University introduces mini-term courses for students

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For the first time in its history, the University is offering students a winter mini-term to students. The intensive program is 13 days long, making it shorter than the fall semester. Students, who apply to take a course during this term, will be in school Monday through Friday, with the exception of the days the University closes for holidays.

Students are only allowed to choose one of the 15 courses being offered during this term. Students identified 9,500 students said “yes” and would take up the opportunity if presented.

“I’m excited because I’ve wanted to take courses that I can’t seem to fit during the Spring or Fall semesters,” said Claudia Vega, sophomore sociology and anthropology major. “Summer is a great opportunity to catch up, take some electives and explore other interests. I see this new winter session as another opportunity to do the same.”

Jeffrey Gonzalez, associate vice president of Planning and Institutional Effectiveness in the University’s division of Academic Affairs, said “Students are interested,” he said, “that’s good.”

Moreover, students identified 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. as the best morning time, 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the later afternoon as the second best time and 12 p.m. as the best morning time, 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the later afternoon as the second best time and midnight 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. after that. There will be seven, five and three courses taught in the aforementioned time slots, respectively.

Besides these courses there will be 11 more offered online.

“This winter term is primarily meant to increase graduation rate,” Wartzok explained, “there are certain courses that students need that fill up quickly, and it poses a problem. This will give students the opportunity to move more quickly.”

The winter courses are available to all students enrolled in a degree-seeking, undergraduate program who possess at least a 2.5 GPA at the beginning of fall.

“We started discussing this late summer, and we talked to the deans so they could ask their faculty about courses they felt they would fit into this condensed time frame,” explained Wartzok. “This is a trial; it’s not part of any

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Board of Governors sets goals for 12th university

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The State University System Board of Governors has a set a series of goals that, if achieved, could lead to the University of South Florida’s Polytechnic Campus becoming the 12th university in the state system.

The BoG, the 17 member body which oversees the current 11 state universities, gave the approval after a four-hour discussion in a 13 to 3 vote during their Nov. 9 to 10 meeting which took place at Florida Atlantic University, Governor Stanley Marshall is not present for the November Board meetings.

USF Polytechnic is a math and science-focused branch of USF located in Lakeland, Fla. about 40 minutes away from USF’s main campus in Tampa. The BoG’s approval came not too long after comments from Gov. Rick Scott in which he questioned why the state was graduating so many anthropology majors.

“Is it a vital interest of the state to have more anthropologists?” Scott said. “I don’t think so.”

The decision, however, isn’t guaranteed for USF and its satellite campus. USF Polytechnic has several benchmarks it must meet before it can return to the BoG for final approval to be the 12th state university.

Among these benchmarks, after separate accreditation is achieved, Polytechnic will implement the programs identified in Phase 1 of the Business Plan upon approval of the programs by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, according to a press release from the State University System.

USF Polytechnic’s benchmarks, which could take at least five years to achieve, are as follows:

Highest priority for program development and implementation shall be focused on programs in STEM fields and appropriate discipline-specific accreditation shall be sought.

Polytechnic must attain a minimum full-time enrollment of 1,244 as calculated in the Business Plan, with a minimum 50 percent of that FTE in STEM and 20 percent in STEM-related programs.

The following facilities and infrastructure shall be in place –

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FINALLY
Panthers beat FAU Owls for first time in six years
Lehtinen gives first-hand look at war
Knights shut down Panthers in NCAA Tournament

ANTHONY GUINAS  Staff Writer

With the Panthers entering the NCAA tournament for the first time in 18 years, the current SBC champions hoped to knock out UCF in the first round. But even though FIU had the opportunity to continue their historic season, they could not seal another win as they lost to the Knights 2-0 in Orlando, Fla. on Nov. 11.

The game was very competitive between the two in-state rivals, but the Panthers simply could not match what the Knights were doing. When both teams took to the pitch, both squads started the game with a lot of intensity. But soon enough, UCF outplayed and easily outmatched the Golden Panthers.

The first half saw the Knights controlling the tempo of the game, constantly applying pressure on the Panther defense. And similar to the second half against WKU in the SBC, the Panther offense was nowhere to be found, giving their defense more than it could handle.

Tisha Jewell scored her seventh goal of the year to put UCF ahead early on. From that point on, UCF continued to march forward, challenging the Panthers on every possession giving FIU almost no chance to get a shot in.

This was also seen on the stat sheet, with UCF outshooting FIU-9-2 in the first half.

Then the second half came and FIU hoped to change the momentum of the game in their favor, but it was just not in the cards as UCF continued to control the game.

Even though UCF did control the tempo of the game throughout the first and second halves, the Golden Panthers were able to get a little traction going late in the match. FIU had small spurts of momentum where the Panthers actually drove the ball into UCF territory, but the Knights defense kept FIU off balance and had them take bad shots.

That small window of momentum shut as quickly as it opened, which lead to UCF nailing the final nail into FIU’s season in the 77th minute.

“They controlled the game. We did enough to stay in it, but once they got the second goal it pretty much put it to bed,” head coach Thomas Chestnutt said.

The Knights Tishia Jewell fired a shot inside of the box that was rejected by goalkeeper Kaitlyn Savage, but was picked up by Emily Goeder who drove it home to put UCF ahead 2-0.

The loss eliminated FIU from the NCAA tournament and ended their 2011 season. Even though the season may have come to an abrupt end, it did not make the season any less remarkable for the team.

Not only did the Golden Panthers prove to the rest of the SBC conference that they are the team to beat, but they have also for the first time in school history have three consecutive 10 win seasons.

The game concludes the collegiate careers of eight seniors, including April Perry and Victoria Miliucci, who depart as the third winningest group in FIU women’s soccer history.

But like the Panthers always do, they are not dwelling in their sorrows but instead they look forward to next year.

“We will get back at it and work hard,...we will battle harder than ever next year,” Chestnutt said.

Panthers roll past Owls to win Shula Bowl X, gain bowl eligibility

FIU 41, FAU 7

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T.Y. Hilton (above, right) running towards the endzone during his 97-yard punt return for a touchdown vs. FAU.

third down conversions to keep those sticks moving.” Medlock threw 18-24, 135 yards and one touchdown, while rushing for 47 yards and one touchdown. Carroll threw four interceptions in his last four starts.

“At first I was real shocked because I wasn’t expecting it,” said Medlock. “I was expecting to get some playing time with Wes, and when he told me, Wes was a great leader, a great senior and a great friend and helped me the whole week. During the whole game, he told me what was going on and I really think this “W” goes to him more than it does to me.”

FIU (6-4, 3-3 SBC) is now bowl eligible for the second time in school history, while the Owls (0-9, 0-6 SBC) remain winless.

After the Panthers jumped out to a 24-0 lead in the second quarter, the last score of the half came from Hilton when he returned a punt 97 yards for a touchdown, the longest in program history and gave the Panthers a 31-0 lead at the half, the largest lead any team has had over FAU this season.

The return was sparked by a huge block from Wayne Times on Damian Patrn that gave Hilton the ball all the space he needed.

“I actually tried to tell him to turn around and get the kicker, but I budgeted back and he cracked him [Parms],” said Hilton.

The Owls stuffed the FIU offense in the third quarter, and got on the board with a touchdown drive early in the second half. The score came on a 22-yard touchdown pass from Graham Wilbert to Marcus Cunningham on the first drive of the second half.

It was the only score the Panthers defense surrendered all game, however, and ended the night with three interceptions, all from freshmen. One came from Richard Lad FIU continued to control the game.

In the first quarter, the Panthers began to run down the clock, and a 37-yard field goal from Griffin in the beginning of the fourth quarter plus a Darriet Perry rushing touchdown sealed the 41-7 victory, their first win against the Owls since the 52-6 win over the Owls in 2005 was vacated due to NCAA violations.

It was the last game on the sidelines for legendary coach Howard Schnellenberger of FAU, who apologized for his teams performance.

“I have to apologize to Paul Bryant and Blanton Collier and Don Shula and people that I learned how to play and coach football from,” said Schnellenberger. “And I have to apologize to Florida Atlantic University for the first half of football that we played here today and live with it.”

MEN’S BASKETBALL

FIU prepares to open season

MALCOLM SHIELDS  Staff Writer

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Coley scores 22 in season opening win over Jacksonville

FIU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL HOME SCHEDULE

**NOVEMBER**
- 11 (Fri.) JACKSONVILLE 6 p.m.
- 14 (Mon.) FGCU 5:30 p.m.
- 21 (Mon.) FAU 6 p.m.
- 25 (Fri.) MARYLAND 6 p.m.
- 27 (Sun.) CSU BAKERSFIELD 3 p.m.
- 30 (Wed.) UVN 6 p.m.

**DECEMBER**
- 29 (Sat.) ABBANY 6 p.m.

**JANUARY**
- 3 (Tue.) MORGAN STATE 6 p.m.
- 7 (Sat.) ULM* 5:30 p.m.
- 12 (Thurs.) MUSU* 5:30 p.m.
- 21 (Sat.) FAU* 4:30 p.m.
- 28 (Sat.) WLU* 5:30 p.m.

**FEBRUARY**
- 9 (Thurs.) NORTH TEXAS* 4:30 p.m.
- 11 (Sat.) DENVER* 5:30 p.m.
- 22 (Thurs.) TROY 5:30 p.m.
- 25 (Sat.) SOUTH ALABAMA* 5:30 p.m.

*Conference games

All home games are played at U.S. Century Bank Arena

volleyball

Late surge comes up short for FIU in road loss

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Perhaps the Panthers were never meant to beat a team on Veterans Day that had its school initials come out to USA. FIU dropped its second straight road game on Nov. 11 at the hands of the University of South Alabama in four sets, (25-23, 22-25, 18-25, 20-25). This marks the second consecutive road game that they lose to a team with a sub-.500 record. The Jaguars (10-17, 5-10 SBC) snapped their seven-year losing streak to the Panthers (18-9, 9-6 SBC) with the win.

Blocks were the main component of the match for USA. When FIU is out blocked, it does not fare well, and the match showcased that perfectly.

The Jaguars notched 20 block assists. It is the only time FIU has let an opponent surpass the 20 mark in that category this season.

The Panthers were extraordi-

The set continued this way until the match 23-23. Freshman Silvia Carli scored a point to put FIU in a set-point position and send USA to a time-out.

It did the Jaguars no good, as Egan and senior Andrea Lakovic teamed up for a block to score the final point and take the set 25-23.

Another tug of war ensued in the second set as no team could build a lead of more than three points, until it was tied 14-14. USA scored three points and never looked back.

Bjelica slammed down a kill to bring her team to within two points, 21-19. Carli then tried giving her team the push it needed by scoring back-to-back kills to make it 23-21. FIU's hopes ended there as they eventually committed an error to lose 25-22.

At some point during the 10-minute halftime interval, FIU lost its will to play, as a 7-7 tie in the third set turned into a 16-9 deficit. USA continued to punish the Panthers as they widened the lead to 23-13.

Though FIU had a late surge, they lost the third set on another error to fall behind 2-1.

FIU could not dismantle the wave of momentum that USA rode into the fourth set, once again falling behind early. A 7-2 deficit turned into a 22-13 deficit.

The Panthers did not give up completely. However, Lakovic scored a point to make it 24-19 and the Jaguars committed an error to tally another point for FIU. In the end, another Panther error ended the set, this time the match.

The win keeps a Sun Belt Conference Tournament berth alive for the Jaguars. FIU is already guaranteed a spot.

Despite the loss, the Golden Panthers are still guaranteed a spot in the Sun Belt tournament.

George Mason missing key pieces for opener vs. FIU

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“Phil is a tremendous little guard. DelJuan is an exceptional player for us also,” head coach Isaiah Thomas said. “Phil, Jeremy and DelJuan... they are very potent for us offensively.”

With the experience that the Panthers have in their backcourt, the backcourt advantage may be in their favor against George Mason who will start a completely new backcourt from last season.

**NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK**

Newcomers Tola Akomolafe, Gilles Dierickx, and Tanner Wozniak all logged playing time against Florida Memorial. Akomolafe was given the starting nod and played 31 minutes and collected eight points and nine rebounds.

Dierickx saw limited action against Florida Memorial, as he played only five minutes. Wozniak went 3-for-4 from behind the arc and finished with nine points in eight minutes of play.

**FIRST UP: GEORGE MASON**

George Mason enters the matchup against the Panthers without some of their key contributors from last season’s Colonial Athletic Association regular season championship team. George Mason finished last season with a 27-7 record. According to ESPN.com, the Patriots will be without senior guard Andre Cornelius who was suspended for the first 10 games of the Patriots season due to his pleading guilty to misdemeanor credit card fraud charge.

Cornelius’ backcourt mate from last season’s NCAA tournament team, Luke Hancock, transferred to Louisville at the end of last season. It is expected that guards Byron Allen, Vertrail Vaughns and Sherron Williams will platoon together in the backcourt on Monday night against the Golden Panthers.

In the frontcourt, the Patriots will be led by forwards Ryan Pearson and Mike Morrison. Pearson was the second leading scorer on the Patriots last season with 14.2 points per game.

Paul Hewitt, formerly the head coach of Georgia Tech, leads the Patriots in his first season after replacing long time coach Jim Larranaga.

“We got a lot of old tape on them last year,” Thomas said. “We played a lot of zone, but that was under a different coach.”

“I’m sure Paul will come in and try to be a lot more up tempo. We will try to figure out what Paul has done in the past and try to scout around it.”
MUSEUM BEAT

ART BASEL

FIU increasingly involved

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Football fans bite their time all year waiting for the Super Bowl, baseball enthusiasts count down to the World Series and tennis buffs have a summer full of tournaments to keep them entertained. But what about those who feel compelled to create, like those who feel a paint brush or a camera is an extension of their arm, and could easily squander a sunny afternoon in a museum? For them, there is Art Basel.

Art Basel Miami, a four-day convention dedicated to all things art, is the sister event of the original Art Basel, which takes place in Switzerland every year. Now celebrating its 10th year, the event is a monumental attraction and is widely known as the international art world’s winter meeting place for artists, designers, curators and critics from around the world, bringing over 46,000 visitors from around the world, the public. This attraction is by more than 2,000 artists of the 20th and 21st centuries.

On Dec. 1, the art galleries at the Miami Beach Convention Center open to the public. This attraction will be open daily from noon until 8 p.m. and will feature works from over 260 leading galleries from North America, Europe, Latin America, Asia and Africa.

The collection of works is by more than 2,000 artists of the 20th and 21st centuries. On Dec. 2, at night, Wolfsonian-FIU will host a party in honor of their new exhibit — Liberty, Equality and Fraternity — as part of Art Basel. The exhibit will explore the ways French design has embodied the French motto “liberte, egalite, fraternite.” On Dec. 3, in the evening, patrons of music can enjoy a free concert at the Betsy Hotel in South Beach provided by the University’s New Music Ensemble, under the direction of Jason Callowway. University students will play a variety of songs by Latin American composers and finish the night with a piece by John Zorn, titled “Cobra.”

It was his way of creating a piece of music based on game theory, said Callowway. “When you piece by piece, instead of directing them, it will be more like loosely controlled improv. It’s something that has to be seen to really be appreciated.”

The Frost Art Museum will host its annual Breakfast in the Park on Dec. 4, where guests can enjoy a complimentary breakfast, receive tours of the museum and sculpture park and listen to a guest lecturer. “Each year, we invite a noted sculptor to explain all about their art and why they do what they do,” said Amy Pollack, who works for the Special Projects department at the Frost Art Museum.

This year’s sculptor will be Joel Perlman, an artist who works with the mediums of steel, bronze, copper and aluminum, needed and appreciated in times when major events such as “NOH8” and sexual acceptance are rampant everywhere.

In the beginning of the novel, which took Klupu 11 years to write, his dialogue is slightly hard to understand. As she speaks about the way many women choose to hide their true feelings in relationships. Klupu presents the novel as a story of their trials and errors in search to find happiness in relationships that seem to have no boundaries. Through his work, Klupu presents a great allegorical story that is rich with references to human relationships and is always appreciated in times when major events such as “NOH8” and sexual acceptance are rampant everywhere.

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Novel promotes finding oneself

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that it discusses what many are afraid to, and it should be recognized for that reason alone.

As it explores the decisions we make about our sexual preferences, Krupa’s novel suggests that we should not be timid or allow ourselves to be influenced by others, like when Roman and Hovey explore their messy relationship.

I feel this message is one that should be understood by all as we try to stay true to ourselves in our day-to-day lives and respect the fact that others are simply trying to do the exact same thing.

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Emerging artists to show their talents at Art Basel

finds beauty in forsaken machinery and the areas around them.

“I am drawn to the unsettling variety of noises and the industrial stretch. The work I plan on showing at the MBUS show is a representation of the industrial landscape of Clewiston, Florida, and the families that live and work there,” Harris said.

With an overwhelming amount to offer, it would be impossible to see and participate in every part of Art Basel. To plan ahead, people can download Art Basel’s new app for their iPhones, iPads, Android and Blackberry devices, and browse the galleries and artists on view.

People can also find further information about the museum shows, events and exhibitions throughout Miami to try to get the most out of the weekend. After that, like all other fanatics, the creative at heart will just have to wait patiently for next year.
Message from President Obama to all college students on loan issues

Over the last few weeks, I’ve had the opportunity to get out of Washington and talk with folks across the country about how we can create jobs and get our economy growing faster. This is a tough time for a lot of Americans – especially young people. You’ve come of age at a time of profound change. The world has gotten more connected, but it’s also gotten more competitive. And for decades, too many of our institutions – from Washington to Wall Street – failed to adapt, culminating in the worst financial crisis and recession since the Great Depression.

For the last three years, we’ve worked to stabilize the economy, and we’ve made some progress. But we still have a long way to go. And now, as you’re getting ready to head out into the world, many of you are watching your friends and classmates struggle as you find work. You’re wondering what’s in store for your future, and I know that can be scary.

The truth is, the economic problems we face today didn’t happen overnight, and they won’t be solved overnight. But the fact that you’re investing in your education now tells me that you believe in the future of America. You want to be a part of it. And you know that there are steps we can take right now to put Americans back to work and give our economy a boost. The problem is, there are some in Washington who just don’t share that sense of urgency. That’s why it’s been so disappointing to see Republicans in Congress block jobs bills from going forward – bills that independent economists say could create millions of jobs through the kinds of proposals supported by Democrats and Republicans in Congress.

Now, the best way to attack our economic challenges and put hundreds of thousands of people back to work is through bold action in Congress. That’s why I’m going to keep demanding that Members of Congress to vote on common-sense, paid-for jobs proposals. And I hope you’ll send them a message to do the right thing for your future, and the future of our country.

But we can’t wait for Congress to act. So where they won’t act, I will. That’s why I’ve announced a new policy that will help families whose home values have fallen refinance their mortgages and save thousands of dollars. We made it easier for veterans to get jobs putting their skills to work in hospitals and community health centers. And at the University of Colorado at Denver, I announced steps we’re taking to make college more affordable and to make it even easier for students like you to get out of debt faster.

Michelle and I know what it feels like to leave school with a mountain of debt. We didn’t come from wealthy families. By the time we both graduated from law school, we had about $120,000 worth of debt between us. And even though we were lucky enough to land good jobs with steady incomes, it still took us almost 10 years to finally pay it off. It wasn’t easy.

Living with that much debt forces you to make some tough choices. And when a big chunk of every paycheck goes towards student loans, it’s not just painful for you – it’s painful to our economy and harmful to our recovery.

That’s why we’re making changes that will give about 1.6 million students the ability to cap their loan payments at 10 percent of their income starting next year. We’re also going to take steps to help you consolidate your loans and instead of making multiple payments to multiple lenders every month, you only have to make one payment a month at a better interest rate. And we want to start giving students a simple fact sheet called “Know Before You Owe” so you can have all the information you need to make your own decision about paying for college. That’s something Michelle and I wish we had.

These changes will make a real difference for millions of Americans. We’ll help more young people figure out how to afford college. We’ll put more money in your pocket after you graduate. We’ll make it easier to buy a house or save for retirement. And we’ll give our economy a boost at a time when it desperately needs it.

That’s not just important for our country right now – it’s important for our future. Michelle and I are where we are today because college education gave us a chance. Our parents and their generation worked and sacrificed to hand down the dream of opportunity to us. Now it’s our turn. That dream of opportunity is what I want for my daughters, and for all of you. And even in these tough times, we are going to make that dream real once again.

In the weeks ahead, I’m going to keep doing everything in my power to make a difference for the American people – including young people like you. Because here in America, when we find a problem, we fix it. When we face a challenge, we meet it. We don’t wait. And I hope you’ll join me.

Barack Obama is the 44th President of the United States.
Yoga by the Bay gives guests a ‘happy and energetic’ morning

BARBARA CORRELLINE DUARTE Contributing Writer

At 10 a.m. on Nov. 9, the Student Alumni Association hosted ‘Yoga by the Bay’ for all to attend. Quiceno made constant references to the environment surrounding the students. “Look around. You can see that all trees are moving. Take a moment to challenge yourself and do this more often. Lie on Earth, or practice it at the beach.”

Though the class was disrupted a couple of times by the noise of landscape machines and cars, the participants maintained their focus and followed the yoga’s instructions. “After the class, I feel very relaxed and happy. It’s great for students, because FIU can be very demanding and stressful, and we have a chance to work on all of this through yoga,” said Maria Colazzo, graduate student of global strategic communication.

Some of the participants who will be performing the activities that will be showcased at Culturefest are from other FIU organizations, including the African Student Association at Biscayne Bay Campus. “We have a lot of people at FIU who come from different backgrounds,” said Dalia Desty, BVHC president. “We hope to expose other students to different cultures through this one event.”

The idea of Culturefest originated from the advisement of ISA, Sanjay Dhawan, who used to organize Culturefest at Modesto Maidique Campus. “He thought it would be really cool if we did an event that took place at BCC.”

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Clubs unite for diverse occasion

STEVE MESA Staff Writer

As part of International Education Week, the Bay Vista Hall Council, Indian Student Association and International Student Council will host Culturefest on Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Wolfe University Center Ballroom 244. Students will dance, sing and recite poetry.

Some of the participants argue that making them an intricate part of the collegiate experience. Unfortunately, not all students are privy to their existence, especially those at BBC.

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