FIU ends losing streak at Akron

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The losing streak stopped at two games as the offense scored three rushing touchdowns in their victory over the Akron Zips on Saturday, Oct. 8. The game stayed close the whole way through, and both players and head coach Mario Cristobal said they knew it wasn’t their best game.

They allowed just 157 yards on passing to quarterback Clayton Moore in the 27-17 win, after giving up over 200 yards in each of their last two games.

Sophomore running back Kedrick Rhodes finished with 22 carries for 126 yards and one touchdown in the victory.

“After watching the film, we knew that we could run the ball and we could move the ball,” said Rhodes. “It wasn’t our best football; we could have capitalized more... if we critique some of our mistakes we would have got at least five touchdowns.”

The win brings the Panthers to 4-2 halfway through the season and ends non-conference play with a 3-1 record. They now finish off the second half of the season against Sun Belt teams, with four road games and just two at home.

“Right now we are going into the most important part, I know I sound like a broken record when I say this every week, it really is and now the urgency and meaning behind each and every game as it relates to the conference just gets greater and greater.”

The Panther defense smothered the Akron run offense on the first two possessions, only giving up 12 yards of offense in that span. However, Akron running back Jawon Chisholm, who sat out the first two drives, came in on the third possession and got 27-yard run that was followed by a 19-yard pass from Clayton Moore to Keith Scmier. That set up Chisholm for a 1-yard rushing touchdown in the third quarter, and he finished with 22 carries for 126 yards and one touchdown in the victory.

Mary Jo Trepka, associate professor in the Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work, was notified on Sept. 26 that she received the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers.

The award is given in the “early stages of their independent research careers.”

Obama said in a White House press release, “It is inspiring to see the innovative work being done by these scientists and engineers as they ramp up their careers—careers that I know will be not only essential but have the potential to have a positive impact on so many of our lives.”

Two officers from the Miami-Dade Police Department and K-9 unit search for the suspect at FIU Stadium on Oct. 7.
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only personally rewarding but also invaluable to the nation.”

The award was originally established by former
President Bill Clinton in 1996. It is the “highest
honor bestowed by the United States government
on science and engineering professionals.”

“I don’t know why they chose my project,” Trepka
said, “[but] I’m happy they like it.”

“All of us in the [college] are thrilled to have one of our faculty
members recognized by the United States for her exemplary
research,” said Dr. Michele

Ciccazzo, interim dean of the college, in an email to
Student Media.

Ciccazzo said the school “was thrilled, but not
surprised.”

“Dr. Trepka has consistently demonstrated remarkable
efforts in research,” Ciccazzo said.

Trepka’s research involves trying to under-
stand why African-Americans
die more quickly once diagnosed with AIDS
than other races. Trepka
looked at three factors: poverty, racial segrega-
tion at the residential level and rural versus urban
environments.

“Material deprivation is the main reason why
African-Americans die faster,” Trepka
said.

After collecting data from the Florida Depart-
ment of Health from the time when
Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy –
standard AIDS medica-
tion – was first sold to the
public, Trepka believes
that “African-Americans
didn’t get the AIDS medica-
tion] as quickly as non-
Hispanic Whites and there is
still a gap.”

“Because there is a higher percentage of poverty among African-
Americans living with HIV than there is among non-
Hispanic Whites living with HIV,” Trepka said,
“a higher percentage of African-Americans did
not get the medication initially.”

She is currently looking at other factors independ-
ently associated with survival.

“I think that when [HAART] were first available, people who
were wealthier and more educated had better
access to the new thera-
pies,” Trepka said in an
e-mail. “Then the therapies became the standard of
and were more widely available.”

Trepka’s research is the first conducted at the state
level.

“There is a waiting list for the AIDS Drug Assis-
tance Program, so we do
have a problem with people in
Florida getting their medication,” Trepka said.

The National Institute of Minority Health and Health
Disparities, an institution
within the National Insti-
tute of Health, nominated
Trepka for the award last
year. She submitted a grant
application for her research in September 2009 and

was granted funding for five years, in April 2014. The grant was origi-
nally for $1.35 million.

“It was a very long process,” Trepka said. “I’m happy for FIU and for my
college.”

Also working on the research are doctoral students Khaleeq Lutfi and
Elena Pavlova.

“The research is very interesting and it is in an
area of public health that could use some improve-
ments,” Lutfi said in an email to Student Media.

“At the moment, data cleaning is my focus.”

Trepka graduated with her bachelor’s in chem-
istry and German from Grand College, attended the University of Minne-
sota Medical School and completed her master of science in public health
at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center.

She went on to work in several places, including
as an epidemiologist in Munich, Germany.

“I’ve been interested in studying HIV and
other STDs for a long time,” Trepka said. “I was aware of the [date] risks
from working in disease prevention.”

Trepka also worked in the Miami Health Depart-
ment in 1998 and entered academia in 2003. Trepka currently teaches infectious Disease Epidemiology and HIV/AIDS epidemiology at
the University at the graduate level.

“A community is only as healthy as its unhealth-
est areas,” Trepka said.
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**Back on Track**

Rhodes, Perry combine for three touchdowns in victory

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**Bjelica powers straight sweep over rival Florida Atlantic**

**Golden Panthers keep head high and their season has been on the rise.**

**Volleyball responded to the challenge in convincing fashion.**

**Rico Albarracin**

**Asst. Sports Director**

After cancelled practices and heavy criticism from head coach Daniela Tomic, the Golden Panthers were faced with a tough challenge; get back to their winning ways.

The volleyball responded to the challenge in convincing fashion. FIU defeated FAU in straight sets (25-22, 25-23, 25-17) to put an end to their two-game losing streak.

"This shows that this team has the capabilities of performing and that’s why it’s so frustrating when they don’t," said Tomic. "I felt the team performed well. We really needed this." The Golden Panthers rebounded after two devastating losses to Western Kentucky and Middle Tennessee, both Sun Belt Conference rivals. Leading the charge was junior outside hitter Jovana Bjelica with 20 kills and eight digs, while junior Marija Prsa added seven.

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**Rhodes, Perry combine for three touchdowns in victory**

FlU’s running back duo of Kedrick Rhodes (above) and Darriet Perry helped FIU end a two-game losing streak, combining for 211 rushing yards at Akron.

The Zips had one last try at a touchdown run to put the Zips up 7-3.

FIU turned the ball over twice in the game, one off a fumble from wide receiver Wayne Times, and another from an interception by quarterback Wesley Carroll.

Carroll, who had not thrown an interception all season, got picked off by Johnny Robinson in the endzone early in the second quarter. Akron had zero interceptions coming into this game.

"Bad read on my part. The defensive back made a good read on it, and it was good that our defense was able to hold them after that and they didn’t score any points off it," said Carroll.

Akron was not able turn the turnover into points and when FIU got the ball back, they got their first touchdown of the game with a 2-yard run from senior running back Darriet Perry, making it the all-time leading rusher for touchdowns in FIU history with 25, passing previous record holder Rushard Smith.

The Zips had one last try at scoring in the second quarter, but turned it over on an interception from quarterback Clayton Moore, picked off by safety Terrance Taylor. FIU took the ball to the Akron 4-yard line, but came out with only a 21-yard field goal from Jack Griffin again, giving the Panthers a 13-0 lead at the half.

On the third possession of the second half, FIU finished off a six-play, 81-yard drive that started at their own 19-yard line and ended with a one-yard run from Rhodes putting them up 20-10.

The Zips kept it close with a 15-yard scramble by Moore into the endzone making it a three-point game going into the fourth quarter.

Perry put the game out of reach with his second touchdown run to put the Zips up 27-17 with 12:38 to go in the game.

The Panther defense held the Zips scoreless for the rest of the game to secure the win.

"I thought the defense did a really great job," said Chestnutt. "We’re starting to feel more comfortable with some of the multiple packages."

"Sometimes the result just doesn’t fall."

The Golden Panthers are still looking to improve because they do not want to miss opportunities, and each shot is crucial.

"We know we have the teeth to battle, we just have to execute on the attacking half of the field," added Chestnutt. "We have to execute more and that’s the bottom line."
kills and 10 digs. Bjelica mentioned that the team talked, in a player’s only meeting earlier in the week, about what needed to be done against FAU.

“We had to be more of a team,” said Bjelica. “We have some of the best individuals in the conference, but we needed to play like a team, and that was our focus.”

Tomic tinkered with the line-up, starting freshman outside hitter Paola Ortiz at libero, giving Chanel Araujo, the team’s libero, the night off.

Tomic also inserted redshirt freshman setter Jessica Egan into the starting line-up, replacing her in the second set with redshirt junior Renelle Forde. When asked if the changes were long term, Tomic said it was all based on performance.

“Nothing is permanent,” said Tomic. “Nothing is set in stone. It’s all a matter of who’s playing well and who wants it more.”

FIU held tough in the first set, as the Owls did not let the Panthers pull away with their lead. Bjelica led the charge with seven kills.

The biggest lead was three for the Panthers, 18-15, forcing FAU to call a timeout. Both teams traded points towards the end of the set, coming from Bjelica kills and blocks from middle blockers Sabrina Gonzalez and Andrea Lakovic. A block by Bjelica and Prsa gave the Golden Panthers the first set, 25-22.

Struggling to convert easy plays, the Golden Panthers fell behind early in the second set. Down 7-2, coach Tomic called a timeout to prevent FAU outside hitter Thacilli Pereira from causing more damage.

Just when FIU scored points to climb back into the game, the Owls forced the Golden Panthers into errors, keeping the deficit at five.

Forde replaced Egan at the setter position, providing help for Gonzalez to block shots. Solid defense and FAU unforced errors helped the Golden Panthers climb back into the game, tying the set at 17. Teams trade points and timeouts to prevent each other from gaining any momentum.

A powerful kill by Bjelica and an error by the Owl’s Pereira, finished the set in the Golden Panthers’ favor, 25-23. The change at setter was a shift in momentum for FIU.

“Having two setters works for us,” said Tomic. “It causes the other teams to change their gameplan on the fly. It changes the momentum.”

FIU ran on all cylinders in the third set, quickly building a 10-point lead. The Owls struggled to return serves, causing errors for FAU and easy points for the Golden Panthers.

At one point, the Owls were able to cut the deficit down to six, but it was too little, too late. With the Panthers leading 23-17, Lakovic gained two kills, one scored against two Owl defenders and the second on an assist from Pena, to finish off the set and the match for FIU.

One aspect that was mentioned by the players about the win was focus.

“It is something that the team lacked in their two game losing streak, and the players about the win was focus. It is something that the team lacked in their two game losing streak, and the players about the win was focus.”

“We don’t focus, we don’t compete,” said Prsa. “We lacked energy, which we played with today. That’s what we need for next weekend.”

The maintained level of consistency can be credited not only to captains Amber Williams and Victoria Villa, but more importantly to their head coach Trevor Alfred.

“More than a new sense of pride and urgency that these women have,” said Alfred. “There’s a new sense of pride and urgency that these women have.”

“In their season opener, FIU did not let off the brakes and a lot of players got much needed experience with a chance to be inserted into the fire. Playing the prestigious University of Miami, FIU’s women’s rugby team defeated the Hurricanes by a score of 36-7 on Oct. 1. The team played as one, using great communication and discipline throughout the match.

The Panthers, who have helped add a new sense of culture for sports clubs at FIU, have seen their ups and downs. Rugby was once a game that was not accepted, or understood.

It was a game that not many schools played. Once a program that was in the ashes while starting to begin, the Panthers are now on the upswing of their program.

“If you’re consistent, you’re good, we tell our players that all the time,” said team president Alejandra Torres. “Rugby is about communication, dedication and heart,” she added.

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Junior Sydney Carter added: “We’re getting more out of practice than we did before, making us a better team to defeat everyone we play against.”

The team understands that the time is short and the moment needs to be seized. Initializing new game plans and better coaching plans have greatly contributed to their success.

“We have more discipline, more practice, better nutrition, and we’re working on individual skills,” said Torres. “A more defined coaching plan made us a better team and made a better coach.

“A lot of people are taking notice in how the team is playing. Hustle plays and energy is what excites and fuels the ladies as they make tackles and control the game,” she added.

The point of excitement for the team is through the roof, and they are currently looking for new players to help carry their new level of play.

“We’re a family. We have coaches who are like our fathers, we have the men’s rugby team who are like our brothers and us [teammates] who are sisters,” said Carter.
MUSEUM BEAT

Season features opposite forces

The Frost is planning several projects that will feature collaborations between the museum and other departments at the University.

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This fall, the Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum will be presenting the two-opposite forces of nature and technology.

The University is among the lucky few to have a museum that is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution. Year after year, the Frost Art Museum at the Modesto Maidique Campus opens its doors to students and presents them with engaging series and exhibitions by both classic and contemporary artists.

With the current semester well under way, the museum has been working hard on putting together a cohesive and appealing fall season that has something to offer to everyone.

“Some of the highlights include our Breakfast in the Park with Joel Perlman and the Target Wednesday After Hours. Exhibitions are “2iPM009” by Magdalena Fernandez, The Florida Artist Series featuring Humberto Calzada’s “The Fire Next Time” and “Modern Meals: Remaking American Foods from Farm to Kitchen.”

As part of the Wolfsonian Reading Gallery at the Frost, this exhibit explores the role of technology and design, focusing on how those elements impacted the production, selling, cooking and consumption of food in the late 1940s. The exhibit includes over three dozen pieces, including posters, advertisement, prints, kitchen appliances and tableware.

In addition to the exhibitions scheduled for this fall, the museum has plans to work with other organizations both on and off campus.

“We do have collaborations planned. We are collaborating with Global Initiatives for our Movies on the Lawn. We are also collaborating with Athletics, Student Government, the Lawn. We are also collaborating with Athletics, Student Government Organization and College of Architecture and the Arts with our new visiting artist program featuring Michael Genoves’s P.S. Project,” explains Delgado. “It’s a highly collaborative project and engages both the FIU community and the outside community as well.

“We have an incredible season lined up,” said Delgado. “There is something for everyone. There is something for everyone. We have an incredible season lined up.”

Remembering Steve Jobs

Students reflect on the infamous innovator of Apple

I believe Steve Jobs was one of the greatest innovators and visionaries of our time. An irreplaceable genius. This is obviously visible through the numerous effects of a company that has changed the very ways in which we live our ordinary lives - Apple has been a revolution on its own.

Jose Nava Lujambio, Junior, Architecture

To hear that he died actually upset me. Even though I didn’t know him personally, I feel like I have lost someone important in my life. He contributed so much to technology and advanced our generation. He will always be remembered as the person whose advancement in technology affected us all.

Mayba Torres, Sophomore, Hospitality management

It’s regrettable to see such a visionary, ambitious and genius mind pass away. I have to thank Steve Jobs for giving me the tools to portray my art through photographs and music as I do with the iPhone and the iPad. A legend has died today but his legacy will be carried all the way through history.

Alejandro Carrizales, Sophomore, Marketing

When Steve Jobs died, it made me think about how someone most people had never met before, could have such an impact on everybody. He made Apple what it is today, and without him, I probably wouldn’t be using an iPod or MacBook. His death is extremely sad.

Emily Harris, Junior, Accounting

FISTFULS OF TECH

Steve Jobs 1955-2011

We lost a crazy one. A misfit. A rebel. A troublemaker. Steve Jobs left behind a legacy that will reach far beyond the average lifespan of a human being.

Jorge Valens, Columnist

He left a legacy that people hold in their hands, sit in front of and interact with on a daily basis.

Steve Jobs 1955-2011

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**With many comedies to choose from, a few standout**

The newest boutique to be showcasing at the 10th annual FIU Fashion Show, hosted by the Phi Sigma Sigma ladies; Janelle’s Wishing 101.

**Fashion show gives back**

The 10th annual FIU Fashion Show, hosted by the ladies of Phi Sigma Sigma, is being held on Oct. 25 at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables at 8:30 p.m.

**Most influential, misfit**

But that’s a visionary. That’s what visionaries do. Jobs stood on stage defiantly proclaiming that he knew what consumers wanted and that the only way to make a successful product was to not take shortcuts, to design to simplify and create some-thing that he would want to use. When recruiting then Pepsi Co. President John Sculley to be CEO of Apple, Jobs boldly asked him if he wanted to “sell sugar water for the rest of your life or come with me and change the world?” Jobs did just that. He changed the world. So as we sit around

**GIVING BACK**

HEATHER ARMAS
Staff Writer

The main goal is to raise money for these philanthropies as well as awareness and prevention.

Kristina Puma, Fashion show director

Speaking on the experience of being involved in the fashion show, Puma said, “This is actually my first time working on the show; it has been a rewarding experience thus far knowing the opportunity I’ve been given to give back to the community.”

Monique Rodriguez, the 2011 assistant director also spoke on the experience of working on the fashion show. “As assistant director for the 2011, 10th Annual FIU Fashion Show, I have been contacting local vendors to invite them to participate in the fashion show - whether it be through a monetary donation, services or any product donation they would like to provide us with. Among this year’s local sponsors are Misha’s Cupcakes and RA Sushi to name a few.

Needless to say, as the date approaches, my position will require me to help Kristina Puma to fine-tune all the details ranging from decorations to sponsorships in order to ensure a successful event.”

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2011**

**JOB SEARCH STRATEGIES WORKSHOP FOR BUSINESS STUDENTS:** Find out about the process for putting together an effective job search strategy. WHERE: 10-11 a.m.

WHERE: MMC CBC 123

**GUEST SPEAKER: IVONNE CUETO, SUPERVISING ATTORNEY FOR THE MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC DEFENDERS:** Ivonne Cueto is a Supervising Attorney for the Miami-Dade Public Defender’s Office and is the Director of the Teen Ministry Department. She is an alumnus of Florida International University and is also the Director of the South Florida Legal Community. Ivonne will talk to FIU students about her role in the law and a career as a public servant.

WHERE: 2-3 p.m.

WHERE: MMC CBC 123

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011**

**NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY:** Come out, come out, wherever you are! This year Stonewall Legal Rights is putting out against anti-LGBT bullying. Please stop by our table to view videos of the “It Gets Better” Campaign, and for information on how you can make a difference.

WHERE: 4-6 p.m.

WHERE: MMC CBC 123

**WRITE TO CALENDAR@FIUSM.COM TO HAVE YOUR EVENT FEATURED!**
India is a country that buzzes with paradoxes: it has more cell phones than toilets; McDonald’s restaurants line the streets of the biggest cities, but sacred cows live on the streets, too.

Despite the fact that India seems to contradict itself relentlessly, its middle class is growing exponentially. As India continues to be the modern and ancient contemporaneously, more and more young, highly educated Indians are flocking back to India after being educated in America’s universities. The return to India helps to demonstrate the phenomenon of international students who leave America once they have their degrees.

Ana Sippin, director of the office of student and scholar services at the University, said that in Fall 2010, according to the most recent data available, there are 224 Indian students studying at this University. While this a small number in comparison to the over 40,000 students attending the University, in 2009 The Economic Times reported that there were 95,000 Indian students studying in the United States. In addition to fixing the American economy, it is also key that immigration issues concerning visas and residency be quelled so students have an opportunity to stay here after graduation.

India is entering a historic time of excitement and hope in the future. This is contrasted with the States’ uncertain and grim economic future.

According to the BBC, “The return of highly skilled and educated graduates might be seen as a boost for India, but it is also a concern to America. Some 52% of Silicon Valley’s startups were founded by immigrants, according to research conducted by researchers from Harvard and Duke universities.” The article appropriately goes on to reference President Barack Obama’s concern that the need be focus on retaining educated international students as asset to the American workforce and to America’s commitment to innovation.

It is unfortunate that America is proving to be incapable of competition with countries whose economies are thriving and whose middle classes are growing instead of shrinking.

The middle class that continues to emerge politically and economically is one of the reasons for the exodus back to India and while it is exciting that India is growing, the loss of international scholars to America is a detriment. Furthermore, India’s rapidly emerging middle class contrasts America’s shrinking one. According to The Economic Times, “the percentage of the middle class in the country’s total population will increase to 20.3 per cent by 2015-16 and 37.2 per cent by 2025-26.”

The state of the American middle class according to Michael Snyder, writer for “The Economic Collapse,” is far more abysmal. “We once had the largest, most vibrant middle class in the history of the world, but now way too much unemployment, way too much inflation, way too much greed and way too much debt are all staring to catch up with us. America is changing, and not for the better.”

As India, as well as other countries’ develop rapidly, America’s economy must become as competitive as it once was or we risk losing future scholars.

“Borderless with Brooklyn” is a biweekly column examining world events.
Student luncheon makes move to Kovens Center

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The School of Hospitality and Tourism Management at The Biscayne Bay Campus has consistently ranked as one of the top hospitality management schools in the country, earning international recognition, and their Food Production Center is one of its notable programs.

With over 80 courses, students learn how to start, manage and expand successful organizations within the field, and it all culminates in the grand finale, the Food Production Course, an advanced capstone course that takes place every semester for graduating seniors.

The course requires students to run a restaurant on campus and alternate holding restaurant positions such as, dining room manager, waiter, and hostess.

The course, which once took place inside of HTM 129, has now moved to the Kovens Conference Center for a one-year period due to renovations.

The center now housing the course is a ballroom designed primarily to serve as a place to conduct meetings for FIU and the general public.

According to Mohammad A. Qureshi, assistant dean of the HTM, students and professors were faced with a few obstacles with the move.

“The first challenge was to fix all the equipment in the Kovens kitchen to make sure we could use it for instructional purposes,” Qureshi said. “The kitchen is smaller than the equipment was not all designed for teaching purposes, therefore about a year ago we started to make some modifications and bought a new grill and fryer. Those changes are still in progress.”

Some students agree with Qureshi’s sentiments.

“With all these adjustments taking place, Qureshi explained the purpose of the renovation. For years from the South Beach Wine and Food Festival we had marked money set aside for the re-doing the restaurant including the front of the house, back of the house, new kitchen and new dining room. This dining room only sat about 60 to 70 people and was basically a make believe dining room.”

Christos Kantzavelos, senior hospitality major, found the difficulties in the technical aspect.

“The other restaurant in the HTM building is used for commercial purposes and has a space for each student to work in and is more familiar since this is open and more of a conference center,” Kantzavelos said. “At the other restaurant, we had an order and something to follow while at the Kovens we needed to figure out everything on our own the first day.”

With all these adjustments taking place, Qureshi said that the whole purpose of re-doing the restaurant was literally made difficult for us because the kitchen was basically made easy for us because the dining area was literally right next to the kitchen but in the real world, the kitchen won’t be right next to you and you have to deal with keeping things warm.”

Another highlight the class offers is that it is the only course at FIU that allows students to act as managers within the school.

“It makes you understand the rules you have to play and the importance of it,” said Adkins. “It allows you to see if you want to pursue a career in this in the future.”

Hubert Library to host open house for GIS Center

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The Biscayne Bay Campus will be opening its Geographic Information System Center at the Hubert Library on Oct. 8, and will have an open house, hosted by director of GIS Jennifer Fu on Oct. 11.

The new GIS Center will provide assistance and resources for research and teaching in all BBC FIU departments, disciplines, and units. The event will run from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Hubert Library in rooms 127 and 124. Students will meet the GIS staff and Advisory Committee, who will be providing information about GIS classes, programs and advantages, as well as answering specific questions.

The GIS Center will be equipped with 18 Personal Computer workstations; a Hewitt-Packard plotter printer, capable of printing maps and images up to 36 inches; an HP 42" scanner; and a 3-dimensional photogrammetry workstation. A Geocommons Lounge will be located in front of the GIS lab, offering maps and geographic references, new seating, and two gaming stations for students, faculty and staff.

The Chair of the Faculty Senate, Thomas Breslin, will be the keynote speaker of the event. He was an important supporter of the GIS establishment initiative at the Modesto Maidique Campus in 1998, having the vision of a library-based GIS department that would support research in all disciplines.

The Geocommons Lounge will be inaugurated with a map identification game competition, the first prize will be a $50 FIU Bookstore gift certificate, and the second prize will be a $25 Starbucks gift certificate.

The system provides any type of demographic or geographical information, being capable of presenting them in innovative ways, such as interactive maps.

“Faculty need to be aware and open to new trends, and GIS allows professors and students to understand and meet the needs for reality,” Fu said. “Such as the Everglades, for natural science studies, census statistics for urban planning and social science, and demographics or historical information of a city.”

Gis Facilities

Research Office
- Time: 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Where: BBC Library 127

Teaching Lab
- Time: regular library hours
- Where: BBC Library 124