FOOTBALL

CAJUN INVASION

Conference play resumes against visiting Louisiana

JACKSON WOLEK
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People around the nation have started buzzing about FIU football and their 3-0 start that included victories against Louisville and UCF.

On top of the four votes they received in the AP polls, University of Miami head coach Al Golden gave them praise in The Miami Herald recently, and now they will have a segment on ESPN College Gameday that will air this Saturday.

ESPN made a recent visit to the Golden Panthers’ practice on Wednesday to film some of the practice and interview head coach Mario Cristobal.

“It was kind of weird having a mic on, obviously I wouldn’t compromise anything for our gameplan and our chances for victory, but just for the initial start of practice it was a tremendous honor,” said head coach Mario Cristobal.

In Golden’s comments on FIU, he mentioned that it was great to see them getting votes and that he and Cristobal talk and text all the time.

After defeating in-state rival UCF, the Golden Panthers will look to stay undefeated against the Ragin’ Cajuns of Louisiana and may need to see more of Wayne Times [above, #5] with T.Y. Hilton battling injury.

Czech diplomat speaks on life and current affairs

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Karel Schwarzenberg, the Czech Republic’s First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, delivered a lecture on Sept. 19 about his lifetime experiences in office as a guest of the University’s School of International and Public Affairs.

His speech, which took place at the Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum, covered topics across the board.

By making references to China, Libya, Russia, and Japan, Schwarzenberg quickly showed the audience that his political depth was beyond affairs of just the Czech Republic.

The Embassy of the Czech Republic, Honorary Consulate General of the Czech Republic, the European Studies Program and the Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence co-sponsored the lecture.

The former senator is esteemed as an advocate for human rights and shared his insight with around 30 students and faculty in attendance.

Schwarzenberg spoke candidly about the current wave of revolution taking place in the Middle East.

He believes much of today’s possibility for change stems from mobile innovation. The growing ways of communication worldwide have “produced another generation” he says.

“The world is changing; but we have to first change ourselves,” said Schwarzenberg.

In regards to democracy, he denoted various ways in which countries could be more diplomatic. One example, by having each economy open their markets to one another.

This shift in international relations would more likely strengthen the dynamics between nations, and promote positive interaction, not necessarily dependence.

Schwarzenberg shared many of his opinions, and outlook for the future as well.

When speaking of China, he maintains the revolution which took place some 60 years ago has installed much change to their system, however, there are now substantial problems at hand. The lower class is still “helpless,” in the hand of the powerful.

“When in the next decade, China will become the most powerful economic power of the world,” Schwarzenberg said, despite the “obvious misfortune” of the poorer class.

He also denoted that in nearby India, they are also on the rise, and it’s something worth watching.

In sharp contrast, Schwarzenberg stated that Russia however, in terms of economy, has become stagnant.

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Schwarzenberg ended much of his testimony with witty remarks, and at one point said “I hope I’m not boring you, yet.”

Gavin McClean, a senior political science major, enjoyed Karel Schwarzenberg’s lecture.

“He seemed very knowledgeable; and not just on affairs of The Czech Republic,” McClean said to Student Media.

Schwarzenberg kindly responded to everyone and anyone with comments and questions throughout the room.

Grace Taylor, a grad student majoring in higher education/administration said, “It’s important to have a representative from another country to come visit the school. It’s good to have reputable speakers talk about their experience.”
US military milestone: end to ban on gay service

ROBERT BURNS
Associated Press

The U.S. military passed a historic mile-
stone Tuesday with the repeal of the ban
on gays serving openly in uniform, ending
a prohibition that President Barack Obama
said had forced gay and lesbian service
members to “lie about who they are.”

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta pledged
not to allow other issues of equal opportu-
nity to overshadow the new law. “Gay
service members are to treat one another
with dignity and respect regardless of
their sexual orientation,” the memo from
Clif-
ford Stanley said.

Gay advocacy groups celebrated across
the country. “We all want to become a better version of
ourselves,” Donna and Carla Carla are at the cross-
roads of dating and marriage. Donna wants to take the next step with Carla Carla, but
Carla Carla’s nerves and her dislike of
Donna’s smoking habits keep them in a
state of confusion and hesitation.

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who they are to serve the country
that they love.

Barack Obama
President United States

Later Tuesday, at a New York City
Democratic fundraiser, the president said
he had met backstage with some young
Americans who had been discharged from
the military because of the “don’t ask,
don’t tell” policy.

“As of today, that will never happen
again,” Obama said. “As of today, no one
needs to hide who they are to serve the
country that they love.”

The head of Pentagon personnel poli-
cies issued a memo to the work force at
a minute after midnight Tuesday. “All
service members are to treat one another
with dignity and respect regardless of
any future instances of harassment of gays
in the ranks,” Michael Corgan, a professor
of international relations at Boston Univer-
sity and a U.S. Naval Academy graduate,
said it’s mainly a matter of leadership.

“Discipline problems that might arise
from gays serving with an overwhelmingly
straight population in the military should
be able to be handled the way any other
disciplinary problems are, if commanders
are up to their jobs,” Corgan said.

In Iraq, a spokesman for U.S. forces put
out a statement noting that all troops there
had been trained for the change.

For weeks the military services have
accepted applications from openly gay
recruits, while waiting for repeal to take
effect before processing the applications.

With the lifting of the ban, the Defense
Department published revised regulations
to reflect the new law allowing gays to
serve openly.

The revisions, such as eliminating refer-
cences to banned homosexual service, are in
line with policy guidance that was issued
by top Pentagon officials in January, after
Obama signed the legislation that did away with
the “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy.

The lifting of the 18-year-old ban also
halted all pending investigations, discharges
and other administrative proceedings that were begun under the
Clinton-era law.

Existing standards of personal conduct,
such as those pertaining to public displays
of affection, will continue regardless of
sexual orientation.

There also will be no immediate
changes to eligibility standards for mili-
tary benefits.

All service members already are entitled
to certain benefits and entitlements, such as
designating a partner as one’s life insur-
ance beneficiary or as designated caregiver
in the Wounded Warrior program.

Gay marriage is one of the thornier
issues. An initial move by the Navy earlier
this year to train chaplains about same-
sex civil unions in states where they were
legal was halted after more than five
dozens lawmakers objected. The Pentagon
is reviewing the issue.

Service members who were discharged
under the “don’t ask, don’t tell” law will
be allowed to re-enlist, but their applica-
tions will not be given priority over those
of any others with prior military experi-
ence who are seeking to re-enlist.
Israeli Foreign Ministry advisor speaks to students on Arab Spring

JONATHAN SIMMONS Staff Writer

A prominent Israeli diplomat and political advisor spoke before a group of about 65 students and faculty members in the Graham Center on Sept 20 on the subject of recent political developments in the Middle East.

But the representative who spoke on Sept. 20 is no typical Israeli envoy. Israel’s highest-ranking Muslim diplomat, Ishmael Khaldi is an Israeli Arab, a Bedouin who spent the first eight years of his life living in a Bedouin tent in the Galilee.

Khaldi’s lecture, titled “Israel Today and the Arab Spring,” dealt with the recent uprisings in the Middle East as well as the current Palestinian attempt to gain U.N. recognition of Palestinian statehood.

Khaldi, who served in Israeli Defense Forces before being appointed Deputy Consul in the Israeli Consulate in San Francisco in 2006 and later becoming the Middle East and Arab Affairs Advisor to the government of Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman, said he considers both Israelis and Arabs his brothers.

“I want to be a bridge of understanding between my country, the Jewish state and the countries of the Middle East,” he said.

Not long after Khaldi took his advising position, the Arab world began to change dramatically, as protests erupted across the region.

For Khaldi, the message was very clear.

“People in those countries want to live exactly like yourselves – in open societies, in democracies, and like ourselves – the people in Israel – the only democracy in the Middle East,” said Khaldi.

He said, “Some people call it an Arab spring.”

“I don’t think it’s a spring. It’s going to take a long time. And who is going to win? Will it be the liberal power? Or the radical power?”

Speaking of the uprising in Egypt, where the Israeli embassy was recently attacked by protesters, Khaldi said it was clear that “...the people who stood up in Tahrir square demanded three main things: to topple the regime, Mubarak...political freedom...and economic improvement.”

“Both the military council and even the Muslim Brotherhood,” said Khaldi, “will never touch, never cancel, the peace treaty with Israel. That’s a common interest.”

“Israel,” he said, “is and will always be the strongest country in the Middle East.”

Even so, Khaldi said that aspects of the revolutions were troubling for Israel.

“Last week,” he said, “Israel had to evacuate our diplomats from the embassy...in Jordan...and in Egypt...Try to imagine: we are speaking about ‘spring,’ we are speaking about something that’s supposed to flourish: democracy, building relations – and the opposite thing is happening.”

Khaldi also spoke of the uprising in Syria and said that he could envision two potential outcomes: that the Assad regime would stay, in which case “...[Assad] will be dealing...”

Israel wants to see the Palestinians living in dignity in their own state, but let’s face reality. The only way to achieve a two-state solution is direct negotiation.

Ishmael Khaldi, Middle East and Arab Affairs Advisor Israeli Foreign Ministry
Bjelica establishing herself as a key offensive player

Jovana Bjelica [above] has become a key weapon for the Golden Panthers this season.

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When you walk into volleyball practice, several things are going to catch your eye. The first will be an ocean of about 75 volleyball players strew all around the arena. The second will probably be 6-5 setter Rendae Forde, the tallest player on the team. The last thing, however, are the bound to be first rather than see.

Small explosions followed by volleyball balls cutting through the air or violent speeds will demand your attention almost immediately. Jovana Bjelica, junior outside hitter for the Panthers, is the one responsible for these vicious, round missiles. The speed at which the ball leaves her hand is almost abnormal.

There is one thing, however, that has more velocity than her spiked balls: her reputation. Bjelica is quickly becoming one of the most dangerous players in the conference and a vital component in propelling her team toward a Sun Belt Championship.

Head Coach Danjela Tomic wants Bjelica to take charge much like a certain FIU great did just a few years ago.

“She’s our go-to player. I told her that we need her to step up and be Yari this year,” said Tomic. “That’s the mentality I want her to have.”

Tomic speaks of none other than 4-time All-American Yarimar Rosa. Rosa’s stint with the Panthers from 2006 to 2009 led her to be FIU’s all-time kills per set leader with a 5.38 mark. She is having her jersey number retired in the Panthers’ Sept. 30 home game against Western Kentucky.

Despite her remarkable early season success, Bjelica knows there is always something she can improve to better her team.

“My goal is to be a leader for this season and to be an example to everyone else,” said Bjelica. To the average fan, watching Bjelica play and bord on opposing players with her ferocious spikes will leave him/herself convinced that she is at the top of her game. And in all honesty, it is hard to argue against that point of view.

In only 11 games, Bjelica has turned the ball over in a set single game career highs in kills and service aces this season. She has tied her block and block assists record as well. She has also been tremendously crucial in helping the team pull through with victories that seemed almost impossible.

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Cristobal would support cross-town rivalry with UM

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Cristobal said that a possible matchup with UM sometime along the road would be something he is in favor of.

“I think any time cross-town universities can play or in-state universities can play, with a great example being this weekend with UCF, you have a chance to really pack the stadium and fill the stands with alumni and with family,” said Cristobal. “It makes for a great event.”

Right now, what the team is focused on is their next opponent, the Louisi- siana Ragin’ Cajuns. This will be their second conference game this year.

Louisiana comes in with a record of 2-1, having lost to number nine, Oklahoma State, in their first game and beating Kent State and Nicholls State in the next two.

They have accumu- lated 30 points per game in their first three games, the most in the Sun Belt. The scoring has come in a variety of ways.

Out of the 11 touchdowns that they have scored, four have been interception returns, one has been a blocked field goal return, five have been rushing touchdowns and only one has been a touch- down pass.

CAJUN GROUND GAME

The ground game is made up of freshman Qyenda Griffin and Alzon Harris. Griffin has compiled 116 yards on 43 carries and two touchdowns, while Harris has 106 yards on just 18 carries.

“He’s only a freshman, so a tribute to him and his coaches for getting him prepared to play,” said Cristobal on Griffin’s performance.

FIU has the top defense overall in the Sun Belt, allowing only 14 points per game. The Panthers also have the top rushing defense that has given up only 99 yards per game against elite rushers such as Lance Dunbar of North Texas and Jeff Godfrey of UCF.

“I didn’t know we lead in the Sun Belt; that’s nice to hear, but our goal is always bigger than just leading the conference. We want to be leading the conference and the conference in favor of.

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“We have, specifically corner back Dwight Bentley, who leads the Sun Belt with three interceptions.”

“He was very active last year. We know exactly how good of a player he is and he’s gotten even better,” said Carroll. “Whatever we do isn’t going to change based on a player being on the field.”

T.Y. Hilton, who has become his main target with 17 catches along with Wayne Times who has 15, participated in about well to let this one get away from them.

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PANTHER PANEL PREDICTIONS

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One way to know for sure is to come to the game on Sept. 24 at 6 p.m.

Wise

Albarracin

Brandon Wise

FIU 28, UL 13: The Golden Panthers keep rolling this week, regard- less of T.Y.’s status. The defense is playing too well to let this one get away from them.
Injuries taking a toll on fantasy owners and players alike

With injuries rattling the minds of fantasy owners all over, the fantasy football gurus know a solid bench can make or break a team from week to week. 

Michael Vick is a w y a s m a k i n g his owners sweat profusely when he rolls out and tries to make a dynamic play because of a potential injury.

Ironically, he gets a concussion by staying in the pocket like a prototypical quarterback. Maybe he is just that. He sustained the injury by getting slung into his offensive linemen. Vick will probably be out two to three weeks, depending on the severity of the concussion.

Anybody who says Tony Romo is not a good quarterback is out of his or her mind. I have heard it all: “Jay cutler is more of a playmaker,” “Mark Sanchez beat him to dead,” and “He’s a choke artist.” I will take that choke artist any day of the week. His toughness is unquestionable.

With a collapsed lung, Romo threw for over 300 yards and two touchdowns in his win over the 49ers. Romo said he may play despite his injury against the Skins.

The Rams are cursed with Tony Romo. He gets a repeat performance like this every second week.

Romo is not a good quarterback, and I will beat him head-to-head,” and “Mark Sanchez is the best on the field. We had fun doing it”.

With tenacity such as this, it may be a while before we see a loss come from Alpha Omicron Pi, as they play the winless Sigma Kappa next game.

Phi Mu defeats Sigma Kappa with a lone safety

During the intramural sorority flag football games, Phi Mu matched up with Sigma Kappa. Behind a noisy crowd, Phi Mu took advantage of the miscues and penalties that plagued Sigma Kappa throughout the whole night, defeating them 2-0 on Sept. 19.

Phi Mu’s chances to score early were stung, as Sigma Kappa’s defense played well. But eventually, Phi Mu broke through and put points on the scoreboard when a Kappa with their defense, and it succeeded.

“That’s better than what we were hoping for,” said Valentina Usquiano. “We all did a great job, we tried our best on the field. We had fun doing it”.

This win leaves Phi Mu at an even .500 record of 1-1.

ALPHAOMICRON12BOSS12

The landscape was set Monday night, when Alpha Omicron Pi’s sorority flag football team squared off against Boss. Alpha Omicron Pi’s defense was very resilient, forcing huge turnovers late in the game, including a late interception return that made the final score end in a 12-12 tie.

Field position turned out to play a big role in the game. Returns from both sides were important factors, since each team struggled to constantly move the football against each other’s defense.

Kimberly Jeacoma, who was the defensive starlet for Alpha Omicron Pi, helped secure the tie after a late interception during the game’s closing minutes.

Even though Alpha Omicron Pi did not lose and is now third place in the standings with a 1-0-1 record, and we can see Jeacoma’s competitive streak, which helped propel the defense during the game.

“It feels just as bad as losing, honestly, because it’s not a win. So I’m not happy about it,” Jeacoma said. “Honestly, I’m a winner and if you’re not first, you’re last.”

Daniel Thomas (above, #33) turned in a solid performance against Houston on Sept. 18.

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*All records up to date as of Sept. 23*
Trash him.

Marshawn Lynch (Seattle Seahawks)- He did it for Madden last season by showing determination. This season his Madden rating is at 50 at best. He has only 44 yards this season with no touchdowns.

The Seahawks have no quarterback and their receivers are down through injury. First, the Super Sonics were moved out of town because they stunk. The Seahawks are on their way towards the same fate. Poor Seattle.

Marion Barber (Chicago Bears)- There is not much to say here at all. Barber is hurt and Forte is a stud, even with the worst offensive line in the league. Cut Barber, not his hair. Basura.

UNDER THE CRUZAR

Jason Campbell (Oakland Raiders)- Last week against a solid Bills secondary, Campbell threw for over 300 yards, a touchdown and ran into the end zone for a score as well. With Darren McFadden at his arsenal, the Raider’s pass attack will improve throughout the season.

The upside is not too high on Campbell overall, but for any owner who has injuries to the quarterback, he is a formidable backup for the next couple of weeks.

Raider nation.

Daniel Thomas (Miami Dolphins)- Most owners dropped him after they saw Reggie Bush take the load of the carries in week one. Last week against Mario Williams and Houston, Thomas had an impressive 115 yards on the ground. Thomas proved himself to Coach Tony Sparano. Pick this man up immediately.

Eric Decker (Denver Broncos)- Wise words from the infamous Mark Jackson: “Mamma there goes that man!” Last week he had more yards than he had all last season.

He has 115 yards on five catches. Brandon Lloyd is coming back this week, but Kyle Orton will find a way to get the ball in this guy’s hands. Scoop him up. Ringer.

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THE SHOW GOES ON

Homecoming Week to feature Lupe, Wayans Brothers

ALFREDO APARICIO
Life! Editor

Big stars will be making their way onto campus during Homecoming Week, including hip-hop artist Lupe Fiasco, who will be the main event at this year’s Homecoming concert.

While there are plenty of pre-Homecoming events to choose from, Homecoming Overall Director Mercy Lavado promises that there is plenty to please everyone from Sept. 25 until Oct. 1.

The Homecoming Concert, which kicks off the week on Sept. 25, will feature the talents of Fiasco, accompanied by Tinie Tempah at 7 p.m. in the Football of Fiasco, accompanied by Tinie Tempah at 7 p.m. in the Football Stadium.

“After carefully examining who was currently on the top charts, we started thinking about the demographics of our students,” explained Lavado. “We felt Lupe Fiasco would best cater to the musical interests of the student body as a whole and also the Miami community.”

Tempah, who Lavado described as a rising star who is gaining fans in Europe, will also demonstrate his talents tocreate the feel-good concert the student body as a whole and “The Divine Nine,” will perform at the US Century Bank Arena in the US Century Bank Arena at 12 p.m. at the Graham Center Lawns.

At night, the main event will be the Panther Prowl, held at 7 p.m. in the US Century Bank Arena, where the Wayans Brothers – Shawn and Marlon – will be featured. The cost of both brothers ranged from $35,000 to 45,000.

“The Wayans Brothers appeal to the masses,” said Lavado. “They are known throughout a diverse population and their sense of humor can be appreciated by all. Aside from their movies, ‘Scary Movie’ and ‘White Chicks,’ their stand-up has gotten excellent reviews.”

The process was the same as with Fiasco, Tempah and the Wayans Brothers have shown their enthusiasm about coming to the University.

“They tweeted about their excitement,” said Lavado. “The Homecoming Council usually has 3,800 tickets every year for Panther Prowl, but with the popularity of the Wayans Brothers, they have extended their tickets to 5,000. Despite having more tickets, Lavado advises to come early as tickets run out fast.

On Tuesday, Sep. 27, the week continues with the National Pan-Hellenic Council Step Show at the US Century Bank Arena at 7:30 p.m.

The NPHC, also known as “The Divine Nine,” will perform a Step Show that has tradition-ally been held every year at the Biscayne Bay Campus. Due to

Homecoming week will begin with Lupe Fiasco’s performance in the Homecoming Concert on Sept. 25.

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From Muppets to politics, fall’s anticipated new releases

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NEW YORK - OCT. 7

Three years after his last directorial effort in “Leatherheads,” George Clooney returns to the director’s chair with “The Ides of March.” Based on the play “Farragut North,” the film is about a campaign press secretary (Ryan Gosling) who finds himself involved in a political scandal that threatens his candidate’s (Clooney) shot at the presidency.

Clooney has started in politically charged movies such as “Syriana,” which won him an Oscar and “Michael Clayton,” which won him an Oscar nomination.

These honors prove that he excels in the roles he plays. Clooney also earned an Oscar nomination as best director for his last serious directorial film, “Good Night and Good Luck.” With his roles in “Crazy, Stupid, Love” and “Drive,” Ryan Gosling is quickly becoming the most wanted actor in Hollywood. “The Ides of March” has a great ensemble to boot that also includes actors Paul Giamatti and Phillip Seymour Hoffman as rival campaign managers and Marisa Tomei as a reporter.

MARLENE: OCT. 21

“Martha May Marcy Marlene” tells the story of Martha (Elisa Olsen), a young woman who is trying to live a normal life with her family after fleeing from a cult and its abusive leader (John Hawkes).

As she tries to move on with her life, she is still haunted by painful memories of her days in the cult. She also becomes paranoid and fearful that the cult would come looking for her. The movie premiered at this year’s Sundance Film Festival to raving reviews and good word-of-mouth - thanks to the performance of Olsen, who happens to be the younger sister of the Olsen twins.

A DANGEROUS METHOD: OCT. 25

Set on the eve of World War II, “A Dangerous Method” takes a look at the relationship among psychiatrist Carl Jung (Michael Fassbender), his mentor Sigmund Freud (Viggo Mortensen) and a troubled young woman named Sabrina (Keira Knightley).

It is through his dealings with Sabrina that Jung uses groundbreaking methods in psychoanalysis that were devised by Freud. However, a patient (Vincent Casell) sent by Freud ends up influencing Jung to engage in a sexual relationship with Sabrina.

“A Dangerous Method” director David Cronenberg’s first film since his Russian gangster flick, “Eastern Promises,” where he once again works with his sexual relationship with Sabrina. Cronenberg further explores the combined themes of sexuality and psychology.

THE RUM DIARY: OCT. 28

Paul Kemp (Johnny Depp) trades the hectic life of New York City for the rum-soaked party in Puerto Rico. Sanderson (Aaron Eckhart), a businessman involved in shady property development deals, is one of a growing number of American entrepreneurs who are determined to convert Puerto Rico into a capitalist paradise for the wealthy.

When Kemp is recruited by Sanderson to write favorably about his latest unavory scheme, the journalist is presented with a choice: to use his words for the corrupt businessmen’s financial benefit, or use them to take down the greedy men.

After watching the trailer, “Rum Diary” looks like a fun film with potential to gain some awards, with Depp bringing a drunk comedic touch, reminiscent of his portrayal of Captain Jack Sparrow from the “Pirates” franchise.

THE MUPPETS: NOV. 23

The world’s biggest Muppet fan, Walter, is on vacation in Los Angeles when he and his friends Gary (Jason Segel) and Mary (Amy Adams), from Smalltown USA, discover oilman Tex Richman’s evil plan to destroy the Muppet Theater and drill in search for the oil recently discovered beneath the Muppets Theater.

To save the theater, Walter, Mary and Gary assist Kermit in reuniting the Muppets. The plan is to stage The Greatest Muppet Telethon Ever and raise the $10 million needed to save the theater.

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THE HIGH LOW

The University’s low graduates have achieved top passage rate of the Bar Exam in Florida.

Don’t Ask Don’t Tell has officially been repealed on Sept. 20.

Twitter is now selling ads to political candidates. The company claims it will help people connect with issues.

Crysalis, the world’s largest sperm bank, is rejecting donations from redheads.
Week of events to build up “hype” for football game

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Growing demand, has it been moved to a larger venue and incorporated into the Homecoming Week.

“The step show is a chance for members of the NPHC to showcase the unique talents and traditions of their respective black organizations through stepping, chants, and strolls,” explained Lavado. “Judged and based on the traditional strolls and chants that have been around for over 100 years, in some instances, step shows are integral parts of the NPHC Greek Life.”

The Homecoming Council hopes the show will also generate a bigger interest outside of the NPHC community and keep non-NPHC students interested in and coming out to see the show.

“The NPHC Step Show has been successful because the FIU chapters work alongside the other chapters in other Florida campuses,” said Lavado. “For example, one organization here can call upon the chapter of Florida Atlantic University to help them perform. This is a huge event within the NPHC community and it is unique to FIU.”

The Variety Show will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 28, at 8 p.m. in the BBC Wolfe University Center Theatre. It will incorporate different acts such as magicians, contortionists and other performers. Everything will be directly related to this year’s Homecoming theme: “If Roary Ran the Circus…”

The penultimate event, the Lip Sync/Talent Show, will take place at 8 p.m. between the Gold and Blue Garages.

“Lip Sync is a chance for students to showcase either a talent or a choreographed Lip Syncing routine.”

All dances incorporate this year’s Homecoming theme, FIU panther pride and student creativity,” explained Lavado.

Homecoming King and Queen Voting will take place Sep. 29 in the Modesto Maidique Campus and BBC Computer Labs and online from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Homecoming Dance will begin at 8 p.m. at BBC’s WUC Ballrooms. Oct. 1 marks the start of “Game Day” with the Homecoming Parade in the Ryder Business Building Loop at 2 p.m. and continues with the Panthermoon Gameday Tailgate in Lot 6 across the Everglades Hall Residence Housing at 3 p.m.

The Homecoming Game between FIU and Duke University begins at 6 p.m. in the FIU Football Stadium.

Students and alumni welcomed to join the Career Fair Fall 2011

**ALFREDO APARICIO Life Editor**

Career Services is hosting their Career Fair Fall 2011 at the Modesto Maidique Campus this Friday, Sept. 23 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the U.S. Century Bank Arena.

Students and alumni who attend are required to dress in professional attire to be admitted as well as your Panther ID and plenty of resumes for potential employers.

“We usually get about 1000 students every semester,” said Kenneth Setzer, the marketing and publications coordinator at Career Services. “As the years pass, however, we have seen a rise in the professional development workshops that happen the week before the Career Fair. This year, the amount of employers coming has also risen.”

The workshops teach skills necessary for the job world such as interview and networking skills and resume writing and are hosted throughout the year.

The Career Fair will feature over 90 employers from government and military agencies to private and non-profit organizations that will be collecting resumes and some will interview potential employees during the fair.

“We hope they get jobs,” said Setzer, “all students and alumni are invited.”

**Sharks open first production**

**NICK IS GAY AND PROMISCUOUS**

Nick has difficulty maintaining relationships until he meets Shark – proving there is always a fish in the sea for everyone. But this shark is unlike any other that you may have seen on the Discovery Channel; he has a job at a museum, dates and walks among the rest of humanity as an equal.

“The play is simply about people and relationships,” Abad said. “The fact that Nick and a shark are dating doesn’t really make a difference to anyone.”

The production will also feature a few veteran performers from the department. Notably, Carina Skarande, who offered her talents during the African Theatre Festival as Anonymi in the short play “On the Blink of Destruction,” and Elizabeth Abad, who directed “After the Beep” during the Sound and Stage production this past summer.

The production will be held in the Black Box Theatre, located in the Dr. Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center, which offers a larger space than smaller productions typically held in DM 100.

Stained glass windows and a long stage, adorned with painted floors of white and blue, offer a somewhat ocean-esque effect. However, the director and actors alike encourage the audience to use their imagination and draw their own conclusions.

This Friday, at 12:55 p.m., near the south entrance of the Graham Center, students from the theatre department will be participating in a flash mob to promote the play.

The production will run from Sept. 23 to Oct. 2 (Wednesday through Saturday at 12:55 p.m. and on Sunday at 2:00 p.m.) in the Dr. Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center Black Box Theatre. General admission is $15, but FIU students pay only $10.

**This Weekend**

**FIU THEATRE PRESENTS: SWIMMING IN THE SHALLOWS**

**WHERE:** 8-10 p.m.
**WHEN:** 8:00 p.m.
**WHERE:** Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center, Black Box Studio Theatre

**SMITHSONIAN MUSEUM DAY**

An annual event hosted by Smithsonian magazine in which participating museums across the country open their doors to everyone.

**WHERE:** 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
**WHERE:** Frost Art Museum

**CONCERT**

**WHERE:** 6:30 p.m. Doors Open 6 p.m., Show starts at 7 p.m.
**WHERE:** 7 p.m.
**WHERE:** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
**WHERE:** 7 p.m.

**Write to calendar@fiusm.com to have your event featured!**
Consider the plight of the handless man who cannot decide which pair of gloves he wants to buy. Severe though his predicament is, there is an underlying problem that is not getting any attention, a problem that is so obvious, he has actually forgotten about it—the fact that he has no hands.

Watching such a thing would bear a considerable resemblance to what it was like to sit through the Student Government Council at Modesto Maidique Campus meeting held on Sept. 19 when the election of, ultimately, the question of whether to even appoint—a SGA Lecture’s Coordinator became the meeting’s major point of contention.

Graduate Senator Rachel Eimas was the first to argue—with admitted fulsome, since the position needed to be filled and could not be abolished—that, as small a price as it may seem to pay this new Lectures Coordinator her $1,000 salary for providing a service already well-covered by the Student Programming Council, the money could be put to far greater use.

Laura Farinas, the candidate in question, and SGC-MMC President Patrick O’Keefe, who instated the position after addressing administrative requests and complaints, posed the distinction between Student Government Association and SPC lectures as being the distinction between education and entertainment. While SPC books celebrities for lectures, SGA would bring engineers, architects, doctors and lawyers—professionals from whom students might ostensibly gain real insight.

The problem here is that Farinas, the sole candidate for the position, placed particular emphasis on attracting politicians to speak on campus. To me, it seemed that her perception of the job revolved around that exclusive initiative. The big problem with inviting politicians, as was quickly pointed out, is that they tend to bring their politics with them. Thus, to invite a politician might suggest an endorsement of his or her policies, which then suggests University affiliation with, or “support” of that politician.

So, this is an issue: should we or should we not risk wasting $1,000 on hiring somebody who may or may not attract a number of professionals to come speak to University students?

Before we get into that, let me turn your attention to how one of the first things asked of the candidate during the senators’ Q&A was how she plans to market these lectures to students, in which she pledged posters, flyers, classroom announcements and so forth. Also, let me mention that her conviction on this matter seemed to be a serious selling point, earning murmurs of approval from across the room.

Note also how one senator mentioned earlier in the meeting that the goal for this year’s “Meet Your Dean” event is to gain attendance into the double-digits, “Which was a bit difficult last time.” Listen to how just about every senator’s report is punctuated by mentioning their aspiration to “get students involved,” “boost student involvement,” “make student involvement.”

Student interest and student involvement appears to be the source problem, the hands onto which we fasten the gloves of luxury: lectures, movies and concerts. However, if there are no hands to begin with, the gloves go nowhere. Who is to say how much money we have filtered into hopeful efforts toward boosting school spirit and student involvement?

As Senator Eimas, the chief opponent of the Lecture Coordinator position, so discerningly suggested, “Maybe before appointing somebody to be a new lecture coordinator [for $1,000 a year], we should ask students if they even want lectures.” This is what we should have been doing all along, consulting students about what they want before taking expensive shots in the dark.

After a while of catering largely to explicit student demands, once senators and coordinators of varying rank have a solid idea of what students want, what kinds of events they will attend, then at that point they can take the initiative of coming up with the positions and services that need to be implemented and executed. Until then, we should pinch the pennies desperately needed, and start addressing the problem of guessing what students want and when they should get it. We must get to know the demographic: their tastes, sensibilities and their hours.

Alleged prostitute humiliated by police

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The manner in which Christina Vavra was arrested by the Manatee County Sheriff Department is humiliating and incomparable with Florida's Law Enforcement Officer Ethical Standards of Conduct Principles 2 and 5.

Vavra was arrested for prostitution, specifically for a $20 blow-job. Thank God this dangerous criminal is off the streets; society can all sleep safer and sounder now.

In addition to reportedly throwing money at Vavra, Miami New Times reports that Vavra asked the undercover cop to show his penis, knowing that they are obviously not allowed to do so. The officer then pulled out a prosthetic penis and Vavra began oral sex.

It is worth mentioning the officer was driving his vehicle the entire time. Furthermore, it is reported that the officer then had to slam on his brakes because of a possum in the road causing Vavra to hit her head on the dashboard.

Perhaps the Manatee Sheriff’s Office will enlighten us as to what constitutes “integrity” and how this specific officer upheld this pledge by driving a vehicle while an alleged prostitute was between his legs.

Principle 5 states, “Police officers shall treat all members of the public courteously and with respect.” Specifically, Principle 5, section 2 reads, “No police officer shall ridicule, mock, deride, taunt, belittle, willfully embarrass, humiliate, or shame any person to do anything reasonably calculated to incite a person to violence.”

The humiliating experience of going down on a prosthetic penis, having money thrown at you and hitting your head on the dashboard directly violates this, as it is absolutely humiliating and shaming.

In an interview with FIU Student Media, Keith Kameg, a spokesperson for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, said “This is not our case and its recommended that you contact the arresting agency.”

David Bristow, The Manatee Sheriff Department’s public information officer, said, “You’re not from around here so you don’t know how many complaints we get about prostitutes. So we’re going to continue trying to keep the prostitutes off the streets.”

No, I am not “from around here.” Regardless, our culture cannot allow for gross humiliation of sex workers by a force who are supposed to uphold a higher integrity.

I do still have a comment for them: high-five guys, we are a safer society now that a sex worker was humiliated and arrested for an alleged $20 blow-job. Bravo.
Award winning LGBT to be screened at the Bay

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BBC Managing Editor

It’s been a hard fought battle for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community to gain an equal standing domestically. Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell has been repealed; New York recently passed legislation allowing gay marriage; but what about the fight internationally?

On Sept. 26, Multicultural Programs and Services is hosting a screening of Bob Christie’s documentary, “Beyond Gay: the Politics of Pride” as part of its LGBT Initiative from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m at Wolfe University Center 159.

The documentary takes place during the seven month period leading up to the 30th anniversary of the Vancouver Pride Society, as President Ken Coolen and friends venture around the world examining the “pride” movement, from countries that are notoriously homophobic to some that host some of the largest Pride parades in the world.

After its release in 2009, “Beyond Gay” went on to win Best Film at the 2010 Indianapolis LGBT Film Festival, and scored nominations for Best Musical Score in a Documentary Program or Series and Best Picture Editing in a Documentary Program or Series at the 2010 Leo Awards.

According to Camille Perkins, graduate assistant for the LGBT Initiative, the documentary screening is just a starting point for things to come.

“The screening is a prelude to a bigger project that we have going on in this office. It is part of our global initiative to show what it is like in other countries that have Pride celebrations,” said Perkins.

Registration for the country specific research project is open through Sept. 30. “I would like to see a large turnout for the documentary screening, not only as a means of spreading LGBT awareness, but also to get undergraduates and graduates involved in the research presentations for International Education Week so that we can get the message out there that LGBT issues are worldwide,” said Perkins.

DOCUMENTARY SCREENING

- Time: 11 a.m.
- When: 9/26/11
- Where: WUC 159

Getting Stung

Andres Bedoya/The Beacon

Dadeley Charles, criminal justice sophomore, pokes at jelly fish as they wash in with the tide.
SGC-BBC to sponsor homecoming event shuttles

Laura Gonzalez
Contributing Writer

As homecoming approaches, students have started lining up in the Student Programming Council office to reserve tickets to the upcoming events. But, with the big name acts events taking place at the Modesto Maidique Campus, students aren’t really flocking to the Biscayne Bay Campus.

“The activities aren’t that great to drive all the way [to BBC],” mentioned Jessica Padilla, a senior journalism major. “This campus gets all the leftovers.”

This year’s main events feature Lupe Fiasco and the Wayans Brothers – both shows happening at MMC. There is also a stepshow hosted by the National Panhellenic Council, which showcases members of the Greek community.

Denise Halpin, Student Government Council president at Biscayne Bay Campus, is well aware of this issue and laments on the recent change of venue for the NPHC Step Show.

“The step show was major to BBC. It turned out that the step show was such a good event that we outgrew ourselves,” said Halpin. “[The Homecoming Council] didn’t feel we had the capacity. It’s a shame that the one major BBC traditional event was lost [to MMC].”

Many students on campus said they weren’t aware that BBC is hosting a pep rally on Sept. 26, or the variety show on Sept. 28.

“I didn’t even know there was anything happening [at BBC],” said Emmanuel Francisco, senior journalism major. “I’ve only heard about MMC events and I don’t even take classes down there.”

Additional reporting by Jonathan Szydlo.