After 8 years, final homecoming for troops in sight

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"Am I going to come home?" That is the question that Lt. Col. Son Vo, battalion commander at the University says soldiers typically ask themselves once they are stationed in a war zone.

Since March 19, 2003, U.S. soldiers serving in Iraq have been asking themselves that question, but they won't have to by the year's end.

As part of the Status of Forces Agreement between the Iraqi government and the administration of former President George Bush, the last of the U.S. troops in Iraq are set to leave by New Year's Day.

President Barack Obama campaigned on drawing down troops within the first 16 months in office. The agreement put that promise on hold.

This might help President Obama's re-election campaign. As International Relations Professor Brian Fonseca noted: "He [Obama] can say 'look I kept my campaign promise.'" Whether that transitions into votes remains to be seen.

In the race for the White House Republican candidates are already taking swings at Obama for his decision to publicly announce the date of withdrawal.

"The last thing you want to do is put those men and women's lives in peril," said Fonseca. "I think that's what the president's done by making a political statement to his base that he's going to be out of Iraq on a date certain," said Gov. Rick Perry to "Fox News Sunday."

Although there will be an end to an American military presence in Iraq, there will be plenty of Americans left. Sub-contractors hired to provide security will be the new face of the occupation.

Fonseca does not like the fact sub-contractors are being left to take a "quasi" military role.

"I'm not a fan of using sub-contractors, it just makes the water murky," said Fonseca.

Eight years later and the reasons why the invasion took place still remain unclear. When the war was sold to the general public the Bush administration claimed that Iraq was building weapons of mass destruction. Others

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For 55 years, Bobby Bowden led the Seminoles of Florida State out of the locker rooms and onto the field that was named after him. Now, he is leading in a different way:

through prayer.

Bowden, who retired from coaching in 2010, said that he plans on pursuing new projects despite his full career.

"I want to work until I die," said Bowden. "I want to work until I die." Bowden carried a message with him throughout his speech that he wants people to grasp: get your priorities straight.

"Mothers ask me all the time 'Coach, I'm worried about my son. What can you tell him to make him successful?' Tell your son to get his priorities in the right place. Number 1: God. Number 2: your family.

The current Florida law also states that "it is lawful... for a person 18 years of age or older to possess a concealed firearm or other weapon for self-defense or other lawful purpose within the interior of a private conveyance."

At FIU, as well as on other public state universities, any form of weapons carried by unauthorized persons is strictly prohibited.

The Student Code of Conduct states that "all students, organizations or clubs" will be charged for the "possessions, storage or use of firearms...""There are many ways a gun could be concealed that would present a greater threat," said FIU police Lieutenent Ricardo Torres. "Safety is our number one concern."

If any unauthorized person is found on campus with a weapon, "they are susceptible to arrest and their case would also be forwarded to Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution," said Chief of FIU Police Alexander Casas in an email to Student Media. "The student would be expelled and they would be allowed to appeal."

"I think [guns on campus] should be allowed," said exception education tenant Ricardo Torres. "If they have [a concealed weapons license], why not?"

In order to receive a concealed weapons license in the state of Florida,
Students discuss gun possession on campus

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It is required that the applicant be 21, "demonstrate competency with a firearm," and be able to provide proof of residency.

"Sometimes our rights are infringed upon for the sake of safety, but as long as Americans know Amendment rights, the government won’t be able to completely revoke them," said political science major Eduardo Vega.

There has been much controversy over the Florida "Stand Your Ground" law passed in 2005, declaring the use of deadly force viable if the resident "is reasonably able to fear imminent peril of death or great bodily harm to himself or herself or another" without consequences.

"I always tell my students to embed the law in the socio-political situation," said Criminal Justice Professor Rosa Chang. "Florida already has a very liberal self-defense law." Chang also said that a big proponent of more unrestricted gun laws is the National Rifle Association. The NRA is an organization considering itself to be "America’s foremost defender of Second Amendment rights."

According to the Senate Office of Public Records, the NRA contributed more than $1 million toward gun-rights lobbying in 2011.

"The passage of laws are sometimes due to the big companies lobbying for it," said journalist major Nicole Perez. "It’s not always what the people want." The Student Government Association at FIU introduced a resolution at the beginning of 2011 against Florida Senate Bill 234 allowing guns on university premises. The resolution, which argued that "Weapons on University grounds present a grave safety concern to the Student Body," passed.

"I often wonder how many ways, ’the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed’ can be interpreted,” said political science major Jesus Borrero. “It’s in the old text for a reason.”

Additional reporting by Patrik Simmons.

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contended the true reason for the invasion was Iraqi oil, as well as supporting Israel.

Although the mission was not clear, Vo believes the U.S. succeeded. "We did take out some very bad people that will not hesitate to bring harm to America if they had the means," said Vo. As Professor Fonseca noted the U.S. government did not know if Iraq had WMDs they were simply working with the intelligence they were given.

"Our intelligence suggested that Saddam Hussein possessed weapons of mass destruction," said Fonseca.

In a 2008 interview with ABC’s Charles Gibson, Bush stated, "The biggest regret of all the presidency has to be the intelligence failure in Iraq.

In that same interview when asked if he would have invaded Iraq had he known whether or not Saddam had weapons of mass destruction, Bush said he could not answer that question.

Fonseca doesn’t discredit other possible justifications for the war.

As he stated, "Perhaps [the U.S. government thought] taking out Saddam Hussein is a good thing, for the promotion of U.S. political identity.

The one group of people who generally did not question the motive for the invasion were the soldiers. As Vo, a professor of military science at the University and commander of the ROTC program in Iraq and War veteran stated, "Prior to deployment, most soldiers will tell you that they are focused on the training and making sure their families are prepared.

"We start to question when we lose friends," said Fonseca, a former Marine who is also a veteran of both Iraq and Afghanistan War. The reason why this war was complicated, according to Fonseca, was mainly because the U.S. government did not know what it was getting into when it invaded Iraq. The U.S. engaged in an activity in which it had limited knowledge—nation building.

"I don’t think the U.S. had a very clear understanding of the intricate nuances of the Middle East," said Fonseca. "Was it our right to make the decision to reform the identity of the Iraq state?" is the question he believes the U.S. government should ask itself.

Fonseca believes an important lesson for future American leaders to learn is "changing political identity is not an easy thing to do." It takes time, he noted.

Soldiers like Vo notes that "we have the luxury of sitting around wondering how long the war will last," as he states: "Most soldiers don’t think how long it [the war] will take, they just know they are going for 12 months and that they want to bring everyone back home safe.

For Fonseca deciding whether or not the U.S. was successful in Iraq depends on what mission was.

"I would ask myself did we achieve what we wanted to do? I want to answer that question.

The one thing that Fonseca believes this war should mean to University students and the youth in general is "we have it good in America."

"Our system works for us, our domestic political system works. Many people have asked to pull out of this conflict and if that’s the case that is what we have done and what we are doing. The idea that the masses have the opportunity to shape policies is a good thing.

To many students and faculty who served in Iraq the announcement that the war came to an end is welcomed news. More than 1,200 students at the University are veterans not just of Iraq but of wars past, according to the University’s Office of Veterans Affairs.

Vo believes this is great news to anyone who served and their families.

"Any soldier will tell you war is the last resort. We train so we don’t have to go to war, he said. "To see this war end is a blessing to us. And we’re going to come back with honor, we weren’t a defeated. We accomplished our mission."

As Vo noted soldiers miss the little things in life like the anniversaries, birthdays, days, sporting events and being around family.

Now that the Iraq War will come to an end he is happy to know that some soldiers will be around to enjoy it.

"I feel very good, satisfied that we went over there, and that now we have closure. I also think about the Iraqi people and how I bonded with them and now they can live free and have a new beginning and hopefully their country could be better," said Albert Rivas a former Marine Corps infantryman who served in both Iraq and Afghanistan and an art major at the University. "[If] happy it’s over."
Bjelica leads offense in Panthers victory over Jaguars

Andrea Lakovic [above, middle] helped FIU win second set in sweep over Jaguars.

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There are games that teams will get “hyped up” for the level of intensity that is needed to match and defeat an opponent of an equal playing level. Then, there are days where the intense feeling just isn’t there and you are stuck in a daze. The Golden Panthers were stuck in a trance, but luckily it did not affect the outcome of the game.

FIU defeated South Alabama at U.S. Century Bank Arena in a straight set sweep 3-0 (25-23, 25-20, 25-20) on Oct. 30. With the win, the Golden Panthers inch closer to a possible third seed in the Sun Belt Conference tournament, as they stand at 16-7 (8-4 SBC) while South Alabama falls to 8-15 (3-8 SBC). Although a win is a win, head coach Daniela Tomic was not really impressed.

“I’m glad we won,” Tomic said. “I felt that our intensity wasn’t there. We need to play with a sense of urgency.”

Tomic was not the only person who shared the sentiment.

“We didn’t play with much intensity,” freshman setter Jessica Egan said. “It’s hard to get up for every single game. It just shows how we can win games.”

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Group of hackers plan attack on Facebook

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**HAUTE TOPIC**

**Shopping ban survival guide: steps to stop spending**

Fashion lovers are materialistic. We do not let them tell us otherwise. I sometimes disgust myself with all the purchases I make or needless objects I lust over. After all, I could be dedicating my time and money to something a little more virtuous.

Before I guilt myself out of shopping ever again, I should explain where these feelings are coming from. Lately, I have been doing a lot of shopping. My bank account is crippled and my weekends are shortened by the time I spend in the mall.

Ironically, my wardrobe has not improved in the slightest. Sometimes I get so carried away with the shopping part of fashion that I forget to wear the things I have bought. I can’t tell you how many pairs of pants and heels are sitting with tags still attached in my closet. I am also a little disturbed by how many days of the week I plan secret trips to the mall or how much time I waste looking at online stores instead of studying.

It’s clear that I have to stop and the easiest way is by committing myself to a shopping ban. For the entire month of November, I am not allowed to buy any item of clothing, shoe or accessory. I know it seems a little extreme, but I really think that I can benefit from this.

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First of all, I am going to have to follow some rules to make sure I do not break down and buy something.

Obviously, I have to stop going to malls, even if I am only there to browse through Barnes and Noble. I do have some semblance of self-control, but I also have a knack for finding things I want at incredible prices only when I can’t afford them.

I also have to cut down on looking at fashion blogs. It is so easy to succumb to a quick online purchase when a blogger links you directly to the item she is modelling.

In order to survive, I have to take some action. The greatest technique to convincing yourself that you do not need that item is just by looking at your closet. I have so many things that get very little wear and others that get too much wear.

In order to balance this out, I can try to organize my closet in a way that shows my unused items alongside my overused stuff. I already started shifting things around last night and I do not think a month without buying will be too much of a challenge.

Another step to take is making a list of things that you need. By having a definitive list, I know how much money I will need to save up to buy the needed items once the ban is over. This approach will also give me a more realistic idea of how much disposable income I have per month so I do not get into the habit of replenishing once the ban is off.

Finally, I need to calm down. No more shopping does not mean it is the end of the world. More than anything, I need to learn to love the things I already own. Too many times have I bought something I already own.

I have purchased some items for the sheer reason that it was on sale. This ban will allow me to reflect on my tendencies and try to eradicate them. I do not think my bad habits will disappear in one month, but it is a step forward to becoming a smarter shopper and having a more fluent idea of what I like, need and want.

Haute Topic is a weekly fashion column. Look for it every Wednesday this fall.

**Anonymous**

announces their plan through YouTube

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be vulnerable to attacks for its use of MySQL, which makes it possible to use bulk to strain servers. Venn also pointed out that the site has flaws in the security protocol.

Anonymous explained their reasons for taking down the site through a video, which

was spotted by Rosie Gray of "The Village Voice." They criticized Facebook’s privacy policies, saying the site does not provide enough transparency for its users, sells users’ information to government agencies and grants access to security firms to spy on people globally. They also stated that everything you do on Facebook stays on Face-book and even after deleting an account, the information can be recovered at any time.

“People’s privacy is at stake because everything they do on the Internet, every single click, is being recorded,” said Carlos Gonzalez, a professor in the School of Computing and Infor-mation Sciences.

They may have a good motive, but not everyone thinks they are completely righteous. Junior Lazaro Herrera, a computer science major, said: “They sometimes do what is right, but that doesn’t put them above the law because it’s still illegal to hack into somebody else’s server.”

At the end of the two minute video, they seem to be confident that people will actually look back and ironically agree with what they, “hacktivists,” have done to protect users’ identity. They ended their message with the frightening statement: “We are Anonymous. We are legion. We do not forgive. We do not forget. Expect us.”

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**Upcoming Events**

**Wednesday, Nov. 2**

- **Women to Watch: Florida’s Entrepreneurial Leaders, 2011**: 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m., MARC Building
- **Guide to Career Management Services & Resume Writing for Business Students**: 3:30-5 p.m., MMC CBC 123
- **Jazz at the Wertheim Series: FIU Latino Jazz Ensemble**: 7:30-9:30 p.m., Herbert and Nicolí Wertheim Performing Arts Center, Concert Hall, $15.00 General Admission, $10.00 Students and FIU Faculty/Staff, $5.00 FIU Students and FIU Alumni Association Members

**Thursday, Nov. 3**

- **The Third Man (1949) by Carol Reed**: 9 p.m., GCC 125
- **John Lennon Education Bus**: 11 a.m.-3 p.m., in front of Academic 2 building
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- **Guide to Career Management Services & Resume Writing for Business Students**: 3:30-5 p.m., MMC CBC 123
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Avenues of progress limited

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This is the land of opportunity, but by closing the avenues that are most important to our nation’s continued success, we close off the possible avenues for progress. Students that are in the United States legally should be allowed to pay in-state college tuition. These students live in that state; therefore, they should pay the same as everyone else who lives there and attends a college or university.

The gray area arises when we consider that these students have an advantage over other students from outside of that state. That is an advantage many Republicans, such as former Pennsylvania Governor Rick Santorum, feel should not be given to them, because they did not get there legally. This is a debate based on moral principles more than anything else.

The difference between in-state tuition and out-of-state tuition is substantial. At the University, the out-of-state tuition, at $590.86 per credit hour, is more than three times the $177.56 per credit hour that any Florida resident would pay.

The generally conservative view is that immigrants need to get here legally, and only then can they, or their children, be offered the same benefits as citizens or legal residents. This is a view shared by the most popular right-wing figures such as Sarah Palin, Michelle Bachmann, and Mitt Romney.

Minnesota Representative Bachmann has said, “I think the American way is not to give tax-payer-subsidized benefits to people who have broken our laws, or are here in the United States illegally.”

What Bachmann is clearly missing here is that our country was formed by people arriving here however they could. This view is that people are entitled to more than someone else simply because of how they arrived somewhere is ethically and morally wrong. This issue should be one left for the states to decide, so for Republicans to advocate for something as far-reaching as passing a federal law is a clear sign of political inconsistency.

Republican Texas Governor Rick Perry, on the other hand, believes that these illegal immigrants should have their shot at the American dream for the same price. This is a completely different perspective from the majority of his Republican colleagues. On CNN’s Tea Party-sponsored debate, Perry firmly stood by his beliefs on why illegal immigrants should be paying the same as citizens, stating, “You pay in-state tuition... it doesn’t make any difference what the sound of your last name is. That is the American Way, no matter how you got into that state.”

This position is not a Republican one, so it comes as no surprise when former Senator Santorum, called Perry “soft on immigration” in the Google and FOX-sponsored Republican debate.

I would normally disagree with the majority of Perry’s policies, but he is doing the right thing on this one. Allowing these immigrants to pay in-state tuition would only make things better. It would only add more talented and well-educated people to our workforce. Competition is not something we should fear; it is something that makes every industry better, and it is the foundation for a strong capitalist nation.

Immigration is something that has made this country what it is today, and we need to decide which ideal would keep that legacy going. Forcing illegal immigrants to pay more for college is the wrong way to move forward. Opening the doors for as many people to get a quality education is a much better idea, and it is the best way to keep avenues of progress open.
Dining options at BBC see increase in revenue

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The Student Organization Council hosted the Halloween themed Club Fair on Oct. 31 at the Wolfe University Center's Panther Square. More than 150 students dropped by Panther Pit for the festivities, many of which were a Halloween theme since not many events were involved, "Each time we have a club fair it has a different theme, and for October, we decided to have a Halloween theme," said Kayyali. "As a student organization council, we host clubs fairs throughout the semester so they can showcase their clubs and get students involved," said Mais Kayyali, president of SOC.

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SOC's Halloween club fair showcases organizations

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With the addition of Starbucks brand items to the Bay Café's menu, Glenn Rigby, supervisor of Panther Dining Services, has seen an increase in customers since August. According to Lorvin Ramirez, assistant food service director, there has been a 20 percent increase in revenue thus far since last year. All profits from Starbucks purchases remain with Panther Dining Services. The cafeteria at Biscayne Bay Campus is called 'Bistro on the Bay' and Rigby claims the best-selling smoothie is the Caribbean Obsession and the Starbucks lattes are getting high customer attention.

The cafeteria was renovated with new additions to Grille Works' meals in a newly formed digital menu. Some of the different items include the spicy chicken sandwich, the Angus Cheeseburger and curry fries for an extra 30 cents if it is with a combo meal ($1.99 alone). Roberto "Sunny" Laboy, sous chef at Grille Works, has noticed new faces that keep coming along with the regulars that come back. Laboy estimates if they were making $1,600 a day last year then they are now making $2,200 a day on a shift from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Ramos declined to give specific figures on revenues. Last year, the cheeseburger combo meal was $5.35 and this year, with the higher quality Angus beef, the price escalated to $6.09. The size of the chicken breast used is also bigger. According to Sunny, all of the items from the Grille Works menu are receiving demand, although the number of students coming to club fairs like this," said Jerome. "They can learn about the different clubs and what the students' role is in the club and make it something they can connect to."

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SOC hosted its Halloween Club Fair on Oct. 31, as [above] Patrick Milord, sophomore civil engineering major, plays "pumpkin bowling," a part of the Catholic Campus Ministry Table, and [left] Academic Center tutor, Federico Lastra, dressed as Oberon for the International Scholars won best costume.