FIRST GENERATION SCHOLARSHIP

Community gathers to raise funds for scholarship

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Contributing Writer

The President’s Council, along with Wells Fargo and Corporate and Foundation Relations, held the DreamMakers breakfast to support the dreams of First Generation students by raising funds for the First Gen Scholarship. The DreamMakers breakfast was held at the historic Biltmore hotel on the morning of Sept. 23.

The Florida Legislature established the First Gen Scholarship in 2006 to provide high school students who were the first generation in their families an opportunity to access higher education.

Since its creation, more than 46,000 students of the University have received the scholarship through state matching in private donations. It is the only scholarship of its kind in the United States to match private donations 100 percent.

Nicole Kaufman, director of Corporate and Foundations Relations, inspired the creation of the DreamMakers Breakfast. Although Kaufman was not a First Gen student, she felt there was a need to have the breakfast because of the “significant number of the first generation students at FIU, especially the fact that over 9,000 eligible students are not being awarded scholarships.”

Kaufman was also motivated “by the need to raise the visibility of the First Generation Scholarship Fund as the only state matching program still intact.”

By having this event she hoped to increase awareness of the first gen scholarship fund to possible benefactors, raise funds to support the scholarship and promote meaningful networking opportunities for first generation students and recent graduates.

FOOTBALL

Golden Panthers hope to rebound

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FIU is no stranger to having a bounce back game. Last year they came into their game versus Florida Atlantic University with a two game win streak, having just beaten Western Kentucky and North Texas, and wound up losing 21-9.

The following game they were able to bounce back and beat the University of Louisiana at Monroe, which started a four game win streak that helped them earn a share of the Sun Belt title.

After starting off this season 3-0 and then suffering a disappointing loss to University of Louisiana, they hope their next game, which is against Duke on Saturday, Oct. 1, will get the taste of defeat out of their mouths.

“The was a bad taste that they got in their mouth but we’re working hard this week and doing what we have to do in practice,” said safety Terrance Taylor.

They face a Blue Devil team with a record of 2-2, and it will be the first time that both teams meet in football. Head coach Mario Cristobal said he considers them to be the best team the Panthers have faced to date.

“AACC team is coming to town, one that just beat Boston College and handily beat Tulane as well. They are playing physical football and have some real good athletes,” Cristobal said on Dukes two game winning streak.

Offensively they have been efficient in the passing game with quarterback Sean Renfree behind center. Renfree has thrown for 1,026 yards, two touchdowns and an eye popping 72.7 completions percentage. He likes to spread the ball around and three of his receivers have more than 20 catches on the year.

Students removed from UCF game

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The football game against the University of Central Florida may not for some its students.

Four male students, whose names cannot be disclosed, were arrested at the game, which took place on Sept. 17 in the FIU Stadium. Two of those males were charged with trespassing after warning; one of those two was also charged with resisting arrest. Another male was charged with disorderly conduct and a fourth male was charged with battery on a police officer. All four were sent to Miami-Dade County Jail for processing.

“Everybody who is arrested and is a student gets sent to judicial before they get processed. They also get processed in the judicial system here at FIU,” said Captain Alphonse Lanniello, operations commander and investigations for the University Police Department.

According to a student advisory notice regarding the Stadium rules, which can be found online in the FIU Recreation Services website, “Students involved in such activities or other disruptive behavior will also be subject to disciplinary action.”

The record crowd of more than 20,000 had almost 10 people removed for reasons including disorderly conduct.
University reacts to recent repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy

US Marine Lance Cpl. Chris Lynch listens to a training session to familiarize Marines with the military’s new position on gay service members and the repeal of the DADT.

Omar Guzman
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Students allegedly steal, return rooster statue from Little Havana

A rooster statue was returned on Sept. 21 after missing for five days. It was allegedly spotted at a party before the University’s football game against UCF.

The rooster statue came back looking less colorful; the rooster’s captors spray-painted the body of the rooster white, which was previously decorated with the Cuban and American flag. The disappearance of the 70-pound statue was first noted by its owner, Pablo Canton, on Sept. 16 from its home in front of El Pub Restaurant in Little Havana. Canton has promised not to disclose the names of the captors.

“The police of the area said they’d forgive them if they offered to pay for the rooster [to be painted and reinstalled],” said Juan Robaina, an employee of El Pub Restaurant. “It was a bad deed to take it at night and steal it.”

The captors are not being charged for the rooster-napping, but they have consented to pay for the painting and rebolting of the rooster; they have also agreed to do community service in Little Havana.

On The Miami Herald’s website, a reader commented saying he or she had seen the rooster at a party before the University’s football game. Despite this report that potentially connects the laciness to students of the University, Canton refuses to confirm that the captors were students of the University.

In an interview with The Miami Herald, Canton said, “I am also a graduate of FIU. They are young. I do not want to create a bad image of the university or for those students who could be expelled because of an act of stupidity. They were very remorseful when they returned him.”

Some of the University’s students responded to the closure between Canton and the rooster’s captors.

“We’re so close to the street where we’re located. Honestly, I think that gives FIU students a bad name; it is a huge terrorist,” said Katie Blitfield, a sophomore, science and psychology. “It’s understandable that he is not disclosing their names.”

Andrew Fagueron, a junior majoring in biology, said, “I don’t think it would affect us, but that’s their responsibility and that’s their choice; they’re individuals. I don’t mind their names being out. It wouldn’t affect us.”

As for the whitened body of the rooster, it was repainted by Canton in its Cuban and American flag décor.

According to Robaina, Canton painted the rooster on the evening of Friday, Sept. 23, from 10 pm to 3 am.

Frequenting customers remembered the tourists during the period of the rooster’s disappearance.

“It [was] a shame for the tourists; they take pictures with the rooster. It’s a tradition they have with the rooster,” said Antonio, who did not disclose his last name. “It caught me by surprise, I come here every few days when I need something, but I didn’t notice [the rooster missing].”

Canton’s rooster is not the only one of its kind. There are many others, over a dozen, scattered along the street popularly known as Calle Ocho. They are a part of a project called the “Rooster Walk project.”

Despite the other roosters, people are coming to visit this rooster.

“People have returned to collect it; it is part of Cuban tradition and pride in Little Havana,” said Elizabeth Cubas, 44, waiter of El Pub Restaurant.

“That’s the most famous rooster of them all,” said Robaina.

Although it may never be known if the individuals who stole and returned the rooster are students of the University, Miami natives and tourists alike are happy to have the rooster back home.
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T.Y., Carroll to start against Duke

Running back Juwan Thompson has also become a large part of the offense, along with the passing game. Duke runs a one back setup and Thompson has ran the ball for 252 yards and two touchdowns on 48 carries.

For the FIU offense, they can be thankful they won’t have to deal with defensive end Kenny Anunike who suffered a season ending knee injury. Anunike was the second leading player in the ACC in sacks with four and one of their best players on the team.

On the other hand, they have their own injury problems as well, and wide receiver Glenn Coleman (shoulder) and safety Chuck Grace (knee) will both be out for a couple of weeks.

Expect Terrance Taylor to replace Grace and Jacob Younger and Willis Wright to have their winning streak to three.

Their two biggest offensive weapons, Wesley Carroll and T.Y. Hilton, are expected to start and see significant playing time.

GOOD TO GO: Wesley Carroll is fighting an ankle injury and may be a starter this Saturday against Duke.

WOMEN’S SOCCER

Miliucci has emerged as key leader for Golden Panthers

Anthony Guivas
Staff Writer

When senior Victoria Miliucci decided to take her talents from Canada to Miami in 2008, success quickly followed her and the Golden Panthers.

With three successful seasons under her belt to go along with an All-Sun Belt Conference Second Team honor and award just a season ago, Victoria has proven to be an invaluable member of the Golden Panthers.

Victoria has also been the definition of consistency for the Panthers. Miliucci started 17 out of 19 games in her freshman year and followed that up by playing every minute of every game since then.

“I played soccer at a high level since I was young….I love it and its fun, but I have taken it really seriously starting from a young age and being committed to the schedule and the discipline has been kind of second nature,” Miliucci said.

But Miliucci did not just show this kind of work ethic on the soccer field, as she was a multi sport athlete coming up in high school, playing volleyball and performing gymnastics.

“I did gymnastics when I was younger and I quit for soccer basically, so maybe I would have continued with that or volleyball, I played volleyball in high school too,” Miliucci said. “But thankfully for the Panthers, Victoria chose soccer and has been a permanent fixture that helped guide the Panthers to the semi finals of the Sun Belt Conference in 2010.

She also has a lot to do with the Panthers being in contention this year, as they stand with a 5-5 record thus far to go along with a 2-0 record in conference play.

“I’ve always felt that the last couple of years we have fallen short, not really done as well as we should have,” Miliucci said. “We have a lot of potential and I think we are coming together earlier this season than we have in other seasons, so hopefully by the time the tournament comes we’ll have built momentum.”

Victoria who was born and
Rivalry week features many intriguing matchups in NFL

The home crowd is going nuts. The stadium seats rattle in a thundering roar while the most passionate fans go absolutely insane when their team scores and takes the lead against their archival.

Rivalries in the NFL change the outcome no matter which two enemies are going head-to-head. Owners are constantly on their cyber toes when division foes go at it because one can never know what to expect out of their players.

This week is Rivalry Week here on Fantasy Cruz. Out of the seven division games last weekend, five of them led to double-digit score games. The NFC East East made some noise with its two games.

The Giants pulled off a crucial win against the “dream team” Eagles. Peyton Manning’s little brother broke out with 254 yards and four touchdowns, making him the MVP of the weekend by far. On a negative note, Michael Vick got hurt once again. Luckily though, his hand is not broken.

In the Confederate shootout, New Orleans pulled the final trigger on Houston in a high scoring 40-33 victory. “D.Breezy” tossed the pigskin for 370 yards and three TD’s, while “Deputy Schaub” had almost identical stats. Surprisingly enough, Ben Tate is carrying the load for the Texans. Could Arian Foster be a one-year wonder after all?

The Union battle included an out of the ordinary performance by Tom “Terrific” Brady, who threw four interceptions against the Bears. “DeAngelo Williams” is punching a hole through his dry wall in his living room and wanting to blow up on him at ESPN.

With 17 seconds left in the game and Sammy trailing by five points, quarterback Michael Cerabeo had to make something happen to avoid falling to 0-2 on the season. He did just that.

Cerabeo dropped back, tried to find a receiver and saw nothing. He did just that.

In the most lopsided game of the week, Phi Sigma Sigma, Delta Phi Epsilon took the ball down the field for a touchdown run. Barceas then sealed the victory when he found Tony Molina down the field for a touchdown.

The loss drops Theta Chi to 0-2.

Sorority: Delta Phi Epsilon 6, Phi Sigma Sigma 0

Trying to avoid starting 0-2 on the season, Sigma Chi knew it had to pick up a victory tonight.

Justin Barceas led Sigma Chi down the field on two different drives for touchdowns, one rushing and one throwing.

After Theta Chi opened the night with a touchdown run in the first half to make it 6-0, Barceas came out in the second half and led Sigma Chi down the field and finished off the drive with a touchdown run.

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PICK HIM UP: Nate Washington might get more looks with Kenny Britt out for the year.

He is the second option on a team that primarily uses him. Jonathan Stewart is making him look like he is 40 year old on the field. Maybe he will get mad and start to take over. I am shocked with Williams so far. Question Mark.

BASHING BRAYLON

I know he is sidelined as of this moment. When he comes back, do not even try to add him.

I have given owners plenty of reasons why he is a terrible fantasy pick. Not to mention, I would not be surprised if his usual off-the-field dilemmas continue.

Sigma Alpha Mu defeats FIJI in final moments of play

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**Intramural Roundup**

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**VOLLEYBALL**

**All-American to have number retired**

**EDUARDO ALMAGUER**  
Staff Writer

When the dust settles tonight, one team is going to leave disappointed. FIU (10-3, 2-0 SBC), owner of a season-high seven-game win streak, is facing off against Western Kentucky (13-1, 2-0 SBC), who owns a 13-game winning streak. On Oct. 2, the Panthers will then face off against the defending Sun Belt Champions, Middle Tennessee (3-9, 1-1 SBC).

Last week, Head coach Danijela Bjelica cautioned to not be swayed by Middle Tennessee’s record. Though their record is well below .500, they are top three in the conference in hitting percentage, assists and kills.

Tonight’s match, however, will arguably be the biggest of the season thus far. WKU is the only team ahead of the Panthers in the standings. The last meeting between these teams is one FIU would love to forget. The Lady Panthers from the Sun Belt Tournament. Middle Tennessee’s record.

Despite the Panthers’ high ranking in the conference in kills (Bjelica has the second-best kills per set), Bjelica does not believe that her team’s strength.

“I think our blocking is our best weapon against those teams,” said Bjelica. “Whoever does that the best, will win.”

Her claims do not go unwaranted. FIU leads all of the Sun Belt Conference in blocks per set with 2.55. The Panthers’ sterling defensive defense will need to make sure it does not have a single flaw because WKU happens to be the leaders in kills (4.23 K/S) and hitting percentage with a combined .252.

Head Coach Danijela Bjelica understands her players will undoubtedly be fired up, but she stressed to the team that they could not blow the game.

“We can only control what we do, how we prepare ourselves physically, and more importantly, how we prepare mentally. If we give our best, and our best is better than their best, we’re going to win.”

**YARIMAR ROSA TO HAVE JERSEY RETIRED**

When Yarimar Rosa stepped off the court for the final time in 2009, the number “3” followed suit.

Before tonight’s game, FIU will retire her jersey as a way to say “thank you” for the excellence she brought the program, on and off the court.

“She was FIU [volleyball’s] best athlete,” said Tomic. “I wish every coach would have the opportunity to coach a player like Yari.”

Senior Sabrina Gonzalez had the chance to play under Rosa and the values Rosa instilled in her have proven invaluable.

“She’s taught me to be tough,” said Gonzalez. “I’ve gone through a lot of injuries and she’s gone through twice as many injuries and I feel like she taught me to be tough. She just brings the natural ability of wanting to win. Give everything you got and have fun with the game.

Tomic added, “You can coach skills but you cannot coach the values that Yari brought with her.”

**THE FUTURE: Jake Medlock rushed for a touchdown and threw for 216 yards in loss to Louisiana.**

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**MAKE ROOM FOR MEDLOCK**


*With Carroll hurt last week, the Golden Panthers had to rely on the unproven redshirt freshman Jake Medlock. However, the weight of the moment did not phase him. He showed that he can handle the offense, and the future is bright for the 6’3” 220-pounder. Medlock has been seen as the heir to the Carroll crown for the past two seasons. He has been noticeably icy to get on the field and he finally got his shot. Though the Golden Panthers had a let down, losing a game they shouldn’t have, Medlock was productive. He went 17 for 27 for 216 yards and one interception. The redshirt freshman has done everything asked of him and more. When he gets to carry the ball, he is not afraid to take the big hit because, at times, he delivers it. He brings a different aspect to the offense that Carroll does not, having the ability to scramble outside of the pocket. Unlike Carroll, Medlock has a bit of speed to add to his strong arm. Not to mention, the kid is not afraid to lower his shoulders. Medlock’s ability to escape the pocket can change the way a defense plans for the offense because now, instead of just seeing a quarterback sit back in the pocket to find receivers down field, there has to be an eye on him at all times. Medlock is still a young man with very limited experience. He is still not as mature in the pocket as Carroll and is prone to make some bad decisions. If the Golden Panthers decide to air the ball out this week, the Jack-soville naive could be more of a flight risk than a safe haven for this team.***

**WHO STARTS?**

This is homecoming week and you don’t want to lose on homecoming. Just like in high school, when you lose on homecoming, it is the worst because then you have to go to the dance pissed off that you lost to a team they schedule for you as a win.

That being said, the starting quarterback should be the guy who gives the team the best shot at winning the game. It is a tough decision to make for the coach, but Medlock is the better option for this week. Even if Carroll is just a little banged up, this game has no meaning toward the Sun Belt. Let him get healthy and prepare for the upcoming Sun Belt schedule that the Golden Panthers end the season with.

Medlock can get the job done against a banged up Duke team that has not proven that it is out of the cellar of the ACC. With the loss of their top pass rusher for the season, Medlock has the opportunity to show that he can run the offense when Carroll is gone next year.
The Department of Theatre started strong this semester with their amusing production of “Swimming in the Shallows,” a quick-moving montage that is sure to entertain students with its relatable and humorous script— which is focused on relationships and friendships— powerful monologues and funky dance intermissions.

“Swimming in the Shallows” opened on Sept. 23 in the Dr. Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center, and it will continue its run until Oct. 2.

The show, directed by Wayne E. Robinson Jr., has a relatively small cast — but a lot of talent. Elizabeth Abad lends her acting skills to the production as Barb, Julio Liverpool as Bob, Zakinya Markland as Donna, Carina Skandre as Carla Carla, Joshua Thomas as Nick, and Ewan McLaughlin as Shark.

The setup of the stage was unique, using wave machine hoisting, a large stained-glass construction that depicts an aquarium, hanging circular lights that mimic bubbles and a soothing mix of blue-and-white light used to illuminate the features of Theatre’s “Black Box.” From the get-go, you are not really sure whether or not the play will be held below or above water, but you can later draw the conclusion that it is the latter.

The play begins as two friends, Carla Carla and Barb, are discussing their relationships, introspective dilemmas, and above all, their commitment issues.

Barb, recently struck by a midlife crisis, read somewhere that Buddhist monks live their lives with only eight possessions. She tries to adopt this lifestyle by purging nearly all of her tangible items, hoping that this lifestyle change will help her feel “less heavy.” Her husband, Bob, seems sweet and simpleminded, usually forcing his words through a stutter to express himself. By the end of the play, it appears that Bob is one of those deadweights she is hoping to rid herself of.

Though Barb appears to be simpleminded and does not appear on stage as often as the other characters, I did find his confrontations with Barb to be a few of the most pivotal scenes in the production. For example, he throws all of Barb’s possessions in the swimming pool in an attempt to reconcile with his wife, which led to an unexpected finale, and he also has a few key conversations with Barb before he hits the audience with the most wisdom-filled line in the play: “It’s part of life to get attached.”

“Swimming in the Shallows” finds thing he will never be mature enough for. Donna makes a deal with Nick that she will stop smoking in order to appease her girlfriend, Carla Carla, but only if he goes out on dates with men Donna sets him up with. The sex-crazed Nick gives in on the first date, but the plan does not work out very well, and a sense of doom falls over Nick’s love life — until he meets the hunky and confident Shark at the aquarium that sweeps him off his feet.

Carla Carla and Donna are at the crossroads of their relationship. Carla Carla is trying to find any excuse to not marry Donna out of fear, and Donna is trying to stop smoking in order to make her girlfriend happy. Their commitment ceremony plans fall through more than once, and the couple is having trouble agreeing on anything while going through the wedding-planning motions.

Exclusive interview with the Wayans brothers

Comedians can seldom keep their mouths shut, and we rarely want them to. Brothers and comedy duo Shawn and Marlon Wayans did not keep quiet when they performed at this year’s Panther Prowl comedy show at the U.S. Century Bank Arena on Sept. 26. The Wayans brothers are best known for their acting on the TV series “In Living Color” and the films “Scary Movie” and “White Chicks.”

Shawn Wayans [left] and Marlon Wayans [right] headlined the Panther Prowl comedy show at the U.S. Century Bank Arena on Sept. 26. The Wayans brothers are best known for their acting on the TV series “In Living Color” and the films “Scary Movie” and “White Chicks.”
Character development the focus of Theatre’s first show

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There were not many props or costume changes, which keeps the viewer focused on the actual content of play and the dialogue between the characters. Two notable performances were by Carina Skarande as Carla Carla and Joshua Thomas as Nick. Skarande is one of the most talented actresses I have seen at the college level; she exemplifies raw talent. Her ability to transform her voice to showcase a variety of accents, her unique facial expressions and understanding of her character definitely make her an attention-grabber in the production.

Thomas played Nick excellently. It is almost difficult to see his disappointment in the dating world once you get to know his character. Although he is innocent by no means (sex-crazed, remember?), Thomas gives his character an almost child-like feel as he falls in love with the shark and finds himself walking on eggshells.

“Swimming in the Shallows” focuses more on character development and dialogue over big stage setups and fancy production. This play showcases the talent of the University’s theatre department. And if this is just the theatre department’s warm-up for the year, then students have a lot of great entertainment to look forward to.

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There are very few topics that are taboo in the comedy genre. Sex, drugs and lewd behavior are staples in the raunchy comedy films of the past few years. Although few things are off limits, one particular topic is rarely touched upon—illness. With a movie co-starring Seth Rogen, who is known for raunchy comedies, I had concerns that “50/50” would not be well received, or in my case, bring backlash for possibly disrespecting cancer, a sensitive topic. Not only does director Jonathan Levine treat “50/50” with care by toning down the vulgar humor that such movies as “Superbad” and “Knocked Up” are known for, but he also gives a different perspective on illness-related humor that feels real. In all honesty, it was a refreshing twist.

Based on the true story of screenwriter Will Reiser, “50/50” deals with Adam (Joseph Gordon-Levitt), who seems to have it all. At 27 years of age, he has a good job, a cute girlfriend and is happy. Suddenly, his world is thrown into hell when he’s diagnosed with an aggressive form of spinal cancer that offers only a fifty-fifty chance of survival. His girlfriend, Rachael (Bryce Dallas Howard) can’t deal with the headaches of having to care for Adam, leaving him in the hands of his happy-go-lucky best friend Kyle (Rogen) and psychiatrist-in-training Katherine (Anna Kendrick). They are there with Adam as he goes through chemotherapy and comes to terms with his possibly terminal illness.

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Wayans brothers inspired by family

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Lyric censorship unwarranted, unfair

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It is absolutely ridiculous and unbelievably unfair to censor any form of art. There is no point in repressing something that is meant to insult some and intrigue others. Unfortunately, censorship is still very much a part of today’s society.

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It is quite difficult not to admit that listening to “Pumped Up Kicks” by Foster the People is a disturbing experience after noticing the eerie lyrics referring to the shootings until he tweeted a sort of appraisal towards the Columbine shooters stating they “… were pretty cool as f**k…”

One artist shouldn’t take the heat more so than the other, which makes it unfairly judgmental to perceive one song as the black sheep of music while the other artist receives approval, although they both deal with similar references.

Weren’t we formed in international life promises when they succeed and threats when they fail. 

Fareed Zakaria, host, CNN’s Fareed Zakaria GPS

“If it occurred to me that I have spent almost every working day of the past ten years living in a state of repressed fear.”

Christiane Amanpour, journalist

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“I have often tried to tell the story of a place through people there.”

- Nicholas D. Kristof, columnist

“But as the arms-control scholar Thomas Schelling once noted, two things are very expensive in international life: time and the consequences of his appoint - ment will be endured by veterans who have been personally invited to the meeting, if not to vote then at least to ask questions, to shine light on the issues senators have been debating and move directly to a vote, which he won by unanimous decision.

I am tempted to think that, on top of being ennobled by his military status and thus being reluctant to risk offending him with probing questions, a large factor of his pretty much unques tioned election probably had to do with the fact that veteran affairs are of no pressing concern to anybody in SGA.

Whether or not he does well, the consequences of his appointment will be endured by veterans alone, a quiet campus minority of which SGA bears no members. Student veterans should have been personally invited to the meeting, if not to vote then at least to ask questions, to shine light on the issues senators had been debating and move directly to a vote, which he won by unanimous decision.

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The greatest disservice to veterans here would not be to challenge and drill the one before us, but to not challenge him, to let his potential shortcomings slip by and then impose them on those over whom he will soon have power.

However, I say this not to doubt the aptitude of the new coordinator, but rather to point out what seems to me one of the exceptional characteristics we should henceforth look for in appointing leaders, one of the most important qualities of any authority: the willingness to defy the semantic conven tions and rhetorical demands of a hypervsensitive culture from time to time, to embrace the reality that somewhere someday will be disappointed in the choices they make for the best interests of those whom they lead and to make the choice regardless of who takes petty offense.

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Opinion procedure lacks professionalism

ALEX SORONDO Contributing Writer

Professionalism is, for most people, a mask fastened or shed at the whim of the wearer. For most, the mask is a heavy one and does not fit quite right. It imposes formality and verbosity, unfazed by the allure of mature-sounding words; it does not fit quite right. It imposes formality and verbosity, unfazed by the allure of mature-sounding words; it does not fit quite right. It imposes formality and verbosity, unfazed by the allure of mature-sounding words; it does not fit quite right.

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The Student Government Associ ation is aiming for professionalism, which is terrific, and they pull it off admirably from time to time. One can tell, however, that the mask is more constricting for some than for others.

The Sept. 26 meeting saw the appointment of a new Veteran Affairs Coordinator. As has repeatedly been the case with recent elections, there was one candidate. He got the job.

While he spoke clearly to introduce himself as a veteran and then address one or two issues, his speech and answers in the subsequent Q&A were hindered by nervousness, a clear bit of stage fright. This does not necessarily offer testament to how he will perform in his newly-appointed role, but while his military service and status afford him the necessary credentials for the job, the fact remains that he presented himself in a dim light, providing little information about himself and few compelling arguments as to why he fit the role.

And yet, not only was he asked nothing of even remote substance during the Q&A, but a motion was passed to forego debate and move directly to a vote, which he won by unanimous decision.

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Party lines to blame for immigration reform shortfalls

controlled by Democrats but was blocked by Senate Republicans.

“I think there’s been a great disservice done to the cause of getting a Dream Act passed and getting comprehensive immigration passed by perpetrating the notion that somehow by myself I can go and do these things,” Obama said. “We have to pass bills through the legislature and then I can sign it.”

Democrats view Hispanic voters as a voting bloc in 2012 that could help determine the outcome in swing states such as Florida, Colorado and Nevada. The Democratic National Committee has aired Spanish-language ads in those states in the past week to tout the benefits of Obama’s jobs bill for small business and workers in the construction industry, which the DNC said employs 2.77 million Hispanics. Hispanics accounted for more than half of the U.S. population increase over the last decade, exceeding estimates in most states and totaling 50 million.

The burgeoning Hispanic population, Obama said, means it will only be a matter of time before the country sees a strong Latino candidate for president or vice president.

The president spent more than 30 minutes taking questions submitted online. In addition to inquiries on immigration, moderators asked the president questions on his $447 billion jobs bill, U.S. policy toward Cuba and the Defense of Marriage Act, or DOMA, the law that defines marriage as between one man and one woman.

While the White House backs legislation repealing DOMA, Obama said he does not believe there are enough votes in Congress to overturn the law. The president was also pressed on the status of Puerto Rico, where a statehood referendum is planned for next year. Obama said he believes the island will remain a U.S. commonwealth unless there is a “solid indication” of support for statehood.

“If it split down the middle or 51-49, I think Congress’ inclination is going to be not to change but to maintain status quo until there is greater indication there is support for change,” he said.

It’s unclear whether any Republican presidential candidate can sway Hispanic voters. Several top GOP contenders, including former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, have taken a hard line on immigration, calling for a fence and more troops along the border with Mexico to stop the flow of illegal immigrants.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry has been the outlier on immigration in the Republican field, and he is hoping his moderate record will appeal to Hispanics. But his rivals believe Perry’s stance on immigration could be a weakness with his party’s more conservative wing.

Perry insists that a physical border fence is an impractical way to control the flow of immigrants into the U.S. He also supported a 2001 Texas law that allows the children of undocumented immigrants to receive in-state tuition at Texas universities if they meet certain requirements.

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SOC’s fiesta showcases organizations

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As students filter out in the late afternoons on Biscayne Bay Campus, there will usually be a still silence present in the air. Passing by the Wolfe Univer-
sity Center, students and visitors are commonplace. However, there is an event that students may have not heard about. Biscayne University Career Services is holding its annual Career Fair on Oct. 5.

The event is designed for students on campus to network with each other and gain students’ interest and to familiarize them with the clubs and organizations and their goals. Students gathered around the outside of the room and gained interest in the fiesta, and some were able to gain students’ interest and to familiarize them with the clubs and organizations and their goals.

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different cultures and customs,” Braun said.

The event is not only designed as a recruitment opportunity but also serves students who are interested in creating their own club.

Around 3-40, students were set in line to sign in and Michael Aquino, sophomore Business Administration major and vice president of SOC, asked students if they would like to donate for the All-Nighter for the Poor functioning event.

A Mariachi band, El Mariachis, from Penn House provided entertainment for those in attendance.

Clubs present with information boards promoting their organization included the Muslim Student Associ-
ation, Millimeters to Megapixels, Impact, and Inter varsity Christian Fellowship.

Students from the Science Club, the International Scholars Club and the Graduate Student Association were there to mingle with the other clubs as well.

Different activities included a limbo with the students’ loud yells of “ove!” and “fiesta!”

“I know how it feels to be a part of something for the school, so I am here to support my fellow students and my organization,” said Yaying Hou, sophomore Accounting Major and SPC Comedy Director.

Career Fair to connect students with employers

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With the nation’s unemployment rate hovering at 10 percent and a job market providing bleak opportunities for recent grada-
tuates, FIU’s Career Fair is becoming an increas-
ingly essential resource for graduating students. In efforts to better the prospects of landing a job, a recent survey of students studying the Career Services office on the Biscayne Bay Campus is hosting its annual Career Fair on Oct. 5.

Over two-dozen companies from around Miami have registered for the five-hour event, ranging from industries in hospitality and education.

“We looked at the various majors offered [at BCC], and we looked at employers that would correlate to the majors we offer,” said the Asso-
ciate Director of BBC Career Services, Harold Clayton.

In hopes of preparing students for the event, Career Services is holding a series of workshops during their Mega Career Week, which began on Sept. 28.

The workshops includes resume writing, interviewing skills and a “How To Prepare For Career Fair” session, where students will be taught the do’s and don’ts of attending a job fair.

“Many students come to career fairs and ask ‘what do I do?’ ‘what do I wear?’ so we ask them to come in to the workshops,” said Clayton.

Career Services also plans to hold mock interviews on Sept. 29 lead by a recruiter to give students an opportunity to get real-life feedback from an employer.

For many, this career fair couldn’t have come at a better time. Giovanni Maselli a journalism major who is graduating this fall and currently holds an internship with CBS4 News, hopes to walk away from the job fair with at least one potential interview.

“As nerve-recting graduating into this weird situation. I’m hoping things start getting better before I graduate,” said Maselli.

The government recently reported no job growth during the month of August, and Florida alone has an unemployment rate of 10.7 percent, higher than the national rate, a fact that scares Maselli.

“I am very worried about what is going to happen after I graduate. You used to be able to graduate and have some sort of job guarantee but now, the market is in the process of changing, leading to an awkward moment for us graduates since we don’t know what we are graduating to,” said Maselli.

According to a report in The New York Times, not only have employment rates for recent gradu-
ates plummeted in the last two years but starting salaries have also taken a hit.

Students graduating from four-year univer-
sities entering the job field in 2009 and 2010 received a median starting salary of $27,100, down from $30,100 for those who entered the workforce two years prior, according to a study released by the John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers University.

The work force is beginning to resemble what some might refer to as a battlefield where only the strong survive, and landing an interview can often be a great feat in itself; however, for Clayton, it’s as simple as just being prepared.

“We want students to come prepared, the first impression is a lasting impression.”

CAREER FAIR

• Time: 11 a.m.
• When: Oct. 5
• Where: WUC Ballrooms
• Professional Attire Required

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Obama: immigration reform can not be done alone

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Facing weakening support among Hispanics, President Barack Obama expressed deep frustration Wednesday over what he called an inaccurate and damaging perception that he can fix the nation’s flawed immigration system on his own.

That notion that somehow I can just change the laws unilaterally is just not true,” Obama said during a White House roundtable targeting Hispanic voters, a key constitu-
cency for the president’s re-election campaign.

The president said comprehen-

sive immigration reform continues to be a “top priority” for his adminis-

tration. But he blamed Republicans in Congress for failing to join Demo-
icrats in supporting legislation that

would address the flow of foreigners into the U.S. and deal with illegal immi-
grants already in the country.

“Only a few years ago, you had some Republicans who recognized that we needed to fix our immi-

gration system,” Obama said, noting that his predecessor, George W. Bush, was among them. “Right now you do not have that kind of leader-

ship coming from the Republican Party.”

A strong majority of Hispanics supported Obama’s election in 2008. But his support among Hispanics has declined, as it has in the broader population. A recent Gallup survey found 48 percent of Hispanic voters approving of Obama’s job perfor-
mance, compared with 60 percent in January.

While Obama has made little progress on comprehensive immi-

gration legislation, he has pushed Congress to pass the Dream Act, which would provide a route to legal status for college students and service members brought to the country as children. The bill passed the House last year when it was introduced but died in the Senate.

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