A federal appeals court on Tuesday upheld the convictions of five in a terror plot involving the FBI's use of an informant posing as an al-Qaida operative and the sufficiency of the evidence, the AP Legal Affairs Writer said Scott's aim is to help students find employment by preparing them for fields that are in demand.

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The case was a prime example of the post-9/11 Justice Department strategy of disrupting terror plots in the earliest possible stages. Prosecutor Jacqueline Arango said during sentencing hearings that the U.S. “shouldn’t have to wait for people to be harmed to punish these people for their desire to inflict harm.”

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Gov. Scott’s statement creates resentment among the liberal arts

Dr. Hugh Gladwin, another professor of anthropology at the University, believes moves like these should not be a surprise. “It’s expected,” Gladwin said. “In times of limited resources these governments have to make choices.”

Wiedman understands the financial hardships the state government is facing, but he believes that for the better of the nation, anthropology should stay.

“In the short term there are certain jobs that need to be fulfilled but in the long term freedom of speech must be preserved,” he said.

Wiedman believes that Scott’s anti-anthropology crusade to the Red Scare of the 1950s where many suspected communists were imprisoned because of their views. He believes it is similar because both actions seek to censor speech.

“Every student can and cannot study is a form of censorship.”

Chapter will be the first in Florida

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Intramural Roundup

Sig Ep earns championship

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Staff Writers

On a Halloween championship showdown, on Oct. 31, Sigma Phi Epsilon beat Tau Kappa Epsilon 12-6, with two second half touchdowns.

Sigma Phi Epsilon opened up the game with a new formation that bewildered the defense. The formation had two running backs instead of two offensive linemen. This gave quarterback Jared Rok the opportunity to either pass or run. This unorthodox method spread the defense thin.

The new scheme worked wonders as it allowed Sigma Phi Epsilon to drive down 75 yards with ease. Sigma Phi Epsilon met a roadblock at the goal line though, because they did not have enough room to spread the defense like before. Therefore, they turned the ball over on downs.

After exchanging possessions a few times, Sigma Phi Epsilon had to punt. The punt only went 15 yards, leaving Tau Kappa Epsilon in great field position.

Only 25 yards away, Tau Kappa Epsilon quarterback Junior Villegas tossed a perfect spiral to the end zone. The receiver elevated over three Sigma Phi Epsilon defenders to haul down the touchdown, giving Tau Kappa Epsilon a 6-0 lead.

Tau Kappa Epsilon finally got pressure on Rok and was able to get an interception to end the half.

To open the second half, Villegas threw an interception that proved costly. Rok wasted no time with the possession provided by

Volleyball

Bjelica, Egan propel late season surge

EDUARDO ALMAGUER
Staff Writer

This is not the team you knew one month ago.

This is not the team that had its practice cancelled because of lack of effort. This is not the team that lost four of five games in early October to Sun Belt Conference leaders Middle Tennessee and Western Kentucky.

This is now the team that will be dammed if they do not end the season on an 11 game winning streak.

Over the past two weeks, the Panthers (16-7, 8-4 SBC) have discovered the perfect lineup, which has led to five consecutive wins for the squad and has raised expectations to win the remaining six games of the season. The streak is the longest since they won seven in a row from Sept. 4 - Sept. 25.

What has been the key to their recent success? Redshirt freshman setter Jessica Egan.

With Egan now fully entrenched in the setter position, a spot she did not have to begin the season, she has begun to spread the ball among her offense more during games. Senior Andrea Lakovic pointed out that when Egan was handed the setter role earlier in the season, she only trusted, that is, gave the majority of the sets to junior outside hitter Jovana Bjelica.

"Now, she's trusting everyone on the team," said Lakovic.

This is a far cry from the days when Bjelica led her squad in kills and the nearest teammate was 15 kills behind. This newfound strategy of spreading the ball led to FIU's two most recent victories. The match against South Alabama saw four Panthers exceed or match eight kills. One week ago against Troy, three Panthers matched or exceeded 14 kills.

"My job is to serve my team. That's what I do," said Egan. "I'm supposed to make an impact on the girls. To hear that it's working means a lot."

Dejà Vu

Bjelica received her second consecutive SBC Player of the Week award after another series of stellar outings. This marks the fourth time she has received the award this season, as she is the only player in the conference with that many awards. She posted 51 kills against FAU, Troy and USA to pad her conference-leading 362 kills. Her elite 4.47 kills per set mark ranks 17th in the nation. CVU.com also named her a Top Performer for the second consecutive week.

Bjelica, however, still believes she is not performing at her best.

"I'm doing worse than what I should be doing. Sometimes I expect even more than this," said Bjelica. "I have goals but my goals weren't that I have to win [SBC Player of the Week]. My goal is to play the best I can and be a leader on the court. I'm doing worse than what I should be doing."

On the Road Again

For the first time since Oct. 16, FIU will play a game on the road. Their first game takes place in Monroe, La. against ULM (9-13, 3-9 SBC). The Panthers then travel 160 miles south to Lafayette, La. to face Louisiana-Lafayette (11-17, 3-9 SBC) on Nov. 6. Both matches, while deemed must wins for the team, are not being overlooked.

"We always respect the opponent," said Lakovic. "We just try to focus on the little things on our side of the net."

Egan welcomes the atmosphere that traveling on the road brings.

"We've been playing games at home a lot and we've been getting complacent," said Egan. "When you get on the road it's like a challenge. I love that."
Fast start propels Panthers past Red Wolves in first round

The NFL is a quarterback-driven league. Special rules are put in place to protect the all-important savages of the sport. Running backs used to be the hot commodity in fantasy football.

But with different leagues including the point per reception/yard leagues, quarterbacks are the hot topic among fantasy football players. Tim Tebow has been ridiculed his entire career. It is almost as if everyone wants to see him fail. History of Tebow of Tebow definitely want to see him lose his athleticism and make progress. After carrying the team back towards a victory against possibly the worst team in football last season, Tebow received praise as well as criticism.

Last week, Tebow was man handled by the Lions, being held to 172 yards and an interception. Cam Newton can not seem to catch a break, after putting up Brady-esque numbers this season as a rookie. Even with nearly 300 yards and three touchdowns, somehow his team is sitting in two and six because his defense is nonexistent. Christian Ponder beat Cameron last week throwing for a cool 236 yards and a touchdown. Rookie quarterbacks are really making a strong impact this season. The Bengals get rid of their two big mouths, Carson Palmer and Chad Ochocinco, and they are better than ever. With a young and dynamic offense, the Bengals have a lot of promise. Andy Dalton is an impressive rookie up to this point. Last week was not a great one for Dalton, but he did throw for nearly 175 yards and two touchdowns.

The TRASH BIN

Michael Jenkins (Minnesota Vikings). Against Carolina, which is probably the worst defense in the NFL along with the Pats, Jenkins caught the ball for only 30 yards with two receptions. If he could not get going against Carolina, I doubt he will make any progress soon. Baurus.

Bernard Scott (Cincinnati Bengals)- Cedric Benson is coming back from suspension this week, so I highly doubt Scott will get many touches. Trash him.

Ben Obomanu (Seattle Seahawks)- He is an inconsistent player. Do not let his 100-yard game fool you. He can go from a four-catch game to a game with no catches easily. Trash him.

UNDER THE CRUZ

Javon Ringer (Tennessee Titans)- With Chris Johnson not playing up to potential, Ringer will earn his 500,000-dollar salary. They both are going to split carries for the rest of the season, but look for Ringer to maintain his positive yardage. Pick him up.

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Panthers look to stay in contention for Sun Belt title

As Halloween approached, quarterback Christina Brador was a nurse, and her Alpha Xi Delta team ran a clinic, defeating Alpha Omicron Pi 27-4 to stay in contention in grandiose fashion.

What has been hurting the Panther offense the most however, has been the offensive line penalties, and with WKU having drawn 59 flags on opponents this year for second in the conference, offensive lineman Caylin Hauptmann and the entire line should be more aware of the offensive penalties.

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Alpha Xi Delta dominates Alpha Omicron Pi in final

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his defense and threw a 40-yard touchdown pass on the first play. This tied the game at 6-6.

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THEATRE DEPARTMENT

Artistic director talks behind the scenes

The play selection committee is headed by Professor Michael Yawney, the department dramaturge, a consultant for play production. The committee includes faculty representing the different disciplines within the theater department like design, performance and literature. Students are also invited to join in order to represent the student body overall.

“We have the option to join the committee that decides which plays will be put on the following semester,” said Jesula Lubin, a senior theater major.

The nomination process is a group effort, so the titles reflect a varied taste by the students and faculty. Many genres and subjects are considered.

“The student representatives solicit play titles from the theater majors and faculty committee members (solicit plays, page 6)

HEATHER ARMAS
Staff Writer

Before the director is chosen and the actors are cast, Marilyn Skow, the artistic director of the Theatre Department, has some hard decisions to make. “We only have four slots for productions, so balancing all of the considerations to produce a quality, interesting season is very challenging,” said Skow.

“The House of the Spirits”, the Theatre Department’s second production of the semester, features Jair Bula as Esteban Trueba and Victoria Collada as Clara del Valle Trueba. The next play will be “Arabian Nights.”
Consciousness is key when eating snacks on campus

When you walk through campus, it is nearly impossible to escape the mixed aromas of Star- bucket crackers, Greek yogurt, and student lunch options. Hummus, a rich vegetable with two tablespoons and a variety of added ingredients, is perfect for any meal. It is imperative that you try at least 25 different flavors to find your favorite.

Each member of the committee is tasked with generating ideas for new events. It often requires four months and some trial and error to decide which play and who will relate to faculty. The number of plays needed for each season takes into consideration, but the end result is usually determined by the artistic and behavioral function of the script.

The process takes a lot of consideration, but the end result is worth the effort. Another snack that is filled with protein has also been proven to boost your mood, which may be practical in fighting the stress that comes with being a college student.

Turkey contains serotonin-promoting tryptophan in every 48 gram serving (about 54 calories). In addition to boosting your mood, turkey also helps you regulate appetite and sleep. Roll a few slices of calcium-rich cheese inside a few slices of turkey for an extra 100 calories.

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Plays take consideration

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play titles] from the rest of the faculty. The number of plays suggested is initially quite large, as many as sixty or more sometimes," said Skow.

The committee then begins to weed out the impossible and inappropriate plays to bring the number of prospects to about 25.

Each member of the committee is then assigned three to five of these plays to read and make an assessment on the quality of the script, the breakdown of the cast and the production challenges. The number of plays is again narrowed down based on these assessments," said Skow.

The committee has numerous points to consider when choosing a play. This includes the type of each play cast and crew needs in relation to the number and skill levels of the students, availability of the performance rights of a given script and educational mission for students.

An important factor is to consider when choosing a play to produce is the commercial aspect. Plays that can be easily marketed, because the show is better known or discusses a market, is better known or discussed. For a sweeter approach, add in a couple of peanut butter crackers. One of any of these pretzel flavors tastes great with a couple of tablespoons of peanut butter.

Popcorn is a great source of fiber; it keeps you full and satisfied. Two cups of popped popcorn is about seventy calories. Instead of buying the greasy butter coated packaged popcorn, pick up a bag of real popcorn kernels and make your own from scratch. All you need is vegetable oil, a bag of kernels and a sprinkle of salt!

Not only do you skip the artery-clogging fats, but you can also enjoy the non-artificial taste of natural popcorn!

For a sweeter approach, add in two tablespoons of trail mix. I prefer Planters sweet and nutty trail mix because of the chocolate M&M pieces and sugary raisins.

The popcorn and trail mix combination will provide you with some protein from the peanuts, adding on an additional 170 calories.

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FRIDAY, NOV. 4

• AMA Heat Up Your Career 4th Annual Florida Regional Conference: 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m., To register please visit www.amafiu.com, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., MMC
• What the Future Holds: Balancing Law, Liberty and National Security: 6:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m., All are invited RSVP 8 p.m. / http://www.eventbrite.com/event/2206726978
• FIU Federalist Society and Law Review Symposium: What the Future Holds: Balancing Law, Liberty and National Security: 8 a.m.-6 p.m., MMC RBD 1000

SATURDAY, NOV. 5

• The search for the next Masterchef in Miami: 10 a.m.-6 p.m., The Arcade Barn
• The Fire Department Help Summit: 9:12 a.m., MMC AMC 3 Room 110
• FIU Football at WKU: 4-7 p.m., Bowling Green, Ky.
• FLI Women's Basketball vs. Barry: 6:30 p.m., MMC
• Sleepless Nights: Ongoing, The Catalina Hotel & Beach Club

SUNDAY, NOV. 6

• Chris Cornell: 8:30 p.m., The Fillmore Miami Beach, $37.50
• Women Drivers: 8 p.m., Women's Theater Project at Six Star Studio, $15-$25

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**SGC-MMC Commentary**

**Political parties admirable, but possible complication**

The focus of the Oct. 31 meeting was a brief and encouraging presentation outlining the early foundations of a plan to create political parties at the Student Government Council at the Modesto Maidique Campus. Delivered by SGC-MMC Advisor Jose Toscano, Assistant Director of Campus Life Michelle Castro and Graduate Assistant for Student Government Carlton Ng, the presentation displayed an outline for how the political parties would function.

As Toscano was quick to say, the idea is far from fleshed out. Plenty may or may not surprise anybody, will be the exclusion of Democratic and Republican parties.

As Speaker of the Senate Donovan Dawson explained, the parties in national politics are interested in carrying the national and different goals, whereas with University politics, “The overarching goal is the same: how can we make FIU a better university?” Thus, the campus parties.

Engagingly progressive as it appears, though, the thought is ineptly tained by the sobering fact that this will probably only complicate things, will become one more source of frustration and bureaucratic heckling.

Imagine going out with someone who is just as inscrutably attractive as you are. With University politics, “The overarching goal is the same: how can we make FIU a better university?” Thus, the campus parties.

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SGC-MMC’s model is influenced by other universities – where political parties have been around long enough, looked over and regulated enough to succeed. By taking them as our influence and composing our own system from what is hopefully the assembly of their strongest parts, things should kick off smoothly, and the adjustment period will be a brief and easy one.

Nonetheless, there will invariably be a learning process as the first-generation party candidates accustom to the rules, wherein they will likely exploit some of the system’s first-stage flaws.

Thus, given the precariousness with which transparency is currently being upheld, the addition of another political entity in demand of considerable attention probably means that something else will be neglected, certain duties will be forgotten and the council will fall back to the dirty tricks of the past.

The ambition here is admirable, and an intelligent and penetrating question of method and means of how it would work, the limitations on funding and the formation of caucuses – few of the answers were concrete, young as the project is, but the answers seemed imminently attainable.

If, for whatever reason, neither Toscano nor his associates had a solid answer, they were able to say when and how it would come to light.

Political parties seem like a step toward a boosted political legitimacy for SGA, looming contention and all.

**SGC-MMC Commentary** is a feature that evaluates the student council's performance. Look for it every Friday.

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**OPINION**

**As civil rights advocates, we should reject the framing of the DADT repeal as a wholesale pro-civil rights issue.**

**BOBBY JOE BRACY JR. | Staff Writer**

It surprises me that the repeal of the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy is considered a victory for civil rights. During the public debates over the soundness of DADT, activist Dan Choi, as a guest on “Democracy Now!” defended his involvement with the United States military by unflinchingly declaring that “war gives us meaning.”

I wonder how anyone like Lt. Choi can say that with a straight face — no pun intended.

What I find even more surprising is that Choi could make such a pro-war comment just feet away from respected liberal journalist Amy Goodman without rebuke or further questioning by her.

Last year, MSNBC political commentator Rachel Maddow used her pulpit to rebuke Rep. Peter deFazio for blocking the repeal of DADT with filibusters. “The right wants a culture war against gay people... that’s a war that anti-gay politicians lose and pro-civil rights politicians win,” says Maddow.

I respect Maddow, but she is wrong.

As civil rights advocates, we should reject the framing of the DADT repeal as a wholesale pro-civil rights issue. Nothing is more damning of civil rights than the institution of war — and repealing DADT changed nothing about that.

Funneling more troops, regardless of orientation, into unjust wars does not advance our civil liberties. The environment we liberal queers find ourselves in — one that glorifies military service — is the environment where we find the PATRIOT Act, the suspension of habeas corpus and the assassination of American citizens without due process of law. It is in this environment where presidents, both Democratic and Republican, can commit troops to combat without a formal declaration of war from Congress.

To feed the war machine, we toss our freedoms into the furnace. By repealing DADT and joining the military, we now fold our bodies into that fire.

We have lost our way as a collective movement for justice. It puzzles me why some in the LGBTQ community want to fight wars for a queer/trans/homophobic government that still considers our kind second-class citizens. We can be sent to the front lines of foreign nations to witness death in war, but we are still not allowed to be with our loved ones in their final moments back home.

Repealing DADT was deceptive framed as pro-civil rights, but regardless of how you “reform” the input side and sells us the military as a career move. It’s nefarious that our government makes budget cuts against education and financial aid, yet increases defense spending and sells us the military as a career move.

For LGBTQ people who might still be considering the military as a career “choice,” I must warn you: according to The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, about one-third of all homeless and about 1.5 million more veterans are at risk of homelessness “due to poverty, lack of support networks, and dismal living conditions in overcrowded or subsitent housing.” Were those “benefits” really worth fighting for?

This is less about so-called “choice” and more about advocating militarism. Militarism is not a progressive stance for the flourishing of queer life. Queers are blown to bits by drone strikes, but our government won’t tell us how many civilians we’ve killed with that program, so good luck finding out.

That’s why the LGBTQ movement for justice needs to shift course. Instead of begging to be assimilated into the heteronormative war machine and the failed model of marriage, let’s focus back on the causes that truly bring justice to our communities, like increasing access to HIV therapy for low-income communities, resisting employment discrimination of transgendered Americans and the end of militarism.

Repealing DADT was not a “mission accomplished.” We must not be pacified. Boys, girls and the glorious in-between: our war for equality has just begun.

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SOUNDS OF THE BAY

The Oct. 31 weekly Student Government Council at Biscayne Bay Campus senate meeting saw a flurry of new business being brought up for voting before the senate and the passage of four motions by the BBC legislators, and the institution of a new set of SGC-BBC statutes.

SGC-BBC senate unanimously voted in favor of dissolving the current statutes that govern the council, to be replaced with an updated, and modernized, set of statutes to be signed by SGC-BBC President Denise Halpin.

The motion was passed by a vote of 9-1-0, and will be brought before Halpin, to be signed within five days on its passage.

On Nov. 2, the Wolfe University Center saw a variety of students such as [left] Jethro Decimus, junior journalism major, and [above] Denys Ivaschko, freshman chemistry major, and Lionel Duvalaisaint, a freshman economics major, serenade crowds and jam on to pass the time on a quiet Wednesday.

TSA will expand test for faster airport security

PSISTOLE Told Congress

Testing for a new program aimed at getting certain travelers through airport security with less hassle has gone so well that the Obama administration plans to expand it to another round of airports and travelers, the government said Wednesday.

The expanded testing will not affect most travelers expected to crowd the airports during this year’s busy Thanksgiving travel season. But the government has made other changes in the past year that could make for a less intrusive trip through airport security.

Invasive pat-downs and full-body imaging machines are still a central part of the air traveler’s experience in the U.S.

But now children 12 and under are less likely to be patted down or forced to take off their shoes. And about half of the full-body imaging machines have been upgraded to show an outline of a person instead of a blurry naked image, a feature of all new machines the government purchases.

Transportation Security Administrator John Pistole told Congress.

The pre-screening test program and policy changes represent the Obama administration’s attempts at a more risk-based, intelligence-driven passenger screening program aimed at responding to complaints that the government is not using common sense when it screens all travelers the same way at airports.

Details of which airports and airlines would be eligible for the next round of testing for the pre-screening program are still being hammered out, Pistole said. Currently about 280,000 frequent fliers from American and Delta airlines — the two airlines eligible for the first round of testing — are participating in the program, according to TSA. The program is being tested at airports in Atlanta, Dallas, Detroit and Miami.

“This new screening system holds great potential to strengthen security while significantly enhancing the travel experience, whenever possible, for passengers,” Pistole said in a prepared statement at a hearing before the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee.

Some travelers and privacy advocates oppose the intimate pat-down, and policy changes represent the Obama administration’s attempts at a more risk-based, intelligence-driven passenger screening program aimed at responding to complaints that the government is not using common sense when it screens all travelers the same way at airports.

But some enhanced security measures put in place at U.S. airports would call for an independent study to evaluate their safety.

Others are concerned that radiation from the machines is dangerous. Though TSA has said the machines are safe, Pistole told lawmakers he would call for an independent study to evaluate their safety.