. Lastly, she stressed law students to search for internships and clerkships at firms and courts.

Speaking from experience, the justice recommended and stated the great benefits of clerking at the Florida Supreme Court. Interns at the Florida Supreme Court open themselves to all sorts of cases such as criminal and civil. She also stated that many who intern at the Florida Supreme Court become staff attorneys at the Court, which is consid-

COMING UP | Sports
Check out the Sports section in the Sept. 21 issue for a recap of the women’s volleyball game against UCF.
Expert on Kabbalah shares perspective on religion

JONATHAN SIMMONS
Contributing Writer

About 100 University students and faculty members gathered in the Graham Center Auditorium on the afternoon of Sept. 13 to hear a lecture by Dr. Michael Laitman, an expert on Kabbalah and the author of over a dozen books on the subject.

The School of International and Public Affairs sponsored Laitman’s lecture and the Middle East Studies Program, the Department of Religious Studies, the Tikvah Honor Society and the Consulate General of Israel to Florida and Puerto Rico co-sponsored it.

Kabbalah is generally defined as Jewish mysticism, but Laitman’s lecture, titled “Kabbalah and Nature,” presented it as a form of ancient universal wisdom, dating back almost 6,000 years, about the manner in which the universe functions.

Speaking in Hebrew through a translator, Laitman said “the science of Kabbalah” is particularly relevant to humanity today.

Ancient Kabbalistic texts, said Laitman, speak of “... one force that acts in the world, which... encompasses the world and governs reality and us within it.”

Laitman said humanity’s task is to discover this force and recognize the manner in which the world is interconnected.

According to Laitman, even in inanimate systems, such as the universe as a whole, there is a balance between the different parts that allow the system to sustain itself.

“The only place where [this balance] doesn’t exist,” he said, “is in human society... We have to achieve that balance.”

Laitman also addressed the political implications of this worldview, saying the current international crisis presents a chance for humanity to unite and “... live as a single body, with one heart.”

Our modern consumer society, said Laitman, is unsustainable, and humanity needs “... a society of balanced consumption, where everyone receives... what is sufficient for this world.”

“I’m hopeful,” he said, “... we will eventually decide to create a global government, a global system that runs this system as a whole.”

Many students, like sophomore criminal justice major Christopher Bolanos, attended the lecture with Dr. Whitney Bauman’s Earth Ethics class.

“It was interesting that he said... that our consumer society has to be changed to a society of balanced consumption in order to better our situation and environment,” Bolanos said.

Jonathan Birro and Leilani Echezabal, both members of FIU’s Shade, commented after the lecture on Laitman’s statements about the relationship between humanity and nature.

“I find it very fascinating how much Kabbalah has to do with the environment and nature,” said Birro, a senior psychology major. “I was interested to hear about how our human fate will eventually decide to create a global government, a global system that runs this system as a whole.”

Community involvement does not end there, throughout the year the students work with numerous free clinics in the area to better enhance their learning.

“Running a free clinic, as opposed to a regular clinic, requires savvy business sense,” according to Martin. “It’s about business management, and our students learn that.”

Martin noted the College of Business provides workshops to further help students grasp the fundamental skills they will need when managing their own non-profit clinics in the future.

This all plays into the philosophy of the College of Medicine’s message of community involvement.

Unlike most medical schools that allow students to begin seeing patients in their third year of medical school, the College of Medicine allows students to see patients in their first year.

This baptism by fire is designed to let students acclimate to real world problems and learn how to solve them.

Thus the students in the Non-Profit Health and Interest Group get to learn from those with a passion in their field such as their own adviser.

“It’s my passion,” Martin said. “It’s not an interest, it’s my passion.”

Like Martin, many of the students in the group have the fundamental belief that every human has the right to medical care with or without insurance.

“Students discuss topics like this in class, and we respect any kind of opinion, but in my opinion it [the U.S. health care system] is not the best system,” Martin said. “The current system is more expensive [than universal health care] because people without health insurance wait until an emergency to see a doctor as opposed to taking preventive measures. Just like we have a free public schools system people should have the opportunity to health care.”

Health care isn’t the only thing discussed in meetings; they also discuss how living conditions affect health.

When people are living in bad housing conditions and are being exposed to “risk factors,” which can cause people to get sick such as mold.

They can also develop long term health defects such as respiratory problems.

Martin’s students learn how everything is interconnected.

The College of Medicine and the Non-Profit and Global Health Interest Group have fostered the interest of non-profit global health in students through community involvement.

When seeing her students Martin feels assured the future generations of doctors will be more aware of the needs of the patients as opposed to their potential paycheck.

“It does take a special kind of person to join this field,” Martin said.
University expands to downtown

Catherine J. Guizzo
Florida Catholic Editor

The University is continuously expanding its presence in the community, this time it is in the financial district of Miami’s Brickell Avenue and Lincoln Road.

With the opening of its newest campuses, open for business on Friday Sept. 16, the downtown facility located on 1101 Brickell Ave. will house several graduate programs in the public administration, business and global governance.

It will also be the location of the Metropolitan Center, a public affairs center focused on economic development, land use, housing and applied social research.

As an anchor institution in South Florida, FIU needs to be where our students are,” said FIU President Mark B. Rosenberg in a press release.

“Our growth strategy focuses our teaching, research and creative energies in service to and engagement with our community. Both Brickell and Lincoln Road are key engines of community creativity.”

At the facility, it will be the first time that a Master of Arts in Global Governance, will be offered through the School of International and Public Affairs.

“We are delighted to be able to bring our extraordinary MAGG degree to professionals already working in the area,” said College of Arts and Sciences Dean Kenneth Furton in the press release.

“We are also pleased that the Metropolitan Center, which has a long history of working with our urban leaders, will continue to serve that community at this new location.”

FIU Downtown on Brickell covers 32,000 square feet that will offer classrooms, case rooms, faculty and administrative offices and dining facilities.

“Downtown Miami is now a vibrant urban center where people not only work but live — with 200,000 workers in the area daily and more than 70,000 residents calling it home,” said Miami Downtown Development Authority Director Alyce Robertson.

On Tuesday Sept. 20, the Miami Beach Urban Studios, located on 420 Lincoln Road, will be inaugurated.

The facility will offer graduate design studios for architecture, landscape architecture and interior architecture students, practice rooms for music students, exhibition and graduate studios for visual arts students, performance spaces for theatre students, and classrooms for communication arts students.

“The arts are vital to the spirit of our community and serve as an important incubator,” said College of Architecture and The Arts Dean Brian Schriner.

“We are fortunate to be able to provide our students the opportunity to engage with our communities while pursuing their professional studies on Lincoln Road.”

Quince emphasizes professionalism

She also mentioned the efforts being made to get more lawyers to participate in pro-bono, cases in which lawyers work for free.

To wrap up her speech, Quince told the future lawyers to maintain relations with the judicial branch because it is the responsibility of the people to ensure that judicial branch maintains the standard of “fair and just resolutions.”

Once finished, a forum opened for the remainder of the time in which Justice Quince and the other five justices were able to discuss their personal experiences as a judge and what important aspects future lawyers should consider if pursuing the role of a judge. The pre-submitted questions asked during the forum were directed at the judges’ reasons for becoming a judge and the steps that each personal judge took in achieving their goal.
Defense shines, role players rise in midst of T.Y. injury

All week, the game plan for the UCF Golden Knights was one thing and one thing only: stop T.Y. Hilton. Well, they did that. What they didn’t plan on was the rest of the team picking up the slack.

The rivalry has officially kicked off. With both teams riding 2 straight wins, fans from both schools making a lot of noise, the game had to match up to the hype surrounding it.

The entire week has been about what will T.Y. Hilton be able to do against the formidable UCF defense, which had not allowed a touchdown in their last three games. It was the FIU defense that got the last laugh.

The defense had the tough assignment of stopping the slippery Jeff Godfrey. He slid around the pocket, left and right, doing anything and everything to avoid FIU’s dastardly defense.

The unit played as advertised and held an offense that was expected to come in and roll to just seven points. Those seven points were also not easy to come by. After two penalties on two different 3rd down-plays, the Golden Knights had seven shots at scoring. Finally, Jeff Godfrey made it into the end zone.

That would be the last time the Knights would knife in for a score. After a total effort on defense and an excellent game plan by Todd Orlando; the defense should be knighted.

No T.Y. No Problem

Midway through the second quarter, Wesley Carroll looked for Hilton on a slant route down the middle of the field. The senior bobbled the ball about three different times before the ball fell to the turf as awkwardly as Hilton.

With Heisman hopeful in the locker room, the Golden Panthers were without a spark and about to be in a big hole.

Isame Faciane changed all of that with one play.

Record crowd of 20,205 witness hallmark victory

an early 7-0 lead in an 18-play, 94-yard drive that lasted just under 11 minutes orchestrated by Jeff Godfrey who finished it off with a 1-yard touchdown run.

When FIU got the ball back, things got worse. Not only did T.Y. Hilton bobble a pass down the middle that may have scored him a touchdown, the Heisman hopeful also injured his right hamstring on the play. Hilton returned in the second half, but was unable to make much of a difference afterwards.

It looked bleak for FIU without Hilton, but the defense broke through late in the second half. Tevin Blanchard forced a fumble on Godfrey, scooped up by Isame Faciane, who took 51 yards to the endzone to tie the game up 7-7 with six seconds left in the opening half.

A huge muffed punt by Robinson of UCF gave the ball back to the Golden Panthers on the 8-yard line in the third quarter, which led to a 4-yard touchdown run from Darranz Perry. It was the 24th of his career, tying a program record with Rashad Smith. The touchdown gave the Golden Panthers a 14-7 lead.

After a Jack Griffin 27-yard field goal, the Knights responded in the last three minutes of the game when they drove into the redzone.

Two broken passes by defensive back Chuck Grace forced UCF to come out with only a field goal. FIU recovered the onside kick and milked the clock to end to secure the win.
MEN’S SOCCER

Golden Panthers able to hang on for win over Ospreys

ANDRES LEON
Staff Writer

The Golden Panthers continued home play on Friday, Sept. 16 against North Florida. It was ready to earn their third victory against the Ospreys.

Lucas Di Croce continued to play in top form, after recording his second goal for FIU. Di Croce finished a one-on-one against North Florida keeper, Frederico Bertele. In the 28th minute, Di Croce received a controlled ball in the six-yard box from Quentin Albrecht and finished the ball with a right-footed shot to the left corner of the goal.

“It feels good to keep scoring for my team, but we definitely have to finish more plays and put teams away early,” Di Croce said after scoring the opener for FIU.

As the first half came to a close, Di Croce found the back of the net again in the 38th minute to give FIU a two-goal lead. Chris Lamarrob a ball deep into the Osprey defensive third to find Di Croce at the end of it. The senior forward controlled the ball with pace and slipped it past the North Florida keeper for the second time.

Di Croce pushed for the hat trick and recorded a third shot on goal, after trying to chip it by Bertele at the close of the half.

In the second half, the Golden Panthers felt the pressure from the Ospreys, as NFU continued to counter attack. FIU lost focus and conceded to North Florida forward Oscar Castillo. Castillo fired a left footed screamer past Eric Reyes for NFU in the 47th minute.

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WOMEN’S SOCCER

Oregon State pounds FIU in devastating 7-0 defeat

ANTHONY GUIVAS
Staff Writer

With FIU riding a two game losing streak at the hands of the Kansas City Roos and Florida Gulf Coast, the Panthers looked towards getting back to their winning ways.

But to end their current skid, the Golden Panthers had to travel to Oregon to face off against a potent Oregon State offensive team that has been regularly in the top 25 for the past few years.

FIU stood no chance in a 7-0 loss at the hands of the Beavers on the road in one of the worst losses in recent memory.

Oregon State, from the get go, was the constant aggressor as they penetrated FIU territory multiple times. Thankfully for FIU, their goalkeeper Kaitlyn Savage made some incredible saves early on, which kept OSU off the board for the first 21 minutes of regulation.

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Thomas Chestnutt, Head Coach
FIU Women’s Soccer

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23rd minute of regulation. Chelsea Buckland dribbled through the defense and past the keeper to score. OSU was then up 1-0 and they never looked back as they ended up scoring two more times in a span of eight minutes.

Jacy Drobney scored the 27th minute with a shot at the top of the box, in minute 30:16 Chelsea Buckland scored once again with a penalty kick. The half concluded with OSU having a 3-0 lead and momentum securely in their grasp. But besides the shocking score at the half was the outrageous differential in shots between FIU and OSU.

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With the ball at midfield and the Golden Knights looking to score just before halftime, off Godfrey tried to make something happen.

Under pressure, Godfrey tried to escape, but was met by T.Y. Hilton in the backfield. On the sack, Godfrey fumbled the ball and Faciane ran in, picked it up and went 51 yards the other way for the game tying touchdown. The Beavers found the end zone and the pile up was on.

WELCOME WAYNE TIMES

When Hilton went down, the Golden Knights assumed they were in the clear and went into cruise control. The only problem is they didn’t account for the fact that FIU has more weapons in their arsenal. Enter Wayne Times. The junior was left with huge shoes to fill, but fill them he did.

Leading the team in receiving yards and catches, Times stepped up on multiple occasions in places where Hilton would have been in use.

DISPROVING THE DOUBTERS

This team has done nothing but prove questioners wrong all season. Tonight was the prefect example of how the Golden Panthers have shown resiliency to adversity.

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The Golden Panthers were banking on him again tonight. However, it didn’t work out that way and other players had to step up, and they did just that.

“Our defense was able to keep OSU at bay, it was to no avail as OSU scored once again.”

This time it was a beautiful header off the cross by Justyne Freud that put her team up 4-0 in the 57th minute of regulation.

Even though the game was a clear cut win for Oregon State, it was the outrageous difference in shots between FIU and OSU.

“Everything on the night went well for them and they had some fantastic goals... their shooting was very spot on tonight.”

With half time coming to a close the Golden Panthers and Beavers took to the pitch with but the same tone that completed the first half.

The Beavers continued to control the tempo of the game and gave FIU fits up and down the field. So as much as FIU tried to keep OSU at bay, it was to no avail as OSU scored once again.

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BUSY WEEK INCLUDES NEW COACHING HIRE, SCHEDULE RELEASE

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The complete 2011-2012 schedule for the Golden Panthers’ men’s basketball team was released on Sept. 13. As reported during the summer by The Beacon, the Golden Panthers will begin their season participating in the NIT Season Tip-Off against George Mason on Nov. 14.

If FIU defeats George Mason, they will play the winner of the Virginia Tech – Coastal Carolina on Nov. 26 and back-to-back games against the Maryland Terrapins from the ACC on Dec. 14, and the Atlantic-10 opponent, the Dayton Flyers on Dec. 17.

“The Golden Panthers’ last non-conference game will be against Bowling Green at home on Dec. 22. “[Maryland] has a good program and a good coach and Dayton is always a tough opponent,” said Thomas. “They have played extremely well the past couple of years. Bowling Green is up and coming also. I’m pretty excited about our out of conference schedule.”

The Golden Panthers are currently scheduled to appear in a minimum of three national broadcast games this season.

Coach Thomas spoke about the importance the exposure on national television will have on the program.

“It’s big, especially for an up and coming program such as ours. Everyone wants to be on television. Everyone wants to be seen on television,” Thomas said. “The basketball team being on ESPN will also be huge for the program.”

CONFERENCE PLAY

FIU begins its 16th game at the Sun Belt Conference scheduled on Dec. 29 against Georgia State University. The program’s next three games will be against Coastal Carolina on Dec. 14, vs. Middle Tennessee on the road, followed by Western Kentucky University.

The first four of six conference games for the Golden Panthers will be against teams who had records above .500 in their season participating in the NIT.

“Middle Tennessee and Western Kentucky are two of the top four teams in the conference,” Thomas said. “They are two tough opponents and they always play well at home.”

A key game for FIU will be their home opener against Coastal Carolina on Nov. 26 and back-to-back games against the Maryland Terrapins from the ACC on Dec. 14, and the Atlantic-10 opponent, the Dayton Flyers on Dec. 17.

MACEDO ALMEIDA  Staff Writer

On Friday night, the Panthers found themselves in a script all too familiar: up two sets to none, with the third set looming large.

Last week, Head Coach Danjela Tomicevic criticized the team for missing the playoffs, as they took a two-set lead. The lack in effort would result in sloppy mistakes and miscommunication that would in turn lead to consecutive losses.

The Panthers decided it was time to rewrite the script.

FU (7-3, 0-0 SBC) trampled Jacksonville (7-6, 0-0 A-Sun) in three straight sets (25-16, 25-21, 25-15) on a night where the Panthers’ defense shined bright and the Dolphins’ errors sunk any hopes of a fight.

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FREEDOM RUN

Participants P.A.R.K. for Sept. 11

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Drenched in sweat and with full hearts, 600 runners and about 1,000 people turned out to honor the victims and heroes of 9/11 with the 5K Freedom Run this past Sept. 10 at the J.C. Bermudez Park.

As everyone ran under the 20 feet by 30 feet American flag, raised by the Miami-Dade County Fire Department, the Perform Arts of Random Kindness Project’s first anniversary event united a community.

Divisions of the military, fire rescue, police, veteran organizations and service families -- among many sponsors like 5 Hour Energy, The DJ Connection, Reflections of Appreciation for their service.

Riders,” who led the race, with a Certificate of Appreciation for their service.

Lt. Col. Randy Marshall, Chaplain of the U.S. Southern Command, led the invocation for the festival, while Commissioner Jose Pepe Diaz awarded “The Patriot Guard Riders,” who led the race, with a Certificate of Appreciation for their service.

“Being surrounded by servicemen and women brought unprecedented amounts of energy and life to everyone in attendance. I participated to give back to all of those who risked their lives, but most importantly, remember those who lost theirs. I look forward to doing it next year.”

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In addition, Nestor Torres, a Latin Grammy-winning flautist and adjunct professor at the University’s School of Music, made a phenomenal small speech that included special words of encouragement. He then performed an inspirational song just after the official moment of silence at 9:11 a.m.

Marlene “Marly” Q. Quincoces, the CEO of StarMar Events and P.A.R.K. Project, was overwhelmed with happiness. “This event was 100 percent grassroots effort by people, companies and organizations that decided to live the cause and P.A.R.K. in honor of our servicemen and women and all who lost their lives on Sept. 11.”

If you would like more information on this great organization, feel free to perform your first act of random kindness by hitting the LIKE button on Facebook or following them on Twitter. For all other information, feel free to look them up at ParkProject.org.

Juan Carlos Bermudez, Mayor of the City of Doral
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“Wilfred” finale, new game show leave viewers satisfied

I think I like the show so much just because it reminds me of a teenage version of Discovery Channel’s “Cash Cows.” Appar- ently, I exceed in the pop-culture realm (who would have known!), but many students watching would benefit from learning some typical high school trivia. Trust me, I did.

In the course of 30 minutes, I screamed at the TV, which can seem psychotic, but when it is all in the game of learning, who is to judge?

I get really excited because, while it is intended for the students in the episode, the viewers at home can guess the answers as well.

It is a much less boring version of “Jeop-ardy.” Thank goodness for recording TV, if not, I would have to skip class tomorrow to watch “The Substitute.”

SUSPENSE: “THE LYING GAME”, ABC FAMILY
MONDAYS @ 8 P.M.

Last week, we found out that Sutton and Emma’s birth mother is not dead, while Sutton’s own investigation has led her into a never-ending circle of false leads, tampered birth certificates and a whole lot of secrets – not to mention the heat that has been simmering between Sutton and Thayer, Madeline’s brother, as well as the connection between Emma and Elian, Sutton’s actual boyfriend.

Charlotte and Madeline also talked “Sutton” (Emma) into running for home- coming queen after Nisha, their rival, crossed the line by telling Madeline’s dad about her alleged affair with Eduardo, Madeline’s ballet choreographer. Emma got a makeover, a tiara and an Elian, who planted one on her at the dance.

Sutton, however, is getting a little angst- y about Emma taking over her life while she is away now that Emma has melded Sutton’s character in a wholesome way, making everyone take notice. Sutton chose the plan and90kurrendered with Emma on it, so she should just get over it, not that Emma’s personality tweaks are rubbing off at any time soon.

Speaking of personality, there is some- thing sketchy about Laurel’s new boyfriend, Justin, who I think has been hired by Ted to do some major damage from within the Mentor family, not that Ted’s motives are even clear at this point.

In the upcoming Sept. 19 episode, Sutton refuses to accept her wrongdoing after kissing Thayer, Madeline’s brother, out of spite, despite his feelings for her, because she might get “distracted” from the ultimate goal, her mother and her whereabouts.

Lavine also begins to wonder about Justin’s background and where he came from.

Since we know Alec and Ted are both in the scheme for Annie Hobbes, the girls’ birth mother, we find out that they may have been a strong past with her. Is it possible that Alec or even Ted had an affair with her?

As for the familiar text message black- mail, it has come for revenge once again! It’s not signed by “A” but the concept is the same, hopefully, this leads to some juicy situations. After all, the game of lying can be dangerous if you cannot keep control of your lies.

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DREAM Act success in California. Florida next?

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A bill that helps illegal immigrants get funding for college education has seen recent success in California but has been stalled in Florida by political opposition.

The DREAM Act, or “Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act,” helps illegal minors obtain funding, either through private investors or government scholarships, which currently remains forbidden.

California recently passed a partial portion of the bill, which allows angel and private investors to supply illegal aliens with funds to attend college. The second part, which will allow prospective students to obtain government funding, will be voted on in upcoming legislative sessions.

A recent bill passed by President Obama may have helped the cause in California, allowing deportation sentences to be looked at case by case, rather than in bulk, to determine the outcome of a deportation, while keeping in mind criminal background and education status.

While California has begun to make progress on the cause, Florida, whose population of illegal aliens makes up around 5 percent of its 19 million total population, is waiting for results.

“They make it hard to stay here,” says Ting Yang, a Chinese student who came to the country legally on a school visa, but cannot stay unless she is hired full-time. “I love the opportunity, but they make you work for it or for sure.”

According to the Miami New Times, Florida introduced the bill to the House of Representatives by Dwight Bullard (D-Miami) and in the Florida Senate by Senator Gary Siplin (D-Orlando) earlier this week.

The statute would require that any immigrant applying for aid would have to document current applications for becoming a U.S. citizen, as well as having completed three years of high school, and subsequently graduating in America.

“I was sent home from my internship when they discovered I was not here legally,” says Marlo, who is from Croatia and does not wish to give her last name due to the circumstances. “They gave me a day to get out and told me I must pack and go home (to Croatia).”

Illegal Aliens are not barred from going to American colleges, as long as they have the monetary funds to pay for them. Colleges have individual policies to deal with immigrants and most often, if a student can pay, they will be accepted. FIU admissions could not be reached for comment.

But students who grew up in America and study here are not afforded in-state rights because they were never given legal status. The U.S. Immigration Website starts with a list of benefits of becoming a U.S. citizen, but it is a long road for some.

“I have only a year to find employment. Time is running out. America gives me this opportunity now, but never again it seems,” says Yang. “You never know when your life can change,” says Marlo, of living in the country illegally. “Even if you go through the proper channels and try, they make it so hard.”

Eleven states now have laws that allow undocumented students financial assistance, but Florida is not one of them, despite it’s large immigrant population.

“I’m against the DREAM Act,” Rick Scott said to The Miami Herald. “Why? I don’t believe in amnesty.”

According to The New York Times, the California bill is expected to cost $40 million, or about 1 percent of the state’s college aid budget, a move that a anti-immigration leader called “stupid.”

“I wish I could have had them support me in college and maybe realize I could be an asset to their country,” says Yang. “I want to give to them if they will just help give to me.”

Homecoming Court gives up consolidation attempt

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After experimenting with the consolidation of the Homecoming Court, the Homecoming Council has decided to revert to the previous selection process that Homecoming Courts have followed in the past. There will continue to be individual courts for the Modesto Maidique Campus and the Biscayne Bay Campus.

At an emergency meeting held by SGC-BBC’s executive branch on Sept. 14 to discuss the promotion of homecoming events at BBC, Rafael Zapata, assistant director of Campus Life, made the announcement to the heads of organizations that fall under BBC’s Campus Life.

Tamicha Roger, president of Panther Power, said that the consolidation of the homecoming courts should have never been discussed.

“They should’ve never even considered the creation of one court,” said Roger. “If a BBC candidate had to go up against an MMC candidate, it gives an unfair advantage to students running from MMC due to the disproportionate number of them, despite it’s large immigrant population.”

The decision to keep to two courts for MMC and BBC respectively, those running for the Homecoming King and Queen positions will not be voted upon by peers from their respective campuses, as opposed to the court being decided by a university wide election, as the proposal had called for.

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Career Services hosting events to engage students with department

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As Kimberly Dizon, a University alumn and originally a nursing graduate, waited in line for her cap and gown for her second bachelors in psychology, Harold Clayton, Associate Director of Career Services, discovered that after two months of applying at hospitals, Dizon had not been offered one job.

It is Clayton and the Career Services department’s job to help graduating students find employment, however, Clayton is worried about the lack of student engagement with the department.

“As a career services office we are still concerned with the number of students that utilize our office. It is a miniscule number and we are losing those specifically in our sophomore and junior years which become the critical years,” said Clayton.

Clayton claims that those who come through the office have a higher chance of finding employment.

Clayton stated that one of the most common misconceptions that students have about career services is that certain jobs do not require the department’s assistance. He also emphasized that the office is an “at will” department with no obligation to students to seek their assistance.

“You can choose to be out,” said Clayton, “but the benefits are much greater if you are in.”

Obtaining jobs in the nursing field, as well as in other fields, is not as simple and guaranteed as it may have been in previous times.

“The techniques for getting the desired job or career” change as the job market evolves, he said.

Even though the department does not guarantee job placement, it does provide resources that can help students get there.

One of the resources that has demonstrated to be effective is the practice interview conducted by human resource personnel in the desired field, where students acquire interviewing skills and become more comfortable with the process.

Some virtual resources are available, but in order for the individual to get full experience of the department offers, Clayton emphasizes that they must direct contact with the office.

In order to engage students with Career Services and mark the initiation of recruiting season, which takes place from September to October, the Department has scheduled Career Fairs on Sept. 23 at the Modesto Maidique Campus and Oct. 5 for the Biscayne Bay Campus.

The purpose of the Career Fair is not only for recruitment and job placement, but to give students the opportunity to see which employers are of interest to them and allow employers to invest in the future.

According to Clayton, although first and second year students may state they are not ready for a career, they should attend so they are aware of what opportunities exist to focus on when the time comes.

The department has partnered with the Disability Resource Center in response to a federal mandate that aims to prioritize the employment of persons with disabilities.

Amanda Niguialda, director of the DRC, and Imani Frederick-Lowman, Director of Career Services said that it is an auspicious time for both departments to be working together on the Workforce Recruitment Program, which provides opportunities for students with disabilities to be part of a prestigious database where federal employers look for individuals for specific internship programs.

Employers will be on campus conducting interviews on Nov. 7 at MMC campus; however, it is important that students interested in participating make direct contact with the Career Services office or the DRC office for pre-registration and to ensure that certain criteria such as GPA, U.S. citizenship and graduation dates.

CLASS ACT

Pines Center faces challenges with getting students involved

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Most FIU students are familiar with the Modesto Maidique and the Biscayne Bay Campuses, however, not many students are aware of the University satellite locations, such as the Pines Center in Broward County.

According to Diana Arcentales, Pines Center Student Life Coordinator, classes have been held in Davie and Fort Lauderdale since 1983, but it wasn’t until the Pines Center opened in the spring semester of 2003 that an Academic Center was created.

Academic programs at Undergraduate and Graduate levels are offered at the Pines Center in the areas of Business, Arts & Sciences, Education, Construction Management, Engineering, Public Administration and Liberal Studies. The satellite campus will also be offering a MBA in Health Care as early as January 2012.

The Pines Center shares a building with a charter high school, and this co-habitation of other factors makes it difficult to foster camaraderie and pride among students on campus.

“The majority of students at the FIU Pines Center are non-traditional students and are balancing careers, families and school. They are not straight out of high school. They have extensive commitments outside of the University, and many attend on a part-time basis,” said Arcentales. “Events that are planned at the Pines Center differ from those offered at BBC or MMC,” said Arcentales. “They are on a much smaller scale because we are located in a building that we share during the daytime with a charter high school.”

The Pines Center uses its lobby to host most of their events. Doing so, they are able to gain the attention of students heading to and from class giving them little opportunity not to participate in the event.

FIU’s Pines Center inhabits one wing of the building where classrooms, a small lounge, and vending machines accommodate its students. The campus does not have a cafeteria but there is a small bookstore.

Emmanuel Okwor, who attends classes at the Pines Center, believes the non-traditional students that attend the Pines Center just don’t have the time to develop the sense of community that may be present on the Modesto Maidique Campus or the Biscayne Bay Campus, and although it may be a challenge, it is possible.

“It is hard, but not impossible to get them involved in some of our activities. We are a small but mighty campus and are family-oriented in a friendly environment,” said Okwor.

Although a student may not get what many call the “college experience” at a satellite campus like the Pines Center, there are some advantages to attending a smaller, remote campus. For instance parking is much easier to find on the Pines Center.

As Student Life Coordinator, Arcentales says she is doing her best to make the University experience the best possible for students, but lack of space, resources and plain old Panther Pride limit what can be done.

It is true that Pines students have many commitments outside the University, but attending school is a commitment in its own right.

Jennifer Halton, a junior majoring in Liberal Arts, takes a class at the Pines Center and for her, that sense of community is the least of her worries.

“I don’t care about camaraderie. I just want to do my thing and go home.” Then she added, “But you know, if they at least had a little coffee shop or something, I’d probably hang around more. I go to Starbucks and get a cup of coffee and sit in the Pines Center parking lot in my car and drink my coffee and that’s not very much fun.”