College of Law dean shares personal history, experiences

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Before coming to the University, the College of Law’s dean has served in the private and public sectors – he was even appointed by a US president.

Born and raised in Miami, R. Alexander Acosta, dean of the College of Law, while he remained concerned about all these factors, there is a secret thief ready to take what is his. According to the US Justice Department, the sum of money in their bank accounts is left with a significant responsibility and education. Tension and overall sense of disinterest. They may be denied credit or a large sum of money in their bank accounts, doesn’t make them any less likely to become victims. The work Acosta has done for the College of Law and as its dean has been recognized by several entities. He has been given several professional recognitions and awards such as the American Bar Association’s Council on Legal Education’s Legacy Award for promoting diversity, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund’s Excellence in Government Award and the D.C. Hispanic Bar Association’s Hugh A. Johnson Jr. Memorial Award. The College of Law was also ranked as the Top 10 Best Value Schools by The National Jurist. Since his time as dean, US World News has ranked the College of Law as the 132nd best law school in the nation. It currently holds the highest bar passage rate in the state of Florida; the average for the FIU Law grad is 89.6 percent, while state remained at 80.1 percent. “It’s really meaningful,” said Acosta. “It shows the students being smart, dedicated and that the faculty is preparing them really well.”

Identity theft remains an issue among college students

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College students are focused on a variety of things at one time: that is a fact. They are concerned about all these factors, there is a secret thief ready to take what is theirs from right under their noses. A few weeks ago, the University sent a letter, which announced that up to 19,000 students and alumni may have had their personal information accessed online, including information such as names, birth dates, test scores, GPAs and social security numbers. They suggested that students contact their credit bureau to confirm that no unusual activity has taken place.

Students are one of the highest groups who fall victim to identity theft. Although they typically do not have credit or a large sum of money in their bank accounts, it doesn’t make them any less likely to become victims. According to the US Department of Education, “half of all college students receive credit card applications on a daily or weekly basis.”

With many students simply throwing the applications away, anyone walking by a trash can can grab the card offer, fill it out and receive a card in your name, all without your knowledge.”

Identity theft is one of the most commonly reported crimes in the United States, affecting over 8 million people and costing Americans over $50 billion annually fraudulent charges. “Identity theft affects an estimated 3.3 million, or one in 30 students, and college students,” according to Dailyfinance.com. Identity theft is the act of someone taking information personally identifies another person, including names, addresses, birth dates, social security numbers, driver’s license numbers and other personal documentation. This information may be used to establish credit accounts, take out loans, apply for jobs or commit fraudulent acts. Darnary Hernandez, a chemistry major, had her identity stolen at age 13, and did not realize until she was 18. Upon applying for a credit card and being denied, she searched for answers. “Someone opened a retail credit account at Old Navy and racked up around $600 in debt. I came to find this out when I was 18 and tried applying for a Capital One student credit card,” Hernandez said. “So I filed a claim with Expert ID and wound up talking to a number of collection agencies in order to dispute the charges. They couldn’t argue with me – I was 13 when the card was taken out but they still tried to settle a minimum payment with me before clearing me of any responsibility.” In many other cases of identity theft, the victim is left with a significant amount of debt, which might take up to a year to reverse.

They may be denied jobs, loans or cars because of their supposed financial negligence. Students are most at risk to this type of theft because of bad habits, lack of fiscal responsibility and education in overall sense of disinterest.

Many students feel comfortable leaving their personal possession, such as laptops, purses, wallets and book bags with friends and acquaintances, leaving their personal information exposed and accessible to a passerby, or even a friend.
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

International Business Honor Society hosts lecture with marketing director, alumnus Holger Kamin

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The International Business Honor Society continued its lecture series on Tuesday with Holger Kamin, University alumnus and director of New Ventures NA, who spoke about international marketing to a receptive audience.

Students asked questions about the role of social media in the marketing world, what to expect upon graduation and how to impress future employers during the interview process.

“It’s harder for employers to find good people, rather than for you to find a job,” said Kamin, when asked about how difficult it is to get a job in the industry currently.

He advised students to be prepared, confident, knowledgeable and properly dressed for an interview. Additionally, on several occasions, he mentioned the importance of having several jobs within the first six years of graduating. This shows versatility to employers.

Students asked about social media and the role it is playing in the international marketing world.

“If you build a 50 foot fence, I’ll build a 60 foot ladder. Social marketing is great, and it’s a cheap way to market. It can be dangerous, too. Be careful and don’t have a Facebook,” Kamin stressed the importance of international traveling and immersing yourself into new cultures.

“Travel the world and make new friends all over the place. It’s all about networking. Nowadays, everything is global.”

He pointed out the diversity in the room, noting German, Chinese and Lebaneese students in attendance, among others. This small-scale example demonstrated the importance of understanding cultures outside your own. What is marketable in the United States will not always be marketable overseas.

Maximilian Kalinowski, the treasurer of the IBHS, said the lecture series is a great way to guide future students of the industry through experts and field work.

“People study and don’t always know what to get out of it, so this series helps students not exactly to get a job but to guide them,” said Kalinowski.

The main objective of IBHS is to promote leadership.

“We want [IBHS] to be international business oriented. We invite people from international marketing, finance and banking to speak. We want to enhance professional development and social responsibility,” said IBHS President Jorge Locayno.

Kamin was asked what the biggest misconception recent graduates have when entering the workforce.

“You think you know it all, but you know nothing. Try to study as long as you can and ask questions whenever you can,” he said.

While the night focused on international marketing, everything Kamin said is applicable to students of any major.

“Don’t burn bridges. If you hate someone, don’t tell them. Be nice to people, you never overshoot but always over deliver,” he said.

Following the question and answer section, applause erupted. With the night transitioning to a meet and greet, those in attendance were able to speak with Kamin on a more personal level.

The IBHS is open to all students, not just those pursuing a degree in business.

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Holger Kamin, Director New Ventures NA

“We’re open to students of any major. Many students don’t know that, but we welcome everyone,” said Juliana Encarnacao, an IBHS member.

The organization has lectures planned every Tuesday, along with some field trips for on site experience. On Oct. 14, they will travel to Miami International Airport to speak with a person involved with imports and exports.
A death row inmate says the Ohio prison system is denying him meals prepared according to Islamic law—known as halal—while at the same time providing kosher meals to Jewish prisoners, according to a federal lawsuit that alleges a civil rights violation. Awkal, joined by a second inmate not on death row, says the vegetarian and non-pork options offered by the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction aren’t good enough. The inmates say the food must be prepared in specific fashion, such as ensuring that an animal is butchered by slitting its throat and draining its blood, to conform with Islamic beliefs.

The Haitian parliament rejected the first two candidates nominated by the new leader’s monthslong bid to establish his administration. Aysselin Conille’s appointment on Sept. 16.

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SOUTH FLORIDA ALL-STAR CLASSIC

SOLD OUT

Tickets no longer available for star-studded charity game

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Many people were expected to be in line to buy tickets for a game featuring NBA All-Stars LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh. What was not expected, however, was how fast the tickets would go.

Tickets for the “South Florida All-Star Classic,” which went on sale at 12 p.m. on Oct. 3, were sold out within two hours of the box office being open to the public.

Nearly all of the lower bowl tickets were sold out in less than 20 minutes following the opening of the cashiers booth.

The line began as early as 7:20 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 2, when a couple, Angel Rosado and Betsy Godoy-Rosado, were the first to reach the box office.

“I wanted to be the first in line,” said Godoy-Rosado.

“I expected people to be here when we came at 7:30 p.m., but luckily we were first,” said Rosado.

Plenty of fans were wearing the jersey and apparel of their favorite team, including the New York Knicks, New Orleans Hornets and Miami Heat.

The most notable jerseys seen were that of LeBron James and Dwyane Wade, whose fans are excited to see. Among the crowd was sophomore Jerica Coley, guard for the women’s basketball team.

“I’m just looking forward to these guys dunking on each other,” said Coley. “Having those guys go at each other is gonna be fun.”

Tickets began selling 20 minutes before the noon start time, with lower bowl and general admission tickets selling for $100 and $50, respectively, with lines formed for both price ranges.

Athenical announced that tickets were limited at two per person, and that if any tickets were available after 3 p.m., then people could buy four tickets per person.

The situation never presented itself due to the sell out. Operations ran smoothly as security reported no issues, although arguments were seen developing.

Multiple lines left people confused, not knowing where to stand for the tickets they expected to purchase. Customers argued with the event staff, complaining about the confusing nature of the set up for the ticket lines and the lack of consistency between personnel.

At one point, a member of the event staff announced that a line that people had been standing in for hours had been changed from $100 lower bowl seats to $50 general admission tickets, causing some customers to become visibly frustrated.

The general consensus among the crowd waiting for tickets was that basketball coach Isiah Thomas is the reason that the game is at FIU, despite the renovations being done to the arena.

There is truth to the sentiment, as proceeds from the event will go towards Mary’s Court Foundation; a foundation established in honor of FIU Head Coach Isiah Thomas’ mother, the late Mary Thomas.

The charity event will take place on Oct. 8 at 7 p.m., at U.S. Century Bank Arena.

MEN’S SOCCER

Overtime goal gives FIU upset over No. 21 Kentucky

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The Golden Panthers take down No. 21 ranked Kentucky Wildcats.

FIU’s men’s soccer looked to bounce back in conference play against 21st ranked Kentucky. The Wildcats (7-4-1, C-USA 0-2-0) fell to an FIU extra time goal early afternoon on Oct. 2.

Only 33 seconds were left when super substitute Roberto de Sousa stroked off a rebound to give the Golden Panthers the 1-0 victory. De Sousa recorded his first goal in blue and gold. “It was a superb finish and it couldn’t have come at a better time,” said Coach Eketebi about De Sousa’s goal.

It was FIU’s first victory over a top-25 opponent since Nov. 14, 2007 when the Golden Panthers took down, then No. 5 SMU in overtime. For the first time in four matches FIU was out-shot by their opponent. The Wildcats led FIU in all offensive categories, out shooting FIU 13-7 and earning three corner kicks to FIU’s two.

Leading the Golden Panthers in shots was Mario Uribe with two shots and one on target. Senior Lucas De Croce recorded one shot on goal. “We did a lot of things right this game, even though they out shot us, we limited their opportunities at finishing plays,” said Coach Eketebi “The game could have gone either way but we got the victory in the end.”

The Golden Panthers improved (4-4-2, C-USA 1-0-0) and continue conference play against Memphis on Oct 8. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.
Offense opens up playbook

Offenses are run on one of two ways: ball control or air it out. Scott Satterfield has accomplished both. After arriving from Toledo in April of 2010, where the offense averaged 438 yards per game, the fans have been waiting to see the playbook open up.

Prior to this week, most of the offense had been vanilla, running basic plays and routes. This week, Satterfield dished out different flavors of offense like he was working at Baskin’ Robbins. With a total of 568 yards this week, the Golden Panthers went above and beyond the set benchmark offenses set out for each week, which are 300 yards passing and 100 yards rushing.

The former Toledo offensive coordinator added sprinkle late in the third quarter when Wesley Carroll lateraled to Jacob Younger, who then found Wayne Times down the field for a 44-yard gain. The design and execution of the play was flawless and being able to throw trick plays into the offense like that can prove effective when a defense is stacked up to stop something else.

Satterfield made sure that the offense kept the Golden Panthers in the game, regardless of what the defense was doing. It is great to finally see this happen because the talent of the offensive side of the ball is too great to just give it to T.Y. Hilton every time.

Under Satterfield, we have not seen Wesley Carroll really get a chance to open up his creative side. The design and the fire in the ball down the field like that. Prior to this week, the most that Carroll had thrown for this season was 248 yards and two touchdowns against Louisiana-Lafayette. The bulk of that was on the two long touchdown passes to Hilton. Other than those two passes, Carroll had less than 100 yards passing.

Wesley Carroll [center] has not thrown an interception after five games this season. The senior quarterback threw 14 in last year.

Jackson Wolek

A serious situation has risen and continues to grow for Mario Cristobal and his defense. Opposing quarterbacks have found success against the Panthers’ secondary for the past few weeks.

Two weeks ago against Louisiana, the defense allowed quarterback Blaine Gautier to throw for 221 yards, connecting with seven different players. Then against Duke, the defensive backs gave up 335 passing yards from quarterback Sean Renfree, reaching nine various targets.

Pass defense has become an issue for team defenses. Opposing quarterbacks getting rid of the ball quickly and doing a good job blocking us as well,” said Cristobal. “We’re not content with that type of production and we know we’re better than that.”

One thing that has become a common theme is the defense biting on the play-action fake. They fell for the fake hand-off against Louisiana, leaving tight end Ladarius Green wide open for a 31-yard touchdown catch.

The offense has kept them in both games up until the very end, keeping them in both games until the very end, giving them an opportunity to win. But the offense has not been able to cash in on the chance to score the go-ahead touchdowns with possession late in the game.

The offense had the ball with three minutes remaining against Louisiana trailing five, only to have their hopes of staying undefeated deterred with an interception from backup quarterback Jake Medlock. On Oct. 1 against Duke, they had control of the ball in a ten-point cushion with under seven minutes remaining and came up empty once again. “It just comes down to execution. Every game that we play we know that it’s going to come down to the last snap. So just we got to either pick up the touchdown, field goal, first down or whatever we need when the time,” quarterback Wesley Carroll said.

Future Panthers

The losing streak has not stopped two more recruits from the class of 2012 to verbally commit to FIU. Wide receiver Adrian Jenkins, a 6-3, 195-pound wideout from Tampa Jefferson, gave his verbal commitment to FIU. Jenkins chose FIU over Bethune-Cookman, Ohio and Bowling Green. The other commitment they got was Lemaq Caldwell, a 6-0, 210-pound running back from Tampa Tech High.

He made his verbal commitment on Oct. 2 and had been recruited by Navy, Buffalo, Grambling State and Central Michigan.

The win helped the Golden Panthers keep pace in Sun Belt play while remaining unbeaten in conference matchups. If FIU can come away with a victory on the road against Western Kentucky on Oct. 7 in Bowling Green, Ky., they will match their best start in conference play from a year ago when they defeated five Sun Belt foes in a row.

So far, through six conference games, FIU has been nothing short of dominant, outscoring Sun Belt opponents 92-2 in victories over UALR, Arkansas State, Troy and South Alabama.

With just over half the season already completed, the Golden Panthers’ seven remaining games are all against conference opponents, four of which are at FIU Soccer Stadium.
Tomic criticizes team after frustrating loss to MTSU

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If Sunday’s matchup against Middle Tennessee is a barometer for success, the Panthers are destined for mediocrity.

The Blue Raiders (5-9, 3-1 SBC) clobbered FIU in three straight sets (25-20, 25-12, 25-18) to deny the Panthers a single set win all weekend.

Two nights after posting their third-lowest hitting percentage of the year, the Panthers (10-9, 2-2 SBC) posted their second-lowest percentage with a 0.069 mark.

Head Coach Danijela Tomic was adamant that only one player deserved any praise after this game.

"Only one person came ready to play and that was Jovana Bjelica," said Tomic. "She’s playing with a sprained ankle and she’s playing like a warrior. She’s fighting for every point, but she can’t do it by herself."

For the second straight game, everything seemed to fall apart for the Panthers. The team committed an unprecedented 21 errors. They were also outplayed in blocks, kills, assists and service aces.

Things picked up exactly where they left off from Sept. 30th’s game. FIU quickly found itself in a 4-9 deficit after three errors.

Determined not to let the game get out of hand so early, Tomic called a timeout. The Panthers came roaring back with five consecutive points to tie the game, 9-9.

Matt Peck, head coach of Middle Tennessee, then called a timeout and the Blue Raiders responded immediately, going on a 9-2 run and jumping to an 18-11 lead. The deficit proved too much for FIU to climb, as they dropped the first set 25-20.

"Our passing broke down a lot," said libero Chanel Araujo. "I don’t know what happened."

The second set opened exactly the same way as the first: in a 4-9 deficit. Tomic once again called a timeout to get her team to focus.

This time, however, her words would fall on deaf ears. The deficit widened to 4-13 and then to 7-21, as the Blue Raiders toyed with FIU’s defense, making them look as if it were their first volleyball game.

This was unacceptable and embarrassing," said Tomic. "I told them I was going to forfeit the game and I was not kidding."

Time and time again, the Panthers mishandled balls, hit them into the net, or simply hit them out of bounds.

The team had an appalling 0.83 hitting percentage in the second set. FIU dropped the frame 25-12 by way of serving error, ending the season’s worst set of the year.

"There was a lack of effort, a lack of mental focus, a lack of preparedness and a lack of competitiveness," said Tomic. "We did not give them [Blue Raiders] anything to compete against."

For the third straight set, the Panthers found themselves in a early deficit to open the frame. A five-point gap quickly enveloped the squad as the scoreboard read 10-15 in favor of the Blue Raiders.

Every kill that the Panthers scored was quickly returned by Middle Tennessee, who seemingly had no flaws. After a mallet kill that landed in the center of all the Panthers, the match ended 25-18.

After the game, Araujo said that the team’s number one goal in practice this week would be working on their defense, which was absent this entire weekend. Tomic, however, had different plans.

"We are not practicing until further notice," said a frustrated Tomic. "I told them to focus on studies because right now they’re just students, they’re not athletes."

"This is the most embarrassing match I’ve played in this arena in my seven years at FIU," she added.

Volleyball

Carroll beginning to utilize other offensive weapons

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better field vision and understand that there are more people on the field not named TY Hilton.

The tight ends have finally become an entity in the offense. Colt Anderson had two catches for 47 yards and Jonathan Fuscher had a spectacular 15-yard touchdown grab.

For the first time this season, Carroll utilized all the weapons that are at his disposal, with 10 different receivers making at least one catch.

Along with the tight ends becoming weapons is the rise of Wayne Times. The junior with 24 catches on the season, only second to Hilton who has 25. Those two creating explosive plays down the field have created a chance for Carroll to become a more efficient passer.

Coming off of a season where he threw 14 interceptions, the Fort Lauderdale native looks more mature and confident in the pocket as he leads the offense down the field.

He has gone his last 120 pass attempts without throwing one interception.

That goes to show how much a year of experience in the Satterfield system can benefit a player like Carroll.

That can only point to good things in Jake Medlock’s future.

There is no doubting the improvement that he has made this season and a lot of that has to do with the coaching that has been done.

It just needs to keep progressing more and more throughout the season.

Carroll and Jonathan Fuscher/Beacon

SWIMMING

Inclement weather shortens first meet of the season

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The Golden Panthers’ women’s swimming and diving team opened up the 2011-2012 season at home with a 68-44 defeat at the Bay Vista Aquatics Complex to Florida Gulf Coast University on Sept. 30. The dual meet was ended early due to rain and lightning in the area. Both teams were only able to complete six events before the meet was called.

Coach Randy Horner gave his assessment on the Golden Panthers’ results in the meet. "We kind of got off to a little bit of a sluggish start, but definitely had some bright spots in several individual events," Horner said. "We were sad to see the weather come in and not allow us to continue the meet because the next segment of the meet, the next four events, we felt like were some of our stronger events."

NEWCOMERS AND VETERANS CONTRIBUTE

The Golden Panthers had major contributions from their upperclassmen, freshmen and sophomore swimmers in the meet. The 200 Individual Medley relay team was one example, as the team of freshmen Johanna Gustafsdottir and Klara Andersson as well as juniors Chelsea Kidd and Mariangela Macchiavello finished in second place in the relay with an overall team time of 1:49.77.

Sophomore Sonia Perez Arut and Colleen Quinn finish in second and fourth places, respectively, for the Golden Panthers in the 1000 yard freestyle. Their finishes tallied combined six points in the meet standings early in the meet.

Kayla Derr also collected her first individual win on the season with her first place finish in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:54.2B. Freshman Nadia Farioga also collected a third place finish in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:55.86.

Other contributions in the individual events came from Macchiavello and Andersson, who finished in third and fourth places respectively in the 50-yard freestyle. Gustafsdottir and freshman Danielle Meara also finished in second and fourth places, respectively, in the 200-yard Individual Medley.

BEAUPRE QUALIFIES FOR NCAA REGIONALS

Last season’s Sun Belt Conference diver of the year Sabrina Beaufre also collected her first win on the season and qualified for the NCAA regional with her scores in the one meter dive. "Sabrina is a solid diver, one of best divers in the state of Florida," Horner said. "To get that qualifying score in her first meet out again this season, just like last season, that [was] good.”

UP NEXT: THE ALL FLORIDA INVITATIONAL

The Golden Panthers’ next meet will be from Oct. 7-8 in Gainesville, FL. at the All Florida Invitational. The meet is hosted by the University of Florida and will feature all of the major swimming and diving programs from across the state.

“We are going up against top caliber programs, with UF who is a top five program in the nation [and] Florida State is currently a top 15 program,” Horner said.

“As well as in-state rivals FAU in our conference, it’s going to be good competition for our top kids to [compete] against the nation’s best.”

Swimming
There’s a change in the air around campus.

"I’d say school spirit has definitely increased this year," said Antonio Fierro, a criminal justice grad student. "I guess I’m proud of this year," said Fiero said. "I wouldn’t exactly know how spirited our school was in the past, but, from pictures, I can only say it seems like it really hasn’t changed much." "A successful football season is just icing on the cake."
“Youth Lagoon” emotional outlet for Trevor Power

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“When I was 17 my mother said to me/ don’t start imagining the day that you do, is the day that you die.” These lyrics encapsulate the raw beauty and power of “The Year of Hibernation,” Trevor Power’s debut album, under the moniker, “Youth Lagoon.”

This album is laden with massive dreams - capes and lo-fi, catchy songs that often feel like a private look into the artist’s life, fears, shortcomings and hang-ups presented in eerie, almost drowned out vocals. The album’s fantastic craftsmanship is what ultimately defines “The Year of Hibernation” as one of the best albums of the year due to its amazing attention to detail, tightly wound melodies and extremely catchy beats.

Trevor Power’s project, “Youth Lagoon,” is the result of his effort to cope with anxiety, feeling a certain disconnect from the outside world and not being able to relate to others. He decided to work on himself to provide the basis for his lyrics. Many of the songs reflect his problems growing up, allowing a very private look into his life and a deeper connection with the audience, which is mostly comprised of his contemporaries who get lost in the rhythms of his compositions.

The beginning track, “Posters,” details his internal conflict and the pains of growing up while finding his true identity through the use of a very simple melody, which builds up a simple riff backed up by a drum machine that drills into the listener’s memory and creates a certain element of hope - a cheerful closing for an otherwise worrisome, relatable situation.

Therein lays the heart of the record - a young adult feeling trapped as he pours out his feelings into his art. There are meticulously catchy pieces of pop music that actively demand to be blasted out of your stereo.

The record, a bedroom project later...
recorded at a friend’s home studio, demonstrates the absence of expensive mastering in its sound and places heavy layers of fuzz in such a charmingly well-arranged manner that it invites the listener to raise the volume rather than avoid distortion.

“Afternoon” presents a great synth pop melody shrouded by an adventure story; the beats are reminiscent of “The Postal Service.” It is an inviting composition that draws a wistful landscape with aerial, chill-wave tone.

While the record teeters on the dream pop genre, the intimate nature of the songwriting, along with accessibility of the melodies, allows it to transcende the label. “17” battles Power’s relationship with his mother and indicates his lack of support for him; it also hints at an alternate story, where he gives in to her wishes and conforms to her norms, leading to a more “accepting,” yet unfulfilling, life. His mind is scend the label. “17” battles Power’s of the songwriting, along with accessibility of the melodies, allows it to transcende the label. “17” battles Power’s relationship with his mother and indicates his lack of support for him; it also hints at an alternate story, where he gives in to her wishes and conforms to her norms, leading to a more “accepting,” yet unfulfilling, life. His mind is

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Campus lacks healthy eating options

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Many students notice the differences in food from their time in high school for example, we may have more time to eat, have too little time to eat something wholesome or we eat stress or lack of sleep to drive us toward food. These are the sudden lifestyle changes that have led to the issue. Freshmen 15 (and even 30). In fact, weight gain begins gradually from five to seven pounds per year for college students, as reported by CBS News. “The packing on the pounds is average before it becomes the bulge of sophomore or it continues. That, to me, is a bigger problem,” said Rena Wing, a psychologist and director of the weight control center at Brown University School of Medicine in Providence, R.I. When students come to orientation and attend the standard line-up of presentations, like Fresh Foods advertising healthy eating with a buffet, that may not solve the problem actually begins. Fresh Foods reputation usually advocates proper nutrition and a balanced diet with healthy options for all diners, be it vegetarian or average eaters. There is a salad, a bar, a grill, a pizza section and a dessert section. This looks good on a pamphlet for parents at orientation, but in reality, the salad bar lacks important fruits and nuts that can contain important omega-3 fats that research has shown to maintain mood and even relieve depression. The exclusive vegetarian section is pathetic, and does not offer a real variety to students. Then there is the dessert bar full of cheap processed cakes, ice cream and snacks, a grill serving greasy beef or fried foods and french fries, none of which have any nutritional value. When I remember the representative from Fresh Foods telling parents that an “all you can eat” buffet was the healthiest way to eat on campus, I get a few extra worry lines at the thought of how many students will make a big nutritional mistake, especially when Fresh Foods is not the only one offering the sumo diet. When my term began during Summer B, as an incoming freshman, I resisted the fried foods and french fries, and opted for the Moe’s Mexican Grill and consuming Freshen’s Frozen Yogurt. To my dismay, the options could not be any worse. The standard 12 ounce cup of yogurt revealed 75 carbohydrates, all sugar, which led me to understand why my efforts would make me so hungry just an hour or two later. Moe’s may have offered the right protein, but the caloric intake was immense. When one consumes calories that are beyond our respective amounts, the liver then processes the nutrients, releases into the blood stream and drifts to our fat tissue. At times, one day of unhealthy eating can be just fine, but after a while the tissue begins to build up, and we begin to notice a physical change in our bodies, including our activity level and weight. So, when you begin to notice the tighter jeans and that you weigh as much as a panther, you will now know why. This University may have made some healthy approaches like Fresh Foods, Salad Creations, and Moe’s Mexican Grill for students to off campus, but their efforts are not discredited, but in every great system there are necessary improvements, especially when dealing with the nutritional and physical health of their students. Constructing seemingly healthy and nutritionally sound foods are not enough. Students are at a critical period of their lives where healthy eating habits are not only advocated in the books of the Univeristy’s Frosh 15 Experience 1501 course, it is actually implemented in the environment in which they spend their time the most. We need foods high in natural omega-3 fatty acids and low in processed content to avoid what could become a weight problem for the years ahead.

Democrats using religion as a distraction

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If Democrats hope to win, then they need to present viable step-by-step plans to address the issues that are most pressing to Americans, such as the economy, and more specifically, the unemployment rate. Instead, the left has decided to adopt a strategy of attempting to misdirect the attention of the American people onto an irrelevant non-issue: the religious beliefs of presidential candidates. In an August 26th New York Times article, Bill Keller compares the candidates’ religious beliefs to UFOs while calling for harder hitting questions about what they believe. This is one of many calls for heavier criticism of presidential candidates’ religious beliefs, which appears to be coming entirely from the left, a group that tends tolerance and understanding as its platform.

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“All great change in America begins at the dinner table.”

“Happiness is not a goal; it is a by-product.”

“I love to engage in repartee with people who are stupider than I am.”

-Ronald Reagan

-Eleanor Roosevelt

-Ann Coulter

CONSTRUCTION

Many of the events that take place over Homecoming Week are meant to remind students that we are a united community. However, The Beacon thinks that the two court systems, the reduced attention and promotion at Biscayne Bay Campus prevented actual unity. Furthering the divide, little to no advertising for events such as the election of the BBC and Greek students back from participating.

Due to BBC’s much smaller student body in comparison to Modesto A. Maidique Campus, claims were made that BBC students would be at a disadvantage - The Beacon agrees.

Although the Homecoming Court was University-wide at the beginning of the year, a sudden change to divide the votes by campus, left the BBC king and queen to run uncontested. The lack of interest in the qualified spots shows that these two students should have been thrown in the pot with rest.

The process to run for king and queen on either campus is another example of division. According to the official court participation package, candidates must fulfill a number of requirements in order to run that include being part of a registered team that participates in two or more homecoming events, the only exception being that most homecoming events are Greek, which excludes a large percentage of University students.

There was no effort by the Homecoming Council to encourage participation from students not involved in Greek life or other campus life organizations.

The Beacon thinks there could have been more of an attempt made to unify Homecoming courts by the Homecoming Council. However, the council was unorganized and did not reach out to the majority of the University community. This problem was only limited to the Homecoming Court, but also to the lack of BBC events and promotion to its students.

The little advertising that these events did have catered only to those who would already know about these events, like members of a Greek organization and Student Government Association. These are the types of students who pass in and out of the student centers, where the Campus Life and SGA offices are located.

Effort to truly extend outreach to all groups who were not already aware of the week’s events were poor. Advertising, which barely made its way to BBC, mainly limited to posters and did not make use of accessible social media. The social media that was used was under used and out of date. The Facebook fan page of “The Homecoming” was last updated on May 25 and boasts a very modest membership of 1,967.

By next year, The Beacon hopes that the University will consolidate both Homecoming courts and expand outreach to non-Greek students. These two practices are far more compatible with the University’s commitment to unifying BBC and MMC and having events that incorporate all students, not just those already involved and aware of University activities.
Focus groups sought for renovation ideas

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The Biscayne Bay Campus’ Student Government Council has held the first of what is to be a series of focus group discussions between student representatives and MCHarry Associates, the architecture firm that will be responsible for the renovation of the Wolfe University Center.

The meeting, held in the office of FIU-BBC Ombudsman and WUC Senior Director Greg Olson, will be followed by another two or three sessions, the dates and locations of which are yet to be determined.

The sessions are intended to allow SGC-BBC representatives, Olson, and the architects and designers working to develop a clear vision for the planned renovation. Olson has also proposed sessions to allow faculty input on the renovation process.

Thomas Carlson, principal of MCHarry Associates, said the meetings should be used to develop a concrete plan that could be presented to the wider university community, what he called “a kind of target end date, to make a presentation to the students.”

“If it’s a matter of arriving at a consensus. Sometimes that’s quick and easy; sometimes it’s not so quick and easy,” said Carlson.

SGC-BBC Vice President Emilio Collyer emphasized the council’s interest in creating a master plan for the renovation to prevent it from proceeding as a series of unrelated projects, and to make it more likely that future councils will remain committed to the renovation process.

“A series of minor face lifts is sometimes very challenging. I think that’s where a master plan helps. You try to end up with something that’s not a hodgepodge of different vocabularies,” said MCHarry Associate Designer, Al Delgado.

“It’s not so much different languages, this building is a United Nations of architecture,” said Olson, and proposed picking an overall motif which could be transformed in a way that addressed some of the problems associated with that history.

“I think what we’re looking for is to eliminate that legacy,” he said. “To modernize the building so that it’s not necessarily restrained by the fact that it was an outdoor facility.”

Although SGC-BBC had initially proposed beginning the renovation with a retiling project, MCHarry Associate Maria Guillen-Pendas proposed that the renovation process be dealt with a more comprehensive manner.

“We need to attack it as a whole, by floor,” she said, pointing out that a retiling project, for example, shouldn’t be attempted before initiatives that could damage a new tile floor.

The architects emphasized the importance of dealing with the Wolfe University Center in a holistic manner to improve its atmosphere.

“The target here,” said Carlson, “is to alter the quality of the space; the three-dimensional character of the building wants to change, wants to modernize, to become more of a home away from home.”

Nickelodeon Latin America fantasy television series, Grachi, is filming their second season at the Biscayne Bay Campus pool, the show will spend two months using the aquatic facilities.
Library to host film festival

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In conjunction with Banned Books week, the Glenn Hubert Library will host the Biscayne Bay Campus Banned Book Film Festival, which will showcase two different films on Oct. 6 and Oct. 13: “Before Night Fall” and “I Am Curious (Yellow).” The films will be shown in Glenn Hubert Library room 150 at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Directed by Julian Schnabel, “Before Night Fall,” based on the autobiography of writer, poet and novelist Reinaldo Arenas, played by Oscar-winner Javier Bardem, chronicles his life from his childhood in Cuba to his death in New York City.

The movie explores Arenas’ struggles as a renowned writer when his writing and his homosexuality gets him in trouble with Fidel Castro’s Cuban regime. During his two year incarceration, he writes letters for other inmates and smuggles out a novel.

“The film presents one person’s strength and integrity as he stood up to the government’s censorship and oppression,” said Lauren Christos, the reference librarian for the Glenn Hubert Library.

Directed by Vilgot Sjöman, “I Am Curious (Yellow)” is a 1967 Swedish film about a woman, Lena Nyman, of the 60’s who is a political activist that challenges traditional values on the issues of militarism, social equality and sexual liberation.

The film was seized by U.S. Customs and released in the U.S. only after the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned the ruling of a lower court in Massachusetts, where the film was originally banned.

“It’s interesting because it shows the fact that the film was appealed and the Court’s overturned it because it was the right decision,” said Christos.

Aside from the Banned Books Film Festival, there are plans for a general film festival to be hosted by the Glenn Hubert Library that would start around the month of November.

“We’ve had library-sponsored film festivals from the late ’90s to the early ’00s, but there were a number of problems because of bad equipment and stuff like that,” said George Paez, BBBC librarian.

The films that Paez would like to showcase in the revitalized film festival includes specific genres like science fiction, as well as films from foreign countries like Japan so that FIU students can be exposed to movies like Fritz Lang’s “Metropolis” and Akira Kurosawa’s “Seven Samurai.”

“We are in the planning process now to finalize the film festival and we would probably start with film-noir by showing films like Billy Wilder’s “Double Indemnity,” Pearson said.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Left to right: Daniela Piedrahita, freshman criminal justice, Meghan Gabb junior, psychology, purchase baked goods from Chrys -

Obama urges congress to act

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President Barack Obama revealed his American Jobs Act of 2011 before a joint session of congress on Sept. 8th along with a new mantra, “pass this bill right away.”

“There should be nothing controversial about this piece of legislation. Everything in here is the kind of proposal that’s been supported by both Democrats and Republicans,” said Obama during his address.

However, despite the President’s sense of urgency on the so-called noncontroversial bill, roughly a month later Obama has yet to convince the democratic-led congress to pass his $447 billion dollar plan and now Obama wants congress to take action and vote on the bill by the end of October.

“It’s been several weeks now since I sent up the American Jobs Act, and as I have been saying on the road, I want it back. I am ready to sign it,” said Obama to reporters before a cabinet meeting on Monday.

Since his address, Obama has been touring the nation to garner support for his bill, but he kept away from the democrats, visiting republican-led states such as North Carolina, Colorado and even the swing state Ohio.

The five-part bill designed to get Americans back to work will provide tax cuts to small businesses; modernize at least 35,000 public schools across the nation; prevent teacher layoffs and keep cops and firefighters employed; provide tax cuts for working Americans; and a reform to unemployment benefits are just a few of the aspects of the bill, all of which Obama asserts will not add to the deficit.

Obama’s half trillion dollar bill, which heavily focuses on tax cuts for the working class and government spending in areas like infrastructure, relies mostly on collecting taxes from mega corporations and the wealthy to cover its cost.

“Torn on the issue of taxing the rich Stephanie Gutierrez, freshman, believes it’s something that needs to be done. “It’s one of those options, you’re doomed if you do, and doomed if you don’t. At least this way, you are benefiting the American people,” said Gutierrez.

House Majority Leader Eric Cantor told CBS News on Monday that the house will not pass President Obama’s bill in its entirety, despite the White House calling for “all or nothing” on the bill. Whether the bill is passed in its entirety or not, Gutierrez hopes that something is done to improve job opportunities in the country.

“We are in school preparing ourselves to go out into the work force and jobs are very competitive, so with the passing of this bill, I feel it creates more opportunities so it would better our chances of finding a job,” said Gutierrez.

If Obama has his way, the fate of the American Jobs act of 2011 will be determined by the months end but until then, Gutierrez and others who hope to find better job opportunities will be waiting on congress’ decision.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kompa Night
- Time: 9:00 p.m.
- When: Sept. 6
- Where: Ballrooms

Breast Cancer Walk
- Time: 9:00 a.m.
- When: Sept. 9
- Where: 3201 N. Miami Ave.

National Coming Out Day
- Time: 10:30 a.m.
- When: Oct. 11
- Where: Panther Square

BBC Food and Rec Expo
- Time: 10:00 a.m.
- When: Oct. 24
- Where: BBC Campus