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or Pollo Tropical, both located on West Flagler.

Leaving the building may not be an option for all students as they may not have a car and especially if it happens to be raining or incredibly hot and humid, which is common in South Florida most of the year.

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Serbia gets to be a candidate to join the EU

The European Union granted Serbia candidate status Wednesday but refused to set a date to begin formal accession talks into the 27-nation bloc until Serbia has made in terms of democratization and the one key priority ... the negotiations with Kosovo,” international war crimes court.

claiming the measure is unconstitutional.

facility. A federal judge in Orlando is mulling a lawsuit as much as $35 or didn't have easy access to a testing test because they couldn't afford the fee that can be deterred because they knew they would test

rectly.

We recommend that accession negotiations be available parking spaces for students across MMC.

“Supply is not our problem. Conveni- ence next to the buildings is always going to be a problem when you have 40,000 students and 8,000 faculty and staff at MMC and it’s the busiest time of the day,” he said.

Last year, students and faculty were given a new option: the PG5 parking. The problem for many students is that not there are enough parking spaces, but that they do not want to park far away from their classes.

“No, Students would prefer to get here when they want to get here—not early, not at drive to a parking spot near where they’re going to be able, get park, get out and go to their class. Unfortunately, that’s not a reality in a place that’s this big and this diverse,” he said.

According to Foster, the University is doing a lot to improve this alleged parking problem and has plans on building a new garage in the future.

“We are doing a lot. The Board of Governors has approved the funding for PG6, so there will be another 2,000 parking spaces. Once we decide on a site, it will take two to three years total.”

In the meantime, he suggests that students arrive to their classes earlier and find a good parking space nearby.

“If you have a 10 a.m. class, you’re going to have to get here between 8 and 9 to get a student parking space, because there are a lot of classes at 7, 8 and 9 a.m., and those students need to fill those spaces. The later you come, the farther out you’re going to have to go.”

Hernandez believes that the reason was faculty act the way they do in regards to parking is because of the lifestyle they are used to.

“As South Floridians, we are very accustomed to going into our driveway, park right there and walk into our house. I think that’s what we expect everywhere we go,” she said.

Foster would like the University community to understand that parking is going to be a problem that the department and the students need to compromise on.

“We can never build enough parking. At this University where, no matter what, whenever you want to come, you’ll be able to drive up wherever you want to go and park. That’s just not reality.”

LeMieux outlines campaign views

Former Republican Sen. George LeMieux on Wednesday outlined proposals

he'd support if voters send him back to Washington, including changes to Social Security and Medicare, allowing offshore drilling in the Gulf of Mexico, cutting federal spending to 2007 levels and getting rid of any federal regulation that isn't reauthorized by Congress.

LeMieux said the federal government’s unex- pired term and said the key to slashing into the federal deficit and debt is not just reducing spending, but creating jobs that will increase revenue.

“By growing our economy and controlling our debt, we are going to have a more pros- perous America,” LeMieux said.

Among ways he wants to help businesses: cut the corporate income tax rate from 35 percent to 25 percent, give a tax holiday to overseas companies that return to the United States, pass a law that would give tax credits in all states in the choice of whether or not they wanted to join unions and elim- inate the payroll tax for small businesses in Congress. The plan also legally ratifies them

On government spending, LeMieux said the retirement age to 69 to help reduce the cost of Social Secu- rity and Medicare benefits and to reduce benefits for wealthy retirees. He said changes shouldn’t affect people now aged 55 or older.

He also supports forcing all federal agencies to cut their budgets 10 percent and to freeze hiring. The federal government agency would be able to hire a new worker would be if two left. He also wants to see a ban on budget earmarks. On energy, LeMieux said he supports expanded drilling in the Gulf of Mexico, but not within 100 miles of the Florida coast, and other areas where it’s now not allowed. He also called for more nuclear power plants and for weakening the Envi- ronmental Protection Agency’s ability to stop oil, natural gas and coal production. He also criticized regulations on carbon emissions.

LeMieux is being chal- lenged by former State Rep. Adam Hasner, retired Army Col. Mike McGuillic, and former state education commissioner Craig Miller for the GOP nomi- nation to challenge Democratic Sen. Bill Nelson, who is seeking his third term. The Democratic campaign was underwhelmed with the 18-page policy paper LeMieux released.

“George LeMieux isn't saying anything new or inter- esting — in fact, a lot of these policies seem to be the same. Really, the only comment Democrats were that LeMieux announced on the first day of his campaign,” said Hasner spokesman Douglas Mayer.

McGuillic said LeMieux’s

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Theta Chi dominates Beta Theta Phi in shutout

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Contributing Writer

The first game of an intramural doubleheader between Theta Chi and Beta Theta Phi on Oct. 10 was a one-sided affair. Theta Chi came out with a 14-0 win, with help on both sides of the ball. The defense shines.

In the first half, Beta Theta Phi was unable to score on the Theta Chi's tough defense. Without any adjustments at the half, Beta Theta Phi capitalized on their mistakes.

After exchanging possessions five times, Theta Chi's quarterback, Javy Araque, found his stride. He completed a 15-yard pass to the left, followed by a slant pass through the middle for an additional 10 yards. Theta Chi's crowd began a rally for the score, cutting the lead to 1-0. At the start of second half, Beta Theta Phi threw an interception that was returned for a touchdown. Without any adjustments at the half, Beta Theta Phi looked out of sync and was unable to score on the Theta Chi's tough defense.

SIGMA ALPHA MU 14, LAMBDA THETA PHI 13

Lambda Theta Phi had a comfortable 13-0 lead at the half. Sigma Alpha Mu had other plans though. A literal last second comeback gave Sammy—Sigma Alpha Mu's nickname—a 14-13 victory.

Lambda Theta Phi started their first drive in style. Quarterback Juan Carbeo took a direct snap to the outside. A slant pass through the middle for an additional 10 yards. Carbeo took the snap, surveyed the field. With no one open, he was forced to throw a pass to the corner, giving the defense a chance to stop it.

The game was now tied and all Sammy had to do was convert the extra point, a very important missed opportunity. The rest of the FIU defense held strong against its toughest opponent of the year and the NCAA's top scorer, Mike Carbeo could find no rhythm, throwing an interception right before the half. Lambda Theta Phi capitalized on this mistake with a direct snap to Rivera, who ran it up the middle for 20 yards and the touchdown.

With second half adjustments, Sigma Alpha Mu came out firing. Carbeo completed three consecutive passes. He followed that up with a 25-yard quarterback scramble. An eventual pass interference call set up the team for the score, cutting the lead to six points.

With only 30 seconds left, Carbeo drove Sammy down the entire field as the crowd roared. Only 10 seconds remained on the clock as Carbeo took the snap and surveyed the field. With no one open, he tucked the ball and ran down the sideline for a touchdown.

The road ahead

FIU is now 1-2-1 in Conference USA, tied for fourth with Southern Methodist University with four points, which is their next opponent. The Golden Panthers will then travel to Tulsa on Oct. 19 to take on the Hurricanes at 7 p.m.
Golden Panthers take advantage of much-needed rest

Cam Newton continues to shine for fantasy owners
THE BEACON  THE HIGH LOW

MUSEUM BEAT

Curiosity encouraged

From left to right: “Column Trees” by Florencio Gelabert was a donation from a New York collector. It was added to the sculpture park in 2008, and is currently at Biscayne Bay Campus. Center: “Marty’s Cube” by Tony Rosenthal was one of the sculptures that could have been removed from Modesto Maidique Campus in 2006, but students petitioned to keep the sculpture on campus grounds. Right: “Tikkan,” a new sculpture in front of the Frost Art Museum, is gaining popularity.

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Though all the sculptures hold their own value in the collection, there are those that have grown a reputation for bringing luck and goodwill among students. Marty’s Cube by Tony Rosenthal, more affectionately called The Cube, is said to turn the tables of misfortune when a student spins the sculpture on exam days.

When monuments like The Cube were threatened to be taken away in 2006, students quickly rallied up petitions to defend all their rightful places on campus. These art sculptures were a loan to the University, Tikkun is said to turn the tables of misfortune when a student spins the sculpture on exam days.

Cup brings students together

ANGEL VALLEJO
Staff Writer

With the smell of barbecue in the air, softballs and footballs being tossed around, it is easy to envision a barbecue in honor of Christopher Columbus Day.

The Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine and the College of Law held a gathering in which both colleges competed in three events, and the winner was to be crowned Dean’s Cup champ.

“Today is all about fun,” said Ed Gesio, a law student.

The three contested events were kickball, softball and flag football; the winner of two out of three would go on to win the Dean’s Cup.

Although a championship was at stake, students seemed to have a much more relaxed approach to the event.

Time and time again students would mention that this event was all about fun.

“We won the football game in resounding fashion. The score, I don’t know, but it was a lot to a little,” said Gesio.

Gesio was very confident that the College of Law beat the College of Medicine by a score of 21-7 to claim the first event.

The kickball game was a nail-biter.

“The high low

Remake still dances

With Hollywood seemingly running out of movies to remake, I would not blame you if you think the remake of “Footloose” is going to be atrocious.

However, “Footloose” is a surprisingly entertaining movie that would make anyone fall in love with the reverend’s daughter, Ariel (Julianne Hough). If you are walking into this movie expecting something different, do not count on it, because “Footloose” is basically the same story, except with modern music and some over-the-top choreography. Despite that, the movie is still fun to watch if you enjoy music and dancing.

Craig Brewer, the film’s director, is known for “Hustle & Flow,” which was infused with a great soundtrack and a familiarity with Southern culture. “Footloose” is no different.

“Footloose” does what the remake of “Fame” could not do: keep the spirit of the original movie intact. It truly shows in this movie that the filmmakers truly appreciated the original.

Brewer, who co-wrote the script with original “Footloose” writer Dean Pitchford, pays homage to the original 1984 film from the

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opening sequence that features Kenny Loggins’ “Footloose” and shots of some dancing feet to Ren’s “angry dance.” Brewer successfully gives the set a contemporary makeover that includes a fascinating reason why dance is prohibited in Bomont.

He also shows the importance of the adult characters in the story, especially with the characters played by Quinn and MacDowell. With a young cast that is completely unknown, each actor does a great job with their role. Several well-known young actors like Zac Efron and Chace Crawford proved they could play the role of Ren, the role that made Kevin Bacon famous, in Brewer’s film.

However, the role of Ren eventually went to Kenny Wormald, who used to be a trained dancer. Wormald does a decent job of filling the role with a convincing set of dance moves. Hough, who is best known as a dancer from TV’s “Dancing with the Stars,” could have been worse in her first film role. Even though it is better than any acting you can find on MTV shows, she does what she can with the role — whether it is crying her eyes out, flirting with Ren or performing some tantalizing dance moves. Miles Fisher provides some much needed comedy relief as Ren’s sidekick, Willard, especially in the scene where Ren is trying to teach Willard how to dance. John Lithgow’s performance as Rev. Moore was one of the highlights of the original “Footloose,” despite the somewhat over-the-top delivery of his dialogue. Quaid is a bit stiff at first when the movie starts, but he really shines in the final act by delivering some strong, dramatic acting.

Brewer has directed films that involved music as well as dance — whether it is hip-hop and rap in “Hustle & Flow” or the Mississippi Blues movement in “Black Snake Moan.” “Footloose” not only offers covers to the songs that were featured in the original movie, but there is also a variety of different music that includes metal, country and Memphis blues.

“Footloose” is the same old song and dance, but the movie is nothing more than harmless fun with a good soundtrack and some fantastic dance sequences. Reel to Reel is a weekly movie review column. Look for it every Friday this fall.

“Footloose’ does what the remake of ‘Fame’ could not do”

Medical and law students blow steam at inaugural event

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biter. The College of Medicine won by a narrow margin of 2-0. The competition was tied up at one event for each college.

The deciding factor in determining the Dean’s Cup champ was softball.

The softball match turned out to be a battle of will. The College of Medicine won an exciting softball game by a score of 11-7 and was crowned the Dean’s Cup champ in its inaugural year.

After a brief celebration, everybody returned to the true spirit of the event, which was to have fun and gain a sense of community. Many of the students at the event were new to the Panther community.

Law student Emmanuel Caros, a former student of Florida State University, believes events like the Dean’s Cup are a great way of bringing the community together.

“I think some cool things are happening to FIU. It’s really becoming a really good school, and things like the Dean’s Cup are a great way of bringing the community together,” said Caros.

Students from the College of Medicine were also enthusiastic about the event and relished the opportunity to be a part of the community.

“I feel great about (being a member of the Panther community) — I love it here. The weather is nice, the people are nice,” said Dale Segal, a College of Medicine student from New York.

Still, other students have had an easier time than others assimilating to the University’s mission, “It’s pretty easy for me. I have friends down here (in Miami), so I kind of joined up with them. But aside from that, the college is really open, so it’s easy to find your niche,” said Luis Carrillo, a first-year medical student.

Faculty members from both colleges were also present to enjoy the festivities. Many took part in the sporting events while others relaxed in the barbecue area. Tom Baker, a constitutional law professor, felt that it was great to have a big student turnout.

“This is a great event to get the medical students and the law students together. It’s a fun event, good food and friendly competition,” said Baker.

Baker believes that these kinds of events are necessary for students and faculty to relax after a long semester.

“The cliché is we work hard and play hard; that’s the whole idea of letting off some steam. Medical and law students work hard, so this is good for them to kick back and enjoy themselves,” he said.

One thing all students can agree on is that winning the Dean’s Cup is not as important as having fun.
In speaking repeatedly about the continuous wrongdoings of a particular person or entity, exposing frustration with their ceaseless short-comings, you run the risk of coming to consider them your enemy, even if you might not really care much about them beyond what professional boundaries within which you bump heads. Similarly, should you point to their mistakes and admonish their indiscretions only to then look away when they tend to your concerns and then make no mention of their progress, your criticism will soon fall mute as it becomes clear that, rather than a voice of vigilance, you are just an insatiable curmudgeon with than a voice of vigilance; you are mute as it becomes clear that, rather than keep them accountable to their mistakes and admonish their bump heads.

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Letter to the Editor

Article lacks credible support, research

I am writing in regards to the Oct. 5 editorial entitled “Democrats Using Religion as a Distraction.” [Based on my own political and religious beliefs, I found the article appealing on account of the complete absence of evidence. The author paraphrased one writer, Bill Keller, executive editor of the New York Times (not even quoting him directly), saying that “he compares the candidates’ religious beliefs to beliefs in UFOs while calling for harder hitting questions to find out exactly what they believe.” Not only does he not quote Keller directly, but he doesn’t even list Keller’s examples of what kinds of questions he wants to see [as cited directly from Keller’s article:

• Do you agree with those religious leaders who say that America is a Christian nation? or a “Judaeo-Christian nation,” and what does that mean in practice?
• Would you have any hesitancy about appointing a Muslim to the American bench? What about an atheist?
• What is your attitude toward the theory of evolution, and do you believe it should be taught in public schools?
• Does the author not consider these appropriate questions?

The author of the editorial then proceeded to say his comments were one of many. Yet, no other examples were cited. Any decent journalist ought to have not only quoted Keller directly, but provide more sources to back his claim.
The author also claims that Bush’s religious beliefs were criticized. By whom, exactly? What beliefs are we even talking about here, his Meth- odist faith, or his claims that God told him to invade Iraq? He also claimed that Governor Rick Perry’s attendance of a prayer rally was “vulnerable to become the political scandal of the month.” He neglected to mention that Perry organized the rally, which is more than just attending. He also did not mention any of the reasons why people were objecting. For instance:

• The separation of church and state issues
• The Christians-only message and using the rally to convert non-Baptist Americans
• The backing and attendance of controver-sial groups

This is why people objected to Perry’s prayer rally. It wasn’t about him attending a prayer rally in and of itself (which, again, he didn’t just attend – he’s responsible for it).

Last, Democrats have been trying to address the economy and unemployment. The jobs bill for instance, [are] trying to protect funding for job training programs that Republicans want to cut. To claim that they’ve done nothing is inaccurate.

I was able to find all of the above links in 20 minutes (editor’s note: see info below).

Again, this is not about the article’s position, but rather the complete absence of evidence to support his point, relying instead on sweeping inaccurate generalizations. The author is enti-

Achievements thus fall far from the prior meetings. There was little texting to be seen, imminent student surveying, at least they spoke up and stayed focused.

sentiments, comes to consider him- or her a source of knowledge, but they are also responsible for the sway of laziness in any politician.

power and marinated in the sewage of political aspiration can breed little Nixonian mutants who will bend the rules and abuse their power to no end.

Ethics are quick to erode under the sway of laziness in any politician who, without a critic’s eye on their agendas, comes to consider him- or herself above consequence, invisible in their misdeeds and thus to under-

estimate the interest and intelligence of the people they represent.

The SGA is on a good track now, but we cannot lose sight of the fact that it has a hideously sketchy past. Ultimately, it is composed of human beings with agendas, jobs, classes, families and a limited stock of energy as the rest of us. We pay them to do a job, and we need to make sure they do it.

It is one thing to start out in SGA with energy and good intentions, another to keep them intact. As the semester progresses and the burdens of school, work and personal life start to tangle in a palimpsest of troubles, we come to distinguish between the senators who care and the ones just padding their resumes.

When, as a representative, it seems that the people you repre-

sent neither keep an eye on nor fully understanding the work that you do, a sense of freedom begins to accrue. Anonymity, for a mind of political aspiration, begets an inclination to shortcuts and ethical misadventures. Getting away with them builds ego, ego begets laziness and laziness, coupled with ego, lathered with

When, as a critic-whether in a newspaper column or a campus conversation-are confronted with the dissonance of knowing that your representatives may not be doing their job well, that they are being lazy or deceptive and ought to be revealed.

At the same time, you feel this reflexive kick of empathy, knowing that your senators also have mid-terms, quarrels with financial aid, headaches over traffic, a miserable time finding parking and a full load of classes, just like you and me. So, it feels less than compassionate to start grilling them for their short-comings in a position that would probably be difficult to completely satisfy, even if it was all we focused on.

However, just as the average English major marvels at the math major’s passion for numbers, and the math major weeps where an English major smiles, neither one understanding how the other can feel as they do, so too must we commumers marvel at and appre-ciate the fact that there are students who, sweating through all of the same sorts of collegiate hells that we do, still have the energy and interest to pursue government work, with all of its responsibilities and demands.

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Similarly, should you point to their mistakes and admonish their indiscretions only to then look away when they tend to your concerns and then make no mention of their progress, your criticism will soon fall mute as it becomes clear that, rather than a voice of vigilance, you are just an insatiable curmudgeon with than a voice of vigilance; you are mute as it becomes clear that, rather than keep them accountable to their mistakes and admonish their bump heads.
Field resolution tabled; SJMC Senator appointed

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The Student Government Council at the Biscayne Bay Campus has moved the resolution to renovate the various recreational fields across BBC until the following senate meeting.

An ongoing process, which has seen two consecutive vetoes from SGC-BBC President, Denise Halpin, will be presented to her again before the next SGC-BBC Senate meeting on Oct. 17.

The issue is wording rather than content, according to Speaker of the Senate Pablo Haspel. A section of the resolution which mentions the words "bad field" had diction mistakes, which caused President Halpin to veto the resolution last week.

According to Haspel, Senator at Large Oluwatobi Adekoya drafted the original resolution, as further changes have been made in an attempt to appease Halpin’s concerns.

School of Journalism and Mass Communication Senator Appointed

Kevin Houston, a junior advertising major, was appointed as the School of Journalism and Mass Communication Senator by a vote of 4 to 1. A Palm Beach Community College transfer, Houston mentioned his goals of making improvements to The Beacon and Radiate FM prior to his appointment being voted upon.

However, it should be noted both The Beacon and Radiate FM are part of FIU Student Media, independent from the School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

‘Meet Your Dean’
to be held at BBC

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On Oct. 17, the Student Government Council at the Biscayne Bay Campus will be hosting ‘Meet Your Dean’ at the Wolfe University Center 223, at 12 p.m.

The event is being held as a means to bridge the gap between students and their respective administration.

As of Oct. 12, the School of Journalism and Mass Communication Dean, Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver; the Director of the School of Environment, Arts and Society, Michael Heithaus; College of Arts and Sciences Associate Chair, Jeremy Rowan; Undergraduate Education Assistant Dean, Valerie Morgan; Honors College Dean, Lesley Northup; and University Graduate School Dean, Lakshmi N. Reddi have confirmed to be present at the event.

All are welcome to attend. Food will be provided on a first come first serve basis.

EATING RIGHT

WEI DING, senior hospitality major, provides Bay Vista Housing residents with a healthy cooking and eating demonstration by preparing fajitas for those in attendance on Oct. 11.

Obama fundraising Orlando, met by protesters

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Associated Press

President Obama is raising money in central Florida Tuesday, even though the biggest source of money for him in the state has come from Miami and other areas of South Florida.

The president’s visit to the Orlando area includes a fund-raiser at a hotel in downtown Orlando and one at the home of attorney John Morgan. Professional basketball celebrities Doc Rivers, Grant Hill and Patrick Ewing are co-sponsoring the Morgan fund-raiser.

Even before Air Force One had touched down at Orlando International Airport, about 80 protesters had gathered outside the hotel with signs that read “Obama Done” and “Stop Spending.” The protesters ranged in age from college students to senior citizens.

Ron Sutton, 54, wore a T-shirt that linked Obama with Karl Marx and Vladimir Lenin.

“I’ve been waiting nearly three years to tell Obama about his failed policies,” said Sutton, a self-described independent.

Obama did have a few supporters, including a grade-school-age boy on a bicycle who held up a sign, “We love you, Mr. Obama.”

About 60 of the curious gathered at the closest public spot to Morgan’s mansion — an upscale strip mall about a half-mile away.

Yellow police tape marked off the entrance of the gated community where Morgan lives.

Office workers came straight from their jobs and some martial arts students were fresh from their class, still dressed in their white karate uniforms.

“I’m hoping just for a glimpse of the president,” said Brenda Anderson, 47, who was with her 9-year-old daughter, Zaria.

The crowd cheered when Orlando Magic star Dwight Howard, helmetless, drove by on a motorcycle emblazoned with a Superman ‘S.’

Obama has raised $1.1 million in Florida through June, the latest period for which detailed figures are available. The only places where Obama has raised more are California, New York, Illinois, Massachusetts, Texas and the District of Columbia.

Among possible Republican challengers, only Mitt Romney has raised more money in Florida — about $350,000 more than Obama.

Retirees represented the largest group of Florida donors to Obama followed by lawyers and executives. Romney’s biggest source of Florida donors were executives. While Romney has raised more money in Florida than Obama through June, Obama’s donors have come from a wider range of ZIP codes — 410 different ZIP codes versus Romney’s 270 ZIP codes. Florida has around 990 ZIP codes.