FOOTBALL

Golden Panthers stunned in home loss

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Coming off some of their biggest wins, the Golden Panthers fell short against conference opponent Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns and saw yet another significant injury to their offense. A new problem has risen: quarterback Wesley Carroll went down in the first quarter with a sprained ankle that sidelined him for the majority of the game. Jake Medlock came on in relief for Carroll, but it wasn’t enough. The Golden Panthers lose any hope of staying undefeated as they fall to the Ragin’ Cajun 36-31.

Medlock, the midshot quarterback, showed some promise by completing 17 of 27 passes for 216 yards and rushing for 39 yards scoring a lone touchdown. “We’ve seen this before. They’re a great vertical team and they just overcame us today,” said defensive back Jonathan Cyprien. “Today they woke up on the right side of the bed and just made plays.”

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Heat star Chris Bosh visits University

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Either learn about a player by analyzing his stats, or listen as he talks about his inspirations and experiences.

Several hundred students experienced the latter as Chris Bosh, a power forward of the Miami Heat, came to the University on Sept. 22, as part of the Student Programming Council’s lecture series. The lecture – which took place in the auditorium of the School of International and Public Affairs building, and cost $20,000 – had topics ranging from Bosh’s basketball motivations, those who inspire him and his college experiences.

However, it was not a lecture in the traditional sense. Instead of standing behind a podium speaking about one topic, Bosh sat on an armchair with an interviewer across from him and a crowd in front of him, which was sprinkled with students wearing their Miami Heat #1 jerseys and shirts.

The questions came from SPC and students who stood in line to receive their tickets.

New police chief doubles as professor of criminal justice

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While many students and faculty have received a first time welcome to the University, one former student received a welcome back – and in a big way.

Alexander Casas, a University alum and current professor, is the FIU Police Department’s new chief police, replacing Bill King whose six year tenure ended during last summer.

“Many paths that are significant to me in my life cross here at FIU. So [the position] was a great fit for me, personally and professionally. And that’s a rare thing to get, so that was a good opportunity for me at a time when this department is growing,” said Casas, in an interview with Student Media.

The University’s senior vice president and chief financial officer, Kenneth Jessell, chose to hire Casas because of his “professional experience, his leadership abilities and his commitment to community-based police service.”

“Chief Casas certainly knows the Miami-Dade community and, as an alumus of FIU and as an adjunct faculty member, knows the FIU community as well,” said Jessell. “In our discussions, it was really important to discuss how to meet the needs of FIU students, faculty and staff. He is committed to making sure that the FIU Police Department is professional and performs at the highest level, and that students, faculty and staff on all campuses know that their safety is first and foremost.”

In regards to Casas’s new position, Jessell said that he expects “to see greater emphasis on programs to encourage safety and security, increasing awareness of crime and prevention. Part of this will be the greater visibility of our police officers. I have already noticed more officers on foot patrol.”

Born and raised in Miami, Casas stayed true to his roots and graduated from the University with a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice in 2004. He later received a master’s degree in leadership from Nova Southeastern University.

“I started FIU when I graduated high school in ’96, I stopped in ’99 because I started my career in law enforcement and then went back to school,” Casas said. “I started FIU when I graduated high school in ’96, I stopped in ’99 because I started my career in law enforcement and then went back to school.”

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Health officials are asking Miami-Dade County residents to be on the alert for mosquitos after a 27-year-old man was diagnosed with West Nile virus. Authorities on Wednesday encouraged people to drain standing water and cover any containers in their yards to keep mosquitos from laying eggs.

The man last reported was feeling ill in early to mid-August. He was admitted to the hospital and tests confirmed the virus. Since he had spent no significant time during the incubation period outside Miami-Dade County, health officials are calling it the year’s first locally acquired case of West Nile.

Palestinians submit UN statehood bid
Defying US and Israeli opposition, Palestinians asked the United Nations on Friday to accept them as a member state, sidestepping nearly two decades of troubled negotiations in the hope this dramatic move on the world stage would reenergize their quest for an independent homeland.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas was greeted by sustained applause and appreciative whistles as he took a class or two at a university, being in a constant state of readiness for meetings, he said. Abbas had announced on Sept. 19 that he would formally request that the General Assembly consider the issue of statehood for the Palestinians when it convenes in September, saying that he was increasingly convinced that the time had come for the Palestinians to demand an independent homeland.

However, Abbas said he was not yet making any changes, and that he wants students to feel safe at university, they’re always going to be our children. One thing that most impressed me was his knowledge of the subject of terrorism, I can honestly say that there wasn’t a single class where I left thinking, ‘Man, that was a waste of time.’ Since most of the material was historical, in order to keep us engaged he would constantly relate it to something that the majority of the class would be more familiar with,” said sophomore David Rothul, a criminal justice major.

Casas assures that his department’s operations, but he expects that changes are on the way. “It’s very important to have strong security in a university setting. University policing is one of those things you want to be in a constant state of readiness because it’s place where there are a lot of students and symbolic targets here – everything from tragedies we’ve heard at other universities to having occurred to potential terrorist activity,” he said. “This is one of those locations that you always want to be prepared for that. Where you have thousands of people at once, you need to take an active role in public safety.”

When asked what he would do to prevent tragedies like the death of former student Kendall Berry, who was fatally stabbed on campus in 2010, Casas assured that his department’s prevention of such instances. “It’s hard to say that what happened to one person will never happen to another, because there is no way of predicting that,” said Bernstein, a criminal justice major.

As police chief, Casas would like to implement and promote community-oriented policing. ‘It’s hard to say what changes I’m making any changes, I’m just furthering what was started by my predecessor, Chief Bill King. And that is to support our officers, encourage and expect professionalism and do it in a way that they’re doing their job proudly,’ he said.

He also wants to give more access to parents and provide them more information regarding their child’s safety on campus. “As parents, even though our children are now adults and we’re sending them off to university, they’re always going to be our children. One thing that I expect to do is to be available to available to address their concerns and answer their questions. If they feel that their sons and daughters are safe, we’re absolutely doing our job,” said Casas, whose son is currently a student at the University.

As for his future as police chief, Casas would like to implement and encourage community-oriented policing, which caters to specialized units: for example, he would like to create a unit specifically for housing. “Community-oriented policing is a recipe for success here. One of the things I intend to do is have officers dedicated to just the housing area,” said Casas. “I can see other types of specialized units to help with events. I also see the department adding with additional staffing, matching the ratio of students to officers that is adequate for the student population.”

Rafius, a former student of Casas, is confident in his new job, stating, “Knowing that he is now heading up our on-campus police force makes me much more comfortable with the overall safety of our University.”

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I knew our team could do it,” said Medlock. “Our team just came out on the wrong end of the stick.”

The Golden Panthers started quickly, scoring on the fifth play of the game. Rhodes took the ball 43 yards, slicing and dicing his way in the endzone for the first touchdown of the game to put them up 7-0.

A holding call in their own endzone from left tackle Caylin Hauptmann on nose tackle Derrick Dean gave Louisiana their first points of the game on a safety. The safety gave the Ragin’ Cajuns great field possession which led to a 48-yard field goal from Brett Baer.

ULL started out the second half just like FIU, scoring on a quick 6-play drive that lasted less than two minutes, ending on a 17-yard touchdown pass from Gauiter to Darryl Surgent.

Medlock then responded immediately, taking charge of the offense. The backup took a 2-yard keeper to cut the lead to 22-21 in the third quarter.

The defense would keep giving up points though, one on a 13-yard rushing touchdown from Alonzo Harris and another a 46-yard touchdown pass from Gauiter to Darryl Surgent. The 36 points allowed is the most this defense has given up all year. FIU allowed Gauiter to pass for 221 yards and 3 touchdowns on 14-26 completions.

“The crowd wasn’t really on our side but it had faith in Jake and he stepped up,” said Rhodes. The x-rays were negative on Carroll’s wrist and it was there.

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Hilton’s absence was felt immediately, as the Golden Panthers could not rely on young, inexperienced players. Hilton, who went down last week with a hamstring injury, was limited throughout the game and did not look 100 percent when he was in.

With Carroll spanning his ankle combined with Hilton getting limited action, the Golden Panther offense had to rely on young, inexperienced players. And while they did step up and stop the bleeding, it is clear that FIU needs its secondary defensive back there to make plays. Jose Cheeseborough, Junior Mertile among others will continue to get picked on until they prove that they can shut down those sides of the field.

Weaknesses exposed in tough home loss

It was supposed to be a tune-up game. They were supposed to use this game to get ready for homecoming week against Duke. The only problem is that somebody forgot to tell the Louisiana Ragin’ Cajuns came in and dominated an FIU defense that had not given up more than 17 points in a game all year.

The team as a whole did not seem as excited for this game as the last one. Just a week after facing a quarter-back with mostly the same attributes, Jeff Godfrey, the Golden Panthers could not double their luck against Blaine Gauthier.

But Gauthier directed the offense much more effectively and exposed a weakness in the defense: stopping the deep pass. On three separate occasions, the junior found his receiver either alone in the secondary or in single coverage. Each time he wanted to go deep, he just flicked his wrist and it was there.

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VOLLEYBALL

Forde shines in win over Mean Green

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The Panthers have caught fire. On Sept. 23, the team entered Sun Belt Conference play second in the East division with the help of a five-game winning streak.

FIU (9-3, 1-0 SBC) also had the best blocking team in the conference, and was ranked top three in kills, hitting percentage and assists. Slowly but surely, the blunted idea of a winning machine that head coach Daniela Tomic envisioned in the preseason was coming into focus.

North Texas (9-7, 0-1 SBC) was the first obstacle the team has faced in their first game of the road trip. FIU did not blink twice. The Panthers surged to a 3-1 match win over the Mean Green (25-15, 20-25, 25-18, 25-19) to remain white-hot.

Once the scoreboard flashed 1-0 after the first play of the game in the first set, the Panthers did not let go of the lead.

Setter Renee Forde shined bright as she brought her arsenal against the Mean Green after recording three kills, a 1,000 hitting percentage, five digs and nine assists in the set. Riding a 9-2 run, the Panthers built a gap that North Texas could not jump across as the score showed 21-12. Two errors by Eboni Godfrey of the Mean Green sealed the easy win for the Panthers, 25-15.

As the second set opened, the Mean Green managed to overcome their first set woes and win. Forde shined in win over Mean Green

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Rhodes a bright spot for present and future

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attack of Kadrick Rhodes, who proved to be a back that the Golden Panthers could rely on throughout the game and most of the season.

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## WOMEN'S SOCCER

FIU opens conference play with victory

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After the Panthers played their first game of conference play against UALR, FIU came out on top against the Trojans with a 2-1 victory.

As FIU carried a 3-5 record heading into play on Sept. 23, it was clear that the Panthers needed to string together a winning streak to secure a return to the Sun Belt Tournament. The win against UALR was a step in the right direction for the Panthers.

“We came out and we played pretty well,” said coach Thomas Chestnut. “We are taking steps towards getting better. We got the win tonight and we held on.”

But this win was no easy feat, evident as FIU and UALR took to the pitch, and it was clear the game would be won with defense.

The Trojans dominated the offensive side of the ball as UALR took eight threatening shots compared to the Panthers’ two in the first half.

Regardless of the Trojans’ success, the Panthers ended up scoring first in minute 6:31 of regulation. Freshman Ashley Shim scored for the second time as she took a great assist from Nicole DiPerna which resulted in an impressive shot to the right of the goal post.

FIU was up 1-0 early on, but the lead would be short lived, as the Trojans’ came back and in minute 17:07 tied the game at one piece. UALR’s forward Adrianna Queen took a shot from 18 yards out escaping the grasp of goal keeper Kaitlyn Savage.

The Trojans’ lone goal was well earned as Savage once again had an impressive defensive game. She played 90 minutes to go along with seven critical saves.

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Golden Panthers extend win streak to six

North Texas’ Shelly Morton then froze the Panthers. On the heels of three consecutively unanswered kills, Mean Green took the set, 25-20.

After an early deficit kicked off the third set, the Panthers wasted no time turning things around.

FIU built a commanding seven-point lead over North Texas with the help of junior Marija Prsa, who managed to cross the double-double threshold for the second time in as many games.

The Panthers constantly staved off any momentum by answering one Mean Green kill with two more in their favor. Prsa and Bjelica teamed up to finish off North Texas with three straight kills and capture the set, 25-19.

FIU and North Texas commenced the fourth set in a tug of war. Each team had their feet planted firmly, determined not to slip up as the lead swung back and forth between them.

North Texas, however, buckled first.

Back-to-back kills by Bjelica sparked the offense as FIU began extending their lead.

The Mean Green tried mounting a comeback and came within one point away from a decisive defensive game. Four straight North Texas errors brought the Panthers to within one point away from a victory, and Prsa delivered the fatal blow to take the set, 25-19 and win the game.

Forde joined Prsa in posting a double-double, the second of the setter’s career. Forde led the team in both assists (45) and digs (16).

Bjelica posted a team-high 17 kills and middle blocker Andrea Lakovic had a team-high six blocks.

The win streak now stands tall at six consecutive games and the winning machine that Tomic pictured sharpened just a bit more.
Bosh opens up to students at SPC lecture

Calafell, president of SPC and a senior sociology major.

"By trying new things and seeing how successful they are, we know we have credible people who know what they're doing," Calafell said to Student Media.

While the audience responded with either laughter or applause when Bosh answered questions about living in and playing in Toronto versus Miami or general basketball questions, they were silent when the questions got personal. At times, they were silent for different reasons.

"At any point, did you ever want to give up?" Katzmayr asked.

"I thought I would, and I was so far out last year, but sadly couldn't," recounted junior Gabriela Franqui, a bio-medical engineering major, volunteer and alumni liaison chair.

"I'm excited for the actual event. I wanted to have a bigger experience on campus and work for a charitable event. In the end, it's a lot of work, but we all fundraising for DM." Franqui was also a part of the DM line dance - a 15-minute dance that DM dancers learn for the main event.

"I feel like I did something, and I'm a naturally altruistic person," said Correale's experience with DM.

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“Glee” season premiere leaves viewers playing catch up

The stories carry readers through horrifying tales of twenty-first century slavery, honor killings and other grotesque subjects.

The book’s powerful stories prove this book to be one that captures the reader. These stories invite people to support the cause of women’s rights. Although the stories of triumph are immensely inspiring, the book’s extremely grisly stories are difficult to read at times and readers may find themselves putting down the book due to its frightening and provoking stories.

One of the most appealing stories in the book is Simonds Segay’s story, who had undergone alternating birth and labor whose baby was trapped in her birth canal. Segay’s neighbors took her to a bus stop that would transport her to the hospital. Unfortunately, the bus took two days to arrive and her baby died. Segay was later arrested in her village — indirectly due to a lack of proper health care — and spent two years in a fetal position in a hut alone.

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dian teenager who was a victim of the terrible female human trafficking. Lunded in by an appealing job opportunity and an apple, Rath was sold into a brothel. She endured months of rape, abuse and starvation before escaping, only to be sold into a brothel yet again by the police.

Tales of women like Rath fill the pages of the nonfiction book, “Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide,” written by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. The authors have created a testament for women who have endured similar pains as Rath and the book is an eye-catching and inspiring call to attention for women’s rights that aid in读者 readers and students must pay attention to.

Kristof is a columnist of the New York Times and WuDunn, his wife, was a previous writer for the Times.

The pair are not only ground-breaking reporters and authors, but they are the first married couple to win a Pulitzer Prize for journalism.

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Extreme the horrors, the stories of this group of women who were on to have their lives transformed after being molested share their success stories and give readers hope, which is accompanied by shocking truth.

The book is titled after a Chinese proverb which states that “women hold up half the sky.”

However, for more hardy readers, “Half the Sky” is freshly realistic about the severe treatment of women with weak stomachs should beware.

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MUSICAL/Drama: “Glee”

I can genuinely say that I hate musicals, but since Glee does music covers with their special renditions, it makes the show very watchable.

However, the Sept. 20 premiere of the third season left me wondering, “is that it?” Don’t get me wrong, the first episode was not bad, but too much happened in so little time — Sam left, Mercedes has a new boyfriend and Zizes ditched an exclusive party to comfort her. Considering they met Jess just a week ago, to already sacrifice their plans is extremely unrealistic.

On Sept. 27, the guys force Jess to get her belongings from her ex-boyfriend’s place and Jess meets another roommate, Winston, who was out of the country playing basketball.

A recap at the beginning of the episode would have helped. Half of the scenarios had me playing catch up, like that of Mr. Shue and Emma and Sam and their relationship. Despite the horrors, the stories carry readers through horrifying tales of twenty-first century slavery, honor killings and other grotesque subjects.

PANTHER PROWL

Comedy Show featuring The Wayans Brothers

Pick up at BBC 4:30 p.m.; arrive BBC 5 p.m. Student tickets are available at WUC 141. One ticket per person/ID.

WHERE: US Century Bank Arena

“Half The Sky” uncovers stories of victimized women

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The acting shifted from melodrama to forced. Faye’s “bad girl” attitude didn’t have the convincing performance of her character.

On Sept. 29, Cassie attends a dance with an athlete from school, causing tension with Adam. Faye tries to control her powers and uses the dance as practice, while a mysterious man comes to town asking for Cassie — maybe she needs the Circle after all.

SITCOM: “NEW GIRL”

TUESDAY @ 9 P.M.

I’ve been wanting to watch this premiere since I first saw the preview and was not disappointed. The Sept. 20 premiere stars Zooey Deschanel as Jess Day, a quirky, bubbly girl who was recently dumped and is clueless about the dating world. She moves in with three guys, Nick, Schmidt and Coach, who try to help her get back into the dating scene.

Deschanel plays the typical role of the care girl. The guys she rooms with are all completely different and keep the audience entertained; Nick is mourning his breakup from months ago, Schmidt thinks he can get any girl he wants and Coach has a hard time talking to the opposite sex without crying.

The whole family bond aspect was introduced much too early. The guys ditch an exclusive party to comfort her. Considering they met Jess just a week ago, to already sacrifice their plans is extremely unrealistic.

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VENICE ROUNDTABLE: The Death Penalty: European and International Perspectives

Speakers: Hue, Gaulin Wilson, Assistant General Counsel of France, Professor Megan A. Farber, Professor H. Scott Fingot, Professor Nabil Hachem, Professor Michael Leibman.

WHERE: 8:30-9:30 p.m.
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Public transportation an efficient, cheaper alternative

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Staff Writer

Whether you take the bus, ride a bike, drive or walk to school, there are many ways to get to and from campus. The Golden Panther Express, Metrorails, Metrobuses and Metromovers are just some of the options that can help students cut commuting costs getting around town and commuting vice-versa, costs $2.50.

According to the Office of Parking and Transportation, a one-way ticket from the Modesto Madonna Campus to BBC, or vice-versa, costs $2.50.

At the University, there is the Golden Panther Express that provides transporta- tion between MMC and BBC, the CATS shuttle that provides transportation from MMC to the College of Engineering and Computing, and the BBC Housing Shuttle that provides transportation from BBC to Aventura Mall.

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Palestine statehood allows for collective voice, rights

The perpetual violence between Israelis and Palestinians has an opportunity to be quelled by the motion to recognize Palestine as a state.

On Sept. 23, as the United Nations General Assembly votes to recognize Palestine as its own country, it is imperative that the United States join the overall interna- tional community in supporting its statehood.

This will not happen; President Obama has vowed to veto the bid. It is unfortunate that the U.S. in its promise to honor Israel and promote peace in the region, is dismissing a solution for just that.

University students, particularly international relations and political science majors, as well as students in the Middle East Studies Certificate Program, should take an active interest in this proposed resolution as it shapes the future of the Middle East indefinitely.

On Sept. 22, Public Reason, FIU Student Media’s radio talk show committed to gathering receptor opinions and generating discussions, invited two representatives of Students for Justice in Palestine to discuss Palestine’s possible statehood.

Both guests indeed wanted Palestine to have recognition as a state, but echoed sentiments of worry and hesitation that even with recognition of Palestine as a state, there would be a lack of change for the day to day life of Palestinians.

Though it would be remiss to not mention the struggles that would remain in spite of statehood recognition, I do not agree with the idea that it would be a total loss.

At the very least, with international recognition, the Palestine people would finally have a collective voice.

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Day for bisexuality aims to educate and raise awareness

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Dark pink, royal blue and purple may sound meaningless to some people, but to others, it represents something more than just random colors, it represents themselves.

On Sept. 22 Stonewall Pride Alliance and Multicultural Programs and Services got together to host “Bisexuality Celebration Day” at the Biscayne Bay Campus Wolfe University Center, RM 159.

“Bisexuality Celebration Day is a day to talk about a minority,” said Luigi Ferrer, Executive Director of Prideslines Youth Services and Board member of BiNet USA, as he led an educational presentation about bisexuality along with Sexologist and Diplomat of the American Board of Sexology, Dr. Marilyn Volker.

This is the second year Stonewall Pride Alliance and MPAS got together to host “Bisexuality Celebration Day,” which is celebrated Sept. 23. “We want to raise awareness about bisexuality, but also have a fun and interactive event,” said Camille Perkins, Graduate Assistant for LGBT Initiatives.

The conference room was decorated with flags, balloons, and colors that for many represent the bisexual community.

The event offered all participants a variety of snacks to pick from, as well as informative handouts that made the presentation interactive.

Students like Stephanie Varela, a sophomore psychology major, attended the event to learn more about the subject.

“I’m curious to learn what they have to say,” said Varela.

Varela described bisexuality as something to be proud of, something normal and also expressed the fact that another reason she had attended the presentation is that another reason she had attended the event to learn more about bisexuality because it’s important to [Varela],” said Bascome.

As the presentation evolved, opinions started to converge across the room. Words such as confused, funny, sinner, greedy were examples given by the attendees of how people have misjudged bisexuals.

Federico R. Lasnta, psychology major and staff of Reading and Learning, also gave as an example the word “depraved,” Spanish for “depraved.”

Correspondingly, Varela claims to have heard it being described as “just an experiment.”

However, Volker describes them as “privileged.”

Volker and Ferrer had bisexuality conceptualized as “to recognize and honor the potential for sexual and emotional relationship with more than one gender.”

Andres Bermeo, Senior Health Educator, whose intentions on attending the presentation were to get information and to meet the speakers, reinforced the conceptualization.

“At some point in your life, you will be attracted to someone of the same sex,” said Bermeo.

After sharing ideas and comments about bisexuality, games were played in order to help the attendees understand or reinforce their sexuality.

The purpose of these games was to make these people realize how similar they are to each other, and how normal it is to experience different emotions - Volker’s goal for the presentation.

According to Volker, she wants to know the students’ concerns to help them be more healthful, because “the students represent the world.”

Homecoming Variety Show to be “as big as possible”

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The University’s Homecoming Council is presenting its second annual Homecoming Variety Show on Sept. 28 at the Wolfe University Center theatre at the Biscayne Bay Campus. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and starts at 8:00 p.m.

The show will consist of performances from Metropolis entertainment group, such as Mike Bliss and the Incredible Bliss Kids. Mike Bliss and his two sons, Zachary and Stephen, are a family act that brings unicycling, magic and mind reading acts to the stage.

Bliss has been performing for over 20 years and has also been featured on NBC’s “Americas Got Talent” alongside his sons where they were among the top 35 out of 100,000 performers. Zachary and Stephen are some of the youngest kids in the country performing their mind reading act. Zachary is also known for being one of the youngest professional jugglers in the United States.

This trio has outdone themselves countless times with stage performances, and have been known to stop students on numerous campuses across the country and correctly guessing the contents within book bags, purses and wallets.

“I’ve seen his videos online and I am really excited to see what he does on stage,” said junior and psychology major, Anarella Bulgini.

As the companying family of magicians is Kenneth “Xclusive” Paryo.

Dancing since the age of 13, this triple threat captivates the audience with his comedic timing, unique dance moves and music mixes.

Originally, Paryo wasn’t a fan of showing off his talents until he was also featured on “Americas Got Talent”, where Judges David Hasselhoff and Piers Morgan were quick to compliment his audition, raving on how terrific and talented he was as a performer. Xclusive has opened up for rapper Trey Songz and can be seen all over YouTube.

When asked about the event, Campus Life Graduate Assistant Wolfgang Acvedo seemed very enthusiastic saying the show will be “as big as possible.”

Tickets are available at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus in the Graham Center room 2240 and at BBC WUC 141 on a first come, first serve basis. Tickets are free for all FIU students. There will also be giveaways being distributed at the event.