College engineering

Quarterback now off the field, hits the books

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When people think of an engineering student they might imagine a someone who doesn’t know the first thing about sports and couldn’t tell you any of last night’s scores. Paul McCall is nowhere near that stereotype. McCall, a former starting quarterback for the Golden Panthers football team, is outgoing, well-known at the University, has an athletic build and does not shy away from doing interviews or helping out a friend in need.

He is a huge sports fan and very active in physical activities. McCall said that being an engineering student has helped on the field while being a competitive athlete has helped him in his studies. He provided some advice to up-and-coming student athletes and said to go for the most advanced and toughest major they believe that they can be successful in.

“What would you do if you knew you couldn’t fail?” said McCall, who tells young student athletes to think about that when choosing a career path. “That’s going to set you up for the most success going into the future.”

“The year after you graduate, nobody cares how many touchdowns you have,” said McCall, a doctoral student in electrical engineering and a record-setting quarterback. He grew up in South Florida and received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in electrical engineering all while juggling both his studies and playing football at the University.

He made it through his studies with various scholarships and currently holds a National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship. He explained one of his toughest days while studying electrical engineering and playing football was when he was finishing his senior design project and he had training camp to get ready for the upcoming season at the same time.

“We had a week where we really had to cram and get ready for the senior design presentation and there were three nights that we just pulled all-nighters and went to practice in the morning,” McCall said. McCall said that he went through his entire bachelor’s and master’s degrees without telling his engineering professors that he was a football player because he didn’t want them to think he was looking for an easy ride through classes.

“You don’t see the hard work that it takes to be a quarterback, not just hard work on the field but in the film room and really that preparation.”

HUMAN RESOURCES

Faculty accommodating to changed retirement plan

ANAIA FIESTAS  Staff Writer

What one man considers a contribution, another considers a pay cut. A new regulation, which Gov. Rick Scott proposed earlier in 2011 and went into effect in July, requires all state employees to put three percent of their salaries toward retirement.

“A three percent contribution to our pension...we respond to that as a three percent cut in our benefits package,” said Thomas Breslin, chairman of the Faculty Senate, who represents the faculty on the Board of Trustees. The state of Florida will save $68 million a year with the new law. All state employees’ retirement benefit will be calculated based on an average final compensation over the last years of employment, instead of the last five years.

State employees did not contribute whatsoever to their retirement plans prior to July. As a result, Democrats, unions and teacher groups see the three percent requirement as a pay cut. However, Scott said it puts public and private employees on the same playing field.

“It is unfair for public sector employees to have a guarantee that the private sector does not,” Scott said.

Staff and faculty around the University are already feeling the bitter changes. One of them is Victor Uribe, associate professor of history. According to Uribe, if a professor makes $50,000 annually, he or she will have to pay $1,500 annually towards retirement—and the higher the salary gets, the more money employees will need to give away.

“With $1,500 I can pay gasoline for more than a year, buy groceries for three months or pay 10 electric bills. This is, alternatively, money I do not have to pay for clothes for my three children, or tutoring after school, or school supplies. In my case, any money taken away from my pay is money I cannot spend in the education of my children, home supplies, food, entertainment, culture, etc.,” said Uribe.

Uribe also believes one of the negative effects of the new bill is that professors and others have to change their lifestyle for the worse—refraining from going out to the movies, eating out or purchasing extra books.

“Frustration is in the air,” said Jim Callahan, professor of psychology. “It is unfair to the people with the least resources to pay more. The important people that are the ones that are going to need the retirement plan are also the people that are least able to pay.”

“Taxes are shrinking as we speak. This is because gasoline costs more, universities charge higher tuition, and groceries are not getting any cheaper. Notice the cheaper lunch available today, at FIU for example, is not $3.50 as it used to be back a few years ago—it is twice as much,” he added.

Math Professor Michelle Beer, also believes the new bill is completely ridiculous. She believes that all those affected will suffer greatly, for the bad economy itself has already negatively affected us.”

NATURE PRESERVE

Day of clean up also meant to provide education

MEHOR LEONOR  Contributing Writer

Equipped with shovels, hatches and wheelbarrows, students and staff members came out to the Nature Preserve and joined the ecological restoration project, clearing out trails and removing unwanted plants as part of the Nature Preserve Day.

“Daily downpours during the summer excite plant growth and when we come back to the fall semester, there is plenty of new plant growth that crowds over trails,” said Ryan Vogel, manager of the Nature Preserve and coordinator of the event. “We are doing this to clear trails so students, faculty and staff can utilize the trail and to facilitate transportation inside the preserve.”

The Nature Preserve Day provided a community service opportunity for many students, while also engaging them in a hands-on learning experience.

“Today and throughout the time that I’ve been volunteering, I haven’t just learned about native and invasive species, but also why we need to help clear out the preserve,” said volunteer Ana Gonzalez, sophomore health science major at a neighboring university.

Located on the western side of Modesto Maidique Campus, during its 33 years the preserve has provided students, faculty and staff with many educational and recreational services, attempting to instill environmental awareness in its visitors. The “preserve was established in 1978, therefore it’s older than most of the other structures here on campus,” Vogel said. “Most of the big trees you see were planted by FIU students many years ago. Most of what we see today is pretty young but has an important place in FIU history.”

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**SPORTS**

**FOOTBALL**

**Defending co-champions to face off at FIU**

JACKSON WOLEK
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The historic start of the season for FIU has now quickly turned into desperation mode with a recent loss to Arkansas State, which now places FIU three games behind first place Louisiana with five games remaining on the season.

When the Panthers face off against Troy on Oct. 25 at home at 8:05 p.m. on ESPN2, a win will keep first place within striking distance, while a loss will push a repeat of a Sun Belt championship even further back.

“We treat all games with extreme importance, but as things start to shake out, the awareness heights,” said head coach Mario Cristobal. “They are a good football team and in a very similar situation (2-4, 1-2 SBC), they’re talented and have won the conference for many years and I think still one of the best teams in the conference.”

Last year FIU went on a scoring spree by putting up 52 points against the Trojans on the road while on the way to a 52-35 victory. In a story on www.usatoday.com, Troy’s defensive tackle Tony Davis was quoted saying, “I still think about that, to the day. It would definitely be sweet revenge to go down there and beat them on national TV. It still leaves a bitter taste.”

“I think our tackles Rupert and Caylin won’t allow that. They’re pretty tough, so I think those two guys will lock them down,” sophomore running back Kendall Rhodes said.

Rhodes is the second leading rusher in the Sun Belt with 85 yards per game, and the Trojans have given up 173 yards per game on the ground this season.

“I get excited because I know in the back field we got a lot of points, so we can take advantage of that and make it even more, raise the bar,” Rhodes said about Troy’s rush defense.

This year, the offense is producing better numbers than last year with 26 points per game compared to 21, and quarterback Wesley Carroll has passed for 1,455 yards as well as the rushing attack gaining 1,002 yards.

Still, the Panthers have had trouble in the redzone all season long, getting in 12 out of 26 chances. Out of the 12 times they have scored a touchdown while in the redzone, 11 of them have been rushing, while only one has been a passing touchdown.

Troy, however, comes in with a redzone defense that has allowed 11 touchdowns, six rushing and five throwing, and six field goals out of a combined 19 chances. This makes them tied for the worst redzone defense in the conference with Middle Tennessee, allowing a score 89.5 percent of the time.

Offensively, quarterback Corey Robinson has helped the Trojans gain an average of 298 yards passing per game, which is 18th in the nation. Even so, he has thrown seven interceptions and just nine touchdowns thus far.

His favorite targets have been Eric Thomas (32 rec, 435 yards, 5 tds) and Corey Johnson (26 rec, 200 yards). The FIU defenses have allowed 231 yards per game and the air and eight passing touchdowns in seven games.

“We’re a hard working football team and we’re just going to continue to work hard,” said senior defensive back Jona- than Cyprien. “We have great defensive backs and a great defense, we’re just working hard, and we know we have a good football team coming in and we’re a good football team. We’re just ready to compete.”

**Progress not always a linear process**

**HISTORY**

Always gives the impression that progress follows a linear path. You go from step one, to step two, to step three, inexorably through time, achieving more and more with each subsequent step, ad infinitum.

To use an example from the field of biology, the perception that evolution is a constant state of small but significant improvements, leading inevitably and consist- ently to a larger and grander end point. The image of the simian walking forward, leading, step-by-step, stands out to me.

The “point a to point b” standard only works for high school geometry word problems, however. It fails to acknowledge the fits and starts, the real example of progress has contained.

The road FIU has taken over its 10-year path proves a perfect point for the fitful nature of any type of evolution.

**A HISTORY LESSON**

Let’s look back a little at FIU’s football history.

After the three most non- descript years as a Division I-AA school, FIU made the jump to Division I-A in 2005 and won five games, including three wins in its first season of Sun Belt Conference play.

In 2006 and 2007, we saw the team win one game combined, and while there were a lot of close calls, trust me when I say these teams deserved that fate. The lack of talent at the top levels, let alone when it came to depth, was astounding for a team trying to play at college football’s highest level.

FIU followed that up with a five-win 2008 campaign that included an overtime loss against rival FAU away from a bowl berth, and then an injury riddled three wins in 2009 season.

But finally – finally – FIU made the jump in 2010. Seven wins, the first conference championship and a slew of postseason accolades, culmi- nabing in a thrilling nationally televised bowl win.

And, as the FIU fan expected, it only continued at the beginning of the season: a 3-0 start; wins over a BCS automatic qualifying school; votes received in the AP national rankings!

“This was it,” thinks the FIU fan. “We’ve made it. There’s no turning back now! We can only go up from here!”

**NOT SO FAST**

It does not work like that. At least, it does not in this world, not without some serious luck.

FIU went 10-2 from Oct. 9, 2010, a win over Western Kentucky, to Sept. 17, 2011, the 17-10 win over UCF. That was a remarkable run for a Sun Belt team.

However, in what seems like the blink of an eye, FIU has won just one of its last four, including two close home

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**WOMEN’S SOCCER**

**Slut win extends streak to three games**

ANTHONY GUNAS
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With the regular season coming to a close, the Golden Panthers are finishing strong as they come off two immense wins against North Texas and Denver. Both of which are the top two teams in the conference.

Along with those two great wins, FIU’s own goalkeeper Kaitlyn Savage earned the SBC player of the week after shutting out both North Texas and Denver this past weekend.

Now the Golden Panthers come into play on Oct. 27 facing off against the ULM Warhawks, who are having a tremendous season with a 5-11-1 overall record and a 0-4-0 record in the SBC. ULM’s dismal season will continue, since FIU beat ULM 3-0 in Louisiana.

The good times kept rolling as the Golden Panthers not only notched their third consecutive win, but also made FIU history. With this adjudication, the Golden Panthers have proved that they are becoming one of the elite teams in the SBC.

That is a great accomplishment for our team as for this program… We certainly don’t want to stop at 10 games this year and we certainly don’t want to stop with three consecu- tive seasons. We will make it for next year,” said coach Thomas Chestnutt.

To achieve this accolade, the Panthers did so in stellar fashion. They went into Louisiana and did not give the Warhawks any breathing room.

The first half was where the Golden Panthers made their damage, as the team scored back- to-back goals in a matter of seven minutes.

In the 15th minute, sophomore Kim Lopez took a beautiful assist from Chelsea Leiva and drove it home to open the scoring and marking her first goal of the season. That shot was then a sign for things to come as two minutes later the Golden Panthers struck again.

In 15th minute, FIU lined up for a corner kick, which resulted in freshman Sara Stewart setting up a great ball for co-captain Victoria Militeuci, who then delivered a header. But ULM’s goalkeeper saved it but could not hold on to the ball, resulting in Militeuci capitalizing on her mistake.

FIU was then up 2-0 in the 1.5 minutes of play, but the Golden Panthers added another goal for extra measure in the 20th minute. Sopho- rine Chelsea Leiva nailed the final goal of the game after taking an assist from Deanna Rossi.

“I think the girls showed their maturity today, being ready and focused from the start,” Chestnutt said. “I think that has translated into three early goals,” Chestnutt said.

After starting off the season with some bumps on the road, the Panthers have been able to gain team chemistry and become a true contender to win the Sun Belt Tournament.

“The maturity that they had on this trip today, being ready and focused from the start, is a great accomplishment for our team,” Chestnutt said.

The Golden Panthers will now finish the season with the remaining two games being played at home. FIU will face off against Louisiana on Oct. 30 at 12 pm.
Tulsa hands slumping Golden Panthers tough road loss

The Golden Panthers have failed to win a game on the road so far this season, falling to 0-6 away from FIU.

BRANDON WISE
Staff Writer

Having dropped two of their last three matches, the Golden Panthers had a chance to pick up a much-needed win on the road against the Tulsa Hurricanes.

“It is tough to lose,” Eketebi said. “Especially coming off a great performance against UCF, who was number six in the country. I did not see the intensity and focus coming into this game that I saw in games prior.”

The Golden Panthers, led by former quarterback Paul McCall, are pursuing a career in engineering.

Paul McCall

It is the same thing you learn in engineering, you can’t just show up for a test, you gotta put the work in.” McCall said. “That really doesn’t work over very easily for me into football, because you can’t just show up to game day and expect to do well.”

“Having that structure of football when I came in off-time so the time you really don’t have too much time to do have has to be dedicated to school work. In that way football really structured my life coming into college.”

Since completing his master’s degree and ultimately leaving the Golden Panthers, McCall tells how his involvement in sports, particularly team sports, has changed considerably.

“Every now and then I get offers [to play in] flag football games or leagues, [but] I really try to stay away from contact sports these days,” said McCall. “Those things are too competitive; when you play Division I football, that’s the real thing, anything but that is literally just a game to me, it’s just for fun, and a lot of people tend to take flag football games very seriously and I’ve seen a lot of people get hurt.”

McCall continues to be active and stay healthy while keeping his body conditioned.

“If I graduated I had a lot of injuries, so I started training for triathlons and things like that, mostly swimming and running,” said McCall, “to heal a lot of long standing elbow, knee, and hip and ankle problems I had.”

“I run and ride bike and swim more than anything else now.”

McCall is currently working for a private engineering firm that deals with electronic testing devices for the heating, ventilation and air conditioning industry. He completed a co-op with the U.S. Department of Defense while finishing his master’s degree in summer 2009 and spring 2010.

McCall said he found many advantages to being an engineering student and an athlete for the University at the same time. He said employers recognize the time management skills needed to handle the workloads of both school and athletics, together which they look at as a positive and have a good sense of time management.

Don’t let disappointments distract from bright future

With the Golden Panthers failing to live up to its last start, proper perspective needed.

JEROME SNOO/The Beacon

Mario Cristobal had to pull this program 25 feet out of a ditch just to get to sea level, a place where he reached the last time he played tomorrow’s opponent, Troy, in 2010, a 52-35 stomping that served as FIU’s coming out game.

Where he takes the program from now until his contract runs out in 2016 is, obviously, still up in the air.

But one can’t help but worry that a handful of disappointments distract you from this, and the reality is: This Progress is rarely measured on a straight line.

Things will not always go according to plan and even one in a while, you might see a step back, or (three) after a long run forward, but compared to where FIU has been, it is hard to envision anything but an even brighter future.

You just might have to take a step back (or three) back to realize it.
It is a common misconception that musicians are born with all the talent they need to become successful. Carlos Hernandez, a sophomore studying music education, proves that a musician is a combination of an innate ability, passion and hard work.

As a lead member of the University’s marching band since his freshman year, the clarinet player has witnessed the growth that the ensemble has undergone and knows that there are even greater things ahead. “I want to be in [the] marching band when the ensemble reaches its peak, [when] the team and the band become one.”

In high school, Hernandez knew that he wanted to study at the University. His current saxophone professor, who had been his mentor since sophomore year in high school, had an enormous influence in his decision. “My namesake and mentor Carlos Hernandez has always been here to advise me wisely about my career and help me grow as a musician. His enthusiasm and love for his culture have brought me closer to my roots. I knew that he worked at FIU and I did not think twice about applying,” said Hernandez.

There were several other factors that made Hernandez lean toward the University. At the time that Hernandez was to apply, the Music Education program at the School of Music was considered the top in the state of Florida and Hernandez wanted his career to have a strong beginning in such a favorable environment.

“My namesake and former director of the department, Dr. Kathy Kerstetter, was someone who Hernandez admired and hoped to study and work with upon entering the University. However, Kerstetter left right before his freshman year. "FIU had everything I needed and wanted. My audition there was [my] best and most confident one. Even when Dr. Kerstetter left, I did not feel discouraged, but [I] knew that I would soon get a chance to meet her as it later happened. As of today, I feel that FIU is definitely the place where I belong and where I have come to go beyond my expectations."

The marching band at the University is a versatile and inspiring ensemble. Fans depend on the band to keep spirits up during sporting events, so band members feel the pressure to give their best performance every time.

Even though students get paid to be in the marching band, they still have to pay for the ensemble’s credits as a regular class. Members march arduously out of their passion for music. “To me, [being a part of the] marching band takes commitment and love. I do it because I want to and not for the money, which is nothing compared to the long hours we practice,” said Hernandez. The marching band practices three times a week from 6 p.m. to almost 10 p.m. at night. That is without counting the several performances they do every week and game days. These long hours of practice are a challenge to all members.

“Time management is the greatest challenge I have had to face. [The FIU] Marching Band practices are hard and tiring. Most of the people who are in it miss early classes sometimes because it does take a lot out of you. It is all about taking care of yourself.”

Carlos Hernandez, who is a music education major plays many instruments including the clarinet and saxophone.

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Though great strides are being taken to cure cancer, the truth remains that millions are affected by the several forms of the disease every year. This gives organizations like Delta Phi Epsilon the opportunity to join the fight against cancer by raising money.

Delta Phi Epsilon’s members are doing their part by raising money for the Lance Armstrong Foundation. Launched by Lance Armstrong - named one of the world’s best cyclists who was later diagnosed with cancer - the foundation has the mission of improving the lives of people affected with cancer.

On Oct. 13, the sisters of Delta Phi Epsilon held their fourth annual Livestrong walk at the University’s Modesto Maidique campus outside the entrance of the Graham Center. Delta Phi Epsilon initiated the Livestrong walk in the fall of 2008 in the hopes of raising money as well as cancer awareness.

In the year of the event’s debut, it raised over $10,000, which was donated entirely to the foundation. The sorority raised money through fundraising walks and sponsorships from local grocery stores and companies.

Some of the sorority’s contributions consist of a portion of their chapter dues and sponsorships.

After signing in for the event at the debut of the walk at 11 a.m., participants were guided by the sorority members around certain locations of the University while being informed about little known facts about cancer.

The three-hour event consisted of a walk around the Patricia and Phillip Frost Art Museum and in front of the Blue and Gold garages. Throughout the walk, participants had a stop where sisters shared important facts about cancer. This session was followed by the final part of the walk, which was spent in silence in remembrance of those who have either passed away or are currently battling cancer.

Besides the walk, the sisters held other activities during the event: a raffle offering prizes such as a free manicure and pedicure, a basket from Peace Love World, three baskets full of baked goods and a game of paint ball. The bonus raffle offered a one night stay at a hotel in Miami Beach.

To make the event more personal, the sisters made a commemorative banner where people were able to write “in memory of” or “in honor of,” followed by the name of a friend or family member who was affected by cancer.

At the end of the event, the sisters were thankful to everyone that showed up, sponsored and supported the cause. “Overall, it was a great turnout and we raised over $1,500,” said Luly Sanchez, a sorority member who was involved in the walk. The money raised will go to the Lance Armstrong Foundation.

Delta Phi Epsilon organized the fourth annual Livestrong Cancer Walk, which was held on Oct. 13. Above, Members of the sorority lead the way as participants make their way across campus to the different stations. Right, Participants were encouraged to write the names of those affected on the commemorative banner. Photos By Roberto Jimenez/The Beacon
Student aims to teach music

In the future, Hernandez is determined to make a difference through teaching.

He wants to create a relationship with his students where learning is a mutual experience reflective of the teaching that he has been granted at the University.

“I want to create a relationship with my students where I can teach them life principles through mediators such as music,” stated Hernandez.

Hernandez is also determined to go far in the conducting professional world. “At the end of the day, I would like to be in front of a professional symphonic orchestra that plays itself while I just paint music with my hands. After all, it was conducting that led me into teaching.”

On his way up as a professional conductor, Hernandez wants to make marching band part of his life. “I would like to be the director of major school bands and work with music education students in college.”

Creepy episodes excite

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High school program affects current University students

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The Academy of Advanced Academics, a program that allows the high school students of Alonzo and Advanced Academics, a 28, it does not excuse their Media as stated by Blanca Morales problems on their record,” in the requirements of the schools, particularly when returning to the University do not show any interest in the same high school students. However, this does not indicate that the program is the best option for both high school students and students at this University, especially when some of those same high school students do not show any interest in returning to the University as college students.

While it is understandable that the students have plans on pursuing acceptance into Ivy League schools, particularly when meeting or even exceeding the requirements of the program such as “a 3.0 unweighted GPA, [scoring] 50/50 on the PSAT, an excellent attendance record, and [having] no disciplinary problems on their record,” as stated by Blanca Morales in her column for FIU Student Media published on Sept. 28, it does not excuse their current attendance at the University.

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American middle class in jeopardy, struggling

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America’s average middle class worker is systematically disappearing. About 50 percent of middle class Americans feel that their status is in jeopardy, according to a poll done by ABC News.

The class structure of our country is being reshaped into an hourglass figure with most citizens on the top and bottom and a diminishing few in the middle.

There is a severe imbalance in our economy that is perpetuating the recession and creating a class divide in our country. This is unacceptable because the welfare of our country is every American’s responsibility.

As one of the 10 commuter schools in the nation, our University is made up of a majority of middle class commuters.

Most of us want to get an education that will provide us with a good career when we graduate.

According to www.payscale.com, University graduates with a bachelor’s degree can expect a starting salary of $40,500. Yet, the number of jobs available to those graduates keeps declining with an almost 25 percent decrease in the number of available middle class jobs since 1999, according to an article on www.good.is.

It is not fair that the American Dream is slipping away from us, and as the statistics show things only seem to get worse as time goes on. There need to be some serious changes in the way our economy and government work to begin to reverse these imbalances.

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“Progress is agonizingly slow, and the International Rescue Committee says that only one-half of 1 percent of the rapes it deals with in Sierra Leone lead to convictions.”

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Food and Rec Expo to bring Food Network chef

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National Food Day is designed to push Americans away from the mass of factory produced foods spilled with genetically modified organisms to the alternative of naturally grown foods.

The 2011 Biscayne Bay Campus Food and Rec Expo will be held on Oct. 24 and will combine with the initiatives of National Food Day to present students with an array of health and recreational activities.

It will focus on helping students lead healthier lifestyles and will include the presence of Chef Robert Irvine from the Food Network, who is known for the shows “Dinner: Impossible,” and “Worst Cooks in America.” In 2007, Irvine was named an Ambassador of the Culinary Institute of America and noted as one of the “25 Fittest Guys in America” by Men’s Fitness magazine.

The event will lead with a vendor fair that will be held in Panther Square from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vendors will include Whole Foods Market, Smoothie King, T.G.I. Friday’s and more; some will have giveaways for the students.

From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Chef Irvine will have a lecture and a cooking demonstration in the Wolfe University Center theatre. Guests will be able to dine on the appetizers prepared by Irvine and his team.

The Expo will include diet and nutrition sessions, giveaways and free massages, among other things. According to Warren Shaw, assistant director of Campus Recreation, screenings held by the American Heart Association, Aventura Hospital and Medical Center, Mount Sinai Medical Center and Eastside Chiropractic Center for things ranging from cholesterol to glucose will be held for students wishing to participate.

Students can get their fitness questions answered by personal trainers from the recreation center. They will have 100 free coupons for the students to try the personal training.

The event hopes to enlighten students on health and its effect on the educational experience and show them an appreciation for eating healthier foods and making responsible decisions regarding their body and active lifestyles.

There will be 30 vendors and sponsors expected to take part in the Expo.

NEW STUDENT ON CAMPUS

Cycler, a remote controlled robot, rolled around Academic One during the University’s Sustainability Day, interacting with students as they headed to class.

Ghost Tours past give students a playful fright

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The Student Alumni Association hosted the Ghost Tours on Oct. 20. The tours took place on Biscayne Bay Campus principal buildings, Chaplin School of Hospitality Tourism Management, Marine Science Building and the Wolf University Center. Students started arriving around 5 p.m. and were asked to sign a waiver, taking responsibility for the risks they were about to take. The SAA organized three tours, which had an average of 10 students participating in each of them.

“The Ghost Tours is a Halloween themed event when we transform the campus into a gigantic haunted house. This year we have a story that involves the School of Journalism and Mass Communications; it’s a tale of betrayal, murder and redemption,” explained the director of Ghost Tours, Gregory Jean-Baptiste, senior, computer science major.

This was the second year the Ghost Tours has been at BBC. The tour guide told a story about a rumor involving Maxwell, a professor that used to change the grades of the grammar exam.

“Because of some miscommunications after the grammar exam, he got fired. Now Maxwell’s ghost haunts our campus every Halloween and claims three victims as an act of revenge,” explained Anastasia Seldinskaia, sophomore majoring in international business, in the beginning of the first tour.

During the tour, students received a survival kit, with drinks and giveaways. The tour started behind the Hospitality building and moved around BBC.

When entering the Marine and Science building, one of the tour guides, Zahra Arbabi Ask, SAA President, warned the students, “there are classes going on right now, so please be quiet.” Yet, the students were surprised and scared several times.

While walking around the bay area, the participants testified a staged murder scene, set up by the SAA. The ghost of Maxwell stalked the group throughout the buildings, and kidnapping random students during the tour.

The tour ended with a video testimonial from the students that accused Professor Maxwell of changing the grades.

After each tour, the participants were offered pizza, snacks, drinks and giveaways.

Jean-Baptiste affirmed, “We plan to make this a tradition. Hopefully next year, we will be able to side-step some of the technical issues we had this year.”