Candidates’ take on future of financial aid

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Presidential Candidate Mitt Romney and President Barack Obama have different takes on the topic of higher education, specifically on the issue of financial aid.

Romney’s education plan calls for the Pell Grant to allocate funds to the students who need it the most. Paul Ryan, Romney’s running mate, calls for $115 billion to be cut from the Department of Education, which in turn, would cost millions of students their Pell Grants.

Ryan’s plan would not be in effect until after next year and would not reduce the amount for those students who need it the most.

According to the White House website, the president has raised the amount for the federal Pell Grant for 2013-2014 aid year to $5,635. The website also says the number of Pell Grant recipients has increased by 50 percent since 2008.

In contrast, Romney’s running mate, Paul Ryan, would reduce funding for Pell grants in his budget, increase eligibility requirements and freeze the maximum grant at $5,550.

With a $21.5 million budget at the University receiving Pell Grants, Financial Aid Director Francisco Valines noted that the issue of financial aid is an important one for students in this upcoming election.

“I would not be able to be here; it’s essential,” said Kerren Williams, a junior English major, when asked if Pell Grants and student loans were vital for him to attend the University.

A similar response was given by Diego Posada, a freshman criminal justice major, who said the aid was important “because otherwise, I wouldn’t be able to afford college.”

In regards to student loans, the president has urged Congress to keep interest rates low for the millions of students who use federal subsidized loans, according to the White House website.

Also, Stafford loans remained at 3.4 percent this past summer, instead of doubling.

Romney’s education plan disapprove of Obama’s nationalization of the student loan market and encourages private sector involvement. His plan also does not support forgiving student loans if a student claims he or she cannot repay them.

“[Raising interest rates] would affect me tremendously,” said Natasha Chirinos, a sophomore health services major. “I assume that it will put me in a lot of debt once I finish my degree here in FIU. I don’t consider that to be a good thing at all.”

When asked if they knew that either president would want to cut federal funding for either the Pell grant or loans, and if it would sway their vote, all the students interviewed by Student Media responded that it would.

Posada said he would be voting for Obama because “…his agenda is to provide more funding for grants.”

“I feel like there should be more private investors in federal aid,” Williams said. “I also think there should be more eligibility…. We should make it more available as long as it doesn’t create a bigger deficit.”

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Diplomacy speaker to bring “vast global experience”

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On Thursday, Sept. 27, the University is hosting a lecture titled “The U.S. Foreign Service: Behind the Scenes of American Diplomacy,” during which author and journalist Nicholas Kralev will go into detail about his book, “America’s Other Army,” which chronicled his visits to more than 50 U.S. embassies and his many interviews with over 600 career diplomats.

During the lecture, Kralev will be sharing behind-the-scenes secrets about high-level foreign policy decision making, how the work of American diplomats affects daily lives and how it contributes directly to U.S. security and prosperity.

Kralev is a graduate of Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government and holds a master’s in Public Policy. He is known as a writer, educator, speaker on global travel, diplomacy and international affairs.

Kralev was a former Financial Times and Washington Times correspondent who traveled the world with four different U.S. secretaries of state, which included Hillary Clinton, Condoleezza Rice, Colin Powell and Madeleine Albright.

The lecture was arranged by David Twigg, interim director of FIU’s Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy and Citizenship Studies, and co-sponsored by the Gordon Institute and also by the Department of Politics and International Relations.

In an interview with Student Media, Twigg said that many of the University’s students, faculty, and members of the community are interested in the subjects Kralev would be sharing in his lecture.

“It is important for us to tap into, when possible, the insights of people who have had vast global experience,” Twigg said. “Taking advantage of the exciting opportunities helps maintain the edge that makes FIU, the School of International and Public Affairs and the Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy and Citizenship Studies ‘Worlds Ahead.’”

For those attending the event, Kralev’s book will be available for purchase at $24.99. He will also be autographing books at the lecture.

The lecture will take place at the Management and Advanced Research Center (MARC) Pavilion at the Modesto Maidique Campus, beginning at 6:30 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

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FIU Foundation appoints new directors to board

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The FIU Foundation welcomes 10 new additions to its Board of Directors.

The Foundation Board of Directors is a volunteer leadership board that supervises development efforts in the University.

New members are elected by current board members. The bylaws of the Foundation allow for a maximum of 50 elected members.

Ten new members were elected this year in meetings held in January and May. There are currently 48 members on the board and two vacancies.

Alongside the elected board of directors are the ex-officio members. These individuals, who have another position in the University, work together with the 50 board members.

Among the members are the Student Government Association President of Biscayne Bay Campus Pablo Hasep and the Alumni Association President.

All members give a $15,000 donation; $5,000 counts as a yearly gift or get.

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This means members can donate the latter amount or petition others to make a gift, sponsor or donate to the University.

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Public breastfeeding can be an unsettling sight for some or something beautiful for others. So when Adrienne Pine, a professor at American University, breastfed her child in the middle of a lecture, controversy followed.

Pine is a single mother and, at the time, had a sick infant and no babysitter. So she took her child to class and, shortly after the lecture began, the baby began to fuss and cry. It was feeding time.

Pine believed it would be easier to continue one of the first lectures of the semester rather than end it, so she breastfed her child amidst gawking students. Although it would have been easy for Pine to end class early and tend to her child, it was something she was reluctant to do when there was an easy solution, just one she couldn’t find.

Pine has been criticized for an act that is both publicly and professionally unacceptable by society. Ironically, Pine teaches a “Sex, Gender, and Culture” class; a feminist anthropology course about breaking societal norms.

Essentially, Pine did what most women would have to do: she took care of her sick infant.

Beyond that, the lecture was filled with young adults (and the keyword here is “adults”) who all understand the biological need an infant has for breast milk.

While a bit unprofessional, Pine saw herself in a situation that had no other resolution. To dismiss class would have set her back, excusing herself would have taken too long, and, according to Forbes, “she had new teaching assistant who most likely couldn’t take over even while [she] observed.”

All in all, the incident should not have stirred such controversy. Maybe the greater question at hand should be what is American University, and other universities alike, doing to help their single-parent staff members when such occasions occur.

However, there are a few things to criticize about Pine’s attitude towards public breastfeeding.

In a Huffington Post article, Pine states, “If I considered feeding my child to be a ‘delineate’ or sensitive act, I would not have done it in front of my students. Nor would I have spent the previous year doing it on buses, trains and airplanes; on busy sidewalks and nice restaurants; in television studios and while giving plenary lectures to large conferences.”

I feel that Pine has become too comfortable with the idea of public breastfeeding. The child being a year old already. Pine should have an established feeding schedule, and if it interferes with her time at a nice restaurant, she could easily excuse herself and go to the restroom. If she knows there will be a lecture at a conference, there is enough time to hire a caretaker.

Breastfeeding may be an act of nature, and in many situations I understand the need to do it in public; but please, be decent.

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SPECIAL TO THE BEACON

The ability to inspire a Shared Vision: What FIU Student Leaders are missing

DEAN GABRIEL WILLIAMS

Soon, it will be 50 years since the establishment of what we have affectionately come to know as the “Finest Institution in the Universe.” And if you really stop to think about it, our beloved university has come quite a ways from that barren swamp with only a toser to be recognized by.

Miami’s one and only public research university earned its stripes in the realm of higher education because, simply put, this university’s leaders have made it a priority to “inspire a shared vision.”

And unless our student leaders commit themselves to doing the same, we will miss our opportunity to shape the next 50 years of history at FIU.

“Shared Vision” is one of the five practices of exemplary leadership as outlined in Kouzes and Posner’s Leadership Challenge. In order to inspire a shared vision, one must be able to envision the future by imagining exciting and fulfilling possibilities.

Inspiring that shared vision can only begin if all student leaders understand first, what is meant by “The Student Trust,” and second, that they all play an integral role in ensuring the health, safety, welfare and morals of “The Student Trust.” And to be certain, the student trust is more than simply the allocation and management of the Activity and Services Fee; it’s about student advocacy and the general welfare of the future student bodies of FIU.

Whether you are the secretary of a campus student organization, a member of Student Government, or anywhere in-between, you play an integral role in protecting, developing and advancing the student trust. And the way we can do this, as student leaders, is to create and inspire one cohesive vision.

Inspiring a shared vision has nothing to do with a person or an organization and everything to do with service to your community; if we are to ensure that this great nation will return to its full glory, it starts with us, right here and right now, at this great University, engaging others in the common objective of making the student experience for current and future students enjoyable and fruitful.

Anything is possible at FIU. 17 varsity sports teams have worked tirelessly to move us from the Sunbelt Conference to Conference USA. In a little over 10 years, the College of Law went from little known to being amongst the highest bar passage rates in the state.

We are the youngest university to be granted a Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation’s most prestigious national honor society. And most importantly, FIU is a key player in the economy of our community, with a contribution of about $2 billion per year.

If the leaders of this student body—whether within student organizations, student government, and in between—fail to share in and work towards one unified vision, we could lose our opportunity to make a significant impact on the next 50 years of greatness that this University is about to experience.

This is the first in a two part series about “Shared Leadership at Florida International University.”
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WHEN: 12-1 p.m.

nails — are a type of artificial nail salon on a regular basis. “I noticed that people began to use colored designs and colors, nail styles come a long way. From the simple polished and shaped styles to more detailed designs of fruits, animals and more. Students are getting their nails done with a variety of different designs, ranging from simple shapes to more detailed designs of fruits, space, animals and more.”

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Salon, the water design is most popular. This is done by dropping a few drops of different colored nail polish into a small container of water and creating a design with a small stick or a toothbrush.

One of the most up-and-coming nail trends is intricate designs. Students are getting their nails done with a variety of different designs, ranging from simple shapes to more detailed designs of fruits, space, animals and more.

In addition to nails tips, nail designs have become more creative.

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I found myself walking aroundTokyo and feeling like I was in a different world. The intricate culture and dialect intrigued me. I was so enthralled by the language. Right then and there I had decided that I wanted to learn a language completely different from English.

After days of indecision, the only language class that fit perfectly with my schedule was Japanese 1. I even sat on the city bus to get to class. I knew that I had made the right decision when I walked into my first class and saw the excitement on my classmates’ faces.

Unfortunately, I had been unable to find a job after graduation. I was struggling to make ends meet and was forced to take up freelance work. It was at this point that I decided to take a gap year and travel to Japan to learn more about the culture and language.

I finally found a small apartment in Tokyo and began to study at a local language school. I made friends with other students and began to immerse myself in the culture.

One of my favorite things about Japan is how easy it is to travel. There are trains, buses, and boats that can take you anywhere. For someone who loves to explore, it is the perfect place to do so.

Life in Japan was definitely a challenge, but it was also incredibly rewarding. I learned so much about myself and the world around me.

In the end, I didn’t regret taking that gap year. It was one of the best decisions I have ever made. I highly recommend taking a gap year to anyone who is considering it.
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The FIU cross-country team is off and running.

The cross-country team started off the new campaign with a trip to Fort Myers, Fla. to participate in the FIU’s 24th annual Cross Country Invitational on Aug. 31.

Hosted by FGCU, the invitational also included Florida Atlantic University, Stetson University and Lipscomb University.

The FIU women’s cross-country team kicked off the event in the 5000-meter version of the invitational. Freshman Lauren Gonzalez ran in 19 minutes, 24 seconds. The 11th best time and best time for the Panthers.

Senior Samantha Adan ran a time of 20:47, earning a 19th overall finish. Freshman Caroline Straugh, placed 26th overall with a time of 21:31. Krystel Francis, junior, placed 27th overall with a time of 21:36. Desminika White, sophomore, also participated but did not place in the event.

Overall, the women’s team placed 4th out of the five teams. Lipscomb took the 1st place honors, host FGCU followed in second, FAU came in 3rd and Stetson came in 5th place.

The FIU men’s cross-country team also participated in the men’s half of the FGCU invitational.


Like the women, the men placed 4th out of the five teams. Host FGCU placed first, Lipscomb placed 2nd, FAU placed 3rd and Stetson placed last.

The Panthers then set their sights on Tampa, Fla., to participate in the University of South Florida Cross Country Invitational.

The invitational, hosted by USF, included Florida A&M University which only participated on the men’s side, Embry Riddle University, FAU, Nova Southeastern University, University of Central Florida, University of Miami, University of Tampa, Saint Leo University and participating only on the women’s side was Pasco-Hernando Community College.

The women’s team did not place in the event. The men placed eighth out of 10 teams. Tampa placed first, UCF placed second, USF placed third. Embry Riddle placed fourth. FAU placed fifth, UM placed sixth. Saint Leo placed seventh, Nova placed eighth, Saint Leo placed ninth and Pasco-Hernando Community College placed last.

The stage was set for the men to try and improve on their second to last place finish at FGCU.

Garcia ran the best time for the panthers. Garcia ran a time of 29:01, he placed 36th. Puentes ran a time of 29:46, he placed 44th. William-Harris ran a time of 33:04, he placed 64th. Ballard ran a time of 33:25, he placed 65th. Pettman ran a time of 39:51, he placed 71st. Delgadillo participated but did not place in this event.

The FIU men’s cross-country did not improve on their second to last place finish at FGCU, instead the men finished last in the field of nine. FAMU took the first place crown, Nova placed in second, Embry Riddle placed in third, UM placed in fourth, Tampa placed in fifth, host USF placed in sixth, FAU placed in seventh and Saint Leo placed in eighth.

Student Media attempted contacting head coach Eric Campbell, but were unable to receive comment.

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WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Thanksgiving Classic highlights 2012-2013 schedule

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It’s time to circle your calendars. Louisiana State, West Virginia, and Iowa; three of the NCAA tournament’s participants from last season highlight the 2012-2013 women’s basketball schedule as they visit FIU for the annual Thanksgiving Classic from November 23 to 25.

“We’re excited to get going,” said Cindy Russo, head coach, in a press release as she officially announced the schedule last Wednesday. “This schedule features tough non-conference teams and we’ll be prepared for a competitive conference season. We have higher expectations this year. The players are back. They have improved and they’re working hard. We’re ready to go. Russo will look to build upon last year’s relative success, where the Panthers won 23 games, going 10-6 in conference play. They earned a bid to the women’s National Invitation Tournament, before losing to South Florida 77-61.

However, the slate definitely looks to be challenging as FIU faces nine programs fresh off competitive non-conference tournaments, NCAA and NIT alike. Among those is Florida Gulf Coast, who the Panthers faced last season in a 71-70 overtime victory in the regular season conference tournament.

Last season, the Eagles finished 29-3, running a clean 18-0 slate in the Atlantic Sun Conference before losing to St. Bonaventure 72-65 in the NCAA tournament.

FIU will face Middle Tennessee, which finished 16-0 in the Sun Belt Conference during the regular season and eliminated the Panthers from the conference semi-finals for the first time on Dec. 20 in Murfreesboro.

The Blue Raiders will make their way to the U.S. Century Bank Arena on Jan. 31 to complete the two-game conference set.

The University of Arkansas at Little Rock, which shocked many around the college basketball circles by defeating Middle Tennessee 71-70 in overtime to win the conference championship, faces FIU on Jan. 12 in Little Rock and on Feb. 21 in Miami.

Despite a healthy conference record, the Panthers went a combined 0-4 against both conference stalwarts last season. However, a silver lining indicates FIU won 12 games, in the regular season and conference tournament against the rest of its other Sun Belt foes.

The Panthers open up conference play on Nov. 19 against Western Kentucky on the road, in which both teams split their regular season meetings last year. FIU plays its main rival Florida Atlantic on Feb. 6 in Miami and on Mar. 2 in Boca Raton.

The Panthers lost both meetings against the Owls last year, by a mere three points combined, losing 50-49 at home and 51-49, just two weeks later at FAU.

All eyes will be on the FIU’s annual Thanksgiving classic as Jerica Coley, who finished sixth in the country last season in scoring with 23.4 points per game, leads FIU in a four-team gauntlet against the three NCAA participants. Ranked as eighth seeds entering the tournament, LSU and West Virginia advanced past the first round defeating San Diego State and Texas respectively, with Iowa losing to Califormia 84-74. The Panthers inaugurate the tournament by playing Iowa and will face either the winner or loser of the contest between the Tigers and Mountaineers the following day.

FIU opens its 2012 campaign with two exhibition games against the University of Quebec on Oct. 25 and at Barry on Nov. 11. The Panthers also play state rival Central Florida on Dec. 8 in Miami and compete for the conference championship from March 8 to 11, in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

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Medlock out at least four weeks, Hilton shines

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Sports Director

This past weekend, FIU starting quarterback Jake Medlock suffered a fractured left foot, which, according to the Miami Herald, will keep him out of action for at least four weeks. Prior to the injury, Medlock was 10-16 for 116 yards, along with a rushing touchdown.

In his first three games under center for the Panthers, Medlock had thrown for 714 yards and four touchdown passes. He also ran for 241 yards and a touchdown.

Head coach Mario Cristobal said after the game that it was enough that Medlock was not able to return to game action. An MRI later revealed the severity of the injury.

The team announced today that true freshman E.J. Hilliard will take over the reins of the offense, which outgained Louisville last weekend 326-323. Cristobal says it’s going to be a tall order for the 19-year-old, but he believes Hilliard can handle the situation.

“It’s a lot to ask of a guy to go right in there and play away in his first year,” Cristobal said, following the loss to Louisville. “Once [Hilliard] settled down he did some things that are certainly going to have to help us win football games going forward.”

Hilliard went 9-10 for 82 yards and one touchdown in his short amount of game action this past weekend.

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NFL weekend full of injuries including Miami’s Bush

Three AFC East stars were forced out of Sunday’s game because of injuries.

Buffalo running back C.J. Spiller left Sunday’s 24-14 victory over Cleveland because of an injured left shoulder.

He was hurt as he was tackled after catching a short pass and picking up 25 yards in the first quarter. Spiller stayed on the ground for several minutes before he was helped to his feet by trainers. He grabbed his left arm as he walked off the field before being carted to the locker room.

Bills coach Chan Gailey does not expect Spiller to be back for next week’s home game against New England — and possibly longer.

“I don’t believe it’s long, long-term,” Gailey said. “If he missed a week that’s long for me. He’s going to be out for sure this week and then we’ll see.”

Spiller will undergo further testing Monday.

At Miami, Reggie Bush limped off the field. Darrelle Revis was driven away.

They were both gone with apparent left knee injuries long before a four-hour overtime marathon between the Jets and Dolphins ended — but their absences could clearly mean plenty for both clubs going forward.

Bush departed just before halftime. He stayed down after being tackled on a play where the Dolphins were apparently trying to run out the clock but chose not to simply take a knee, giving their best offensive player the ball on a handoff instead. Revis left in the third quarter, failing awkwardly and grabbing at his knee even before he hit the grass, a non-contact injury where he wound up covering his face with gloved hands in obvious pain.

“No news yet,” Jets coach Rex Ryan said after the game when asked about Revis. “He’ll have an MRI when we get home tomorrow.”

There was no update on Bush’s status from the Dolphins, either.

Oakland Raiders receiver Darrius Heyward-Bey was taken to the hospital with a neck injury after a helmet-to-helmet hit from Steelers safety Ryan Mundy that was not penalized.

Heyward-Bey was running across the end zone early in the fourth quarter to catch a pass from Carson Palmer when Mundy launched his body and lowered his helmet into Heyward-Bey’s facemask. Heyward-Bey’s neck jerked violently and his head also crashed into the ground. The pass was incomplete.

Heyward-Bey’s eyes were shut for the 10 minutes trainers attended to him as he lay motionless. He was strapped to a table and placed on a cart. As the cart started to leave the field, he raised his right hand to roaring cheers.

The Raiders said he was in stable condition and would stay in the hospital overnight for observation.

Detroit quarterback Matthew Stafford was replaced by Shaun Hill late in the fourth quarter after coming up limping trying to chase down a Tennessee defender on a 72-yard fumble return for a touchdown.

Altarun Verner took the ball out of Brandon Pettigrew’s hands after a 6-yard catch and ran it back for the touchdown with 1:16 left. Stafford tried to run down Verner before pulling up after hurting his right leg. He limped back to the sideline, and Hill replaced Stafford for the next series. Team officials said Stafford strained a leg muscle.

The Titans played the second half without tight end Jared Cook after he hurt his left shoulder late in the first half. Detroit punter Ben Graham hurt his left calf in the first quarter, forcing the Lions to turn to kicker Jason Hanson to pull double duty on special teams.

Dallas Cowboys safety Barry Church is done for the season after suffering a ruptured Achilles tendon. Coach Jason Garrett said after the Cowboys’ 16-10 victory over Tampa Bay that Church will have surgery Monday.

Also in that game, Buccaneer DE Adrian Clayborn left with a knee injury. Tampa Bay coach Greg Schiano is expected to have tests Monday. Schiano said he would have an MRI on the injured knee early in the third quarter.

Redskins coach Mike Shanahan said cornerbacks Cedric Griffin and Crezdon Butler had hurt hamstrings.

Colts receiver Austin Collie has left the Jacksonville game with what a right knee injury early in the third quarter.

In the same game, Darian Mallary was also forced to leave early due to a concussion. He did not return and it is feared he will be out of action for the next game.

“It’s probably a concussion,” Cristobal said after the game. “It was an extremely physical play where he got dinged up pretty good where doctors felt we had to hold him out.”

The Panthers will take on the Louisiana Lafayette Ragin’ Cajuns this Saturday in Louisiana.

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PRSA POWER

Marija Prsa (middle) leads her team with 174 kills through 49 sets of play. A 3.55 kill per set average so far through 14 matches.
Asian students adapt to language, culture and school work

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Annongyosaeyo! This is how you say hello in Korean.

Some students may not know there are Korean students here, let alone how to greet them.

Although China’s popu-

lation is larger than 1 billion, not all Asian students at the University are from there.

For Wen Da Xu, a senior mathematics major from China, he language barrier was only one of the chal-

lenges Da Xu met. Du Xu also had to get used to some of the manners.

“When I ﬁrst came, I didn’t have money or cell phone, I asked to borrow phone and people lent it to me, in China if you do that, people will wonder why you want to borrow their phone,” Du Xu said.

As soon as she stepped off the plane, one of Da Xu’s main problems was to choose something from the menu.

“But I didn’t understand the menu, I ordered everything. The cashier look at me and said, ‘What’?” Du Xu said.

Liu Song, a senior hospi-
tality transfer student from China, felt like an outsider on the public transportation in Miami.

“When I get on the bus, everybody look at me like, ‘why is Asian on bus,’ that made me feel like minority. In China I’m a majority. I felt very uncomfortable. And because I don’t have a car, I stay at home and surf Internet.”

The relationship between friends, classmates and acquaintances can also be a challenge. In the Asian culture, addressing someone by their ﬁrst name is only done between families and loved ones.

“Communications style in Japan is very different. It’s like bowling, you wait your turn to talk. But here it’s like tennis. Most people think I don’t have a lot to say, but that’s not the reason,” said Japanese student Yoshihiro Kanno, a graduate in the hospitality program.

“It’s very uncomfortable with hugging and kissing on the cheek. And being called by my ﬁrst name took some time to get used to,” Kanno said.

Asian students also miss the ingredients found only in their country. It’s easy to ﬁnd sushi in Miami, but that is not the same sushi Kanno used to eat in Japan.

“I really like sushi, but it taste different here, so I cook mosoly western style,” Kanno said.

Yung Joon Ji, hospitality undergraduate student from Korea, also misses the spices from his country.

“I’m used to American food, but authentic Korean restaurants are hard to ﬁnd,” said Joon Ji.

For Wei Lin, it is difﬁcult to make friends with those not of the same culture.

“Since there are a lot of Chinese students in the hospitality program, I don’t really know how to make friends with foreign students,” Wei Lin said.

“But I want to make Amer-

ican friends.”

Classroom etiquette in Asian countries is very strict, as only teachers speak during lectures while students listen.

Michelle Yoo, a visiting assistant professor in the hospitality program, I’m Jody: Jodi imnida

Chinese
Hi or How are you: Ni Hao

Korean
Hi: Annongyosaeyo
Nice to meet you: Mannesace banggoopseumindo
I’m Jody: Jodi imnida

Japanese
Hi: Konichiwa
How are you: Ogenki desuka?

Some Asian greetings

Homecoming week nearing – run for tickets

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Contributing Writer

More than a month into the semester, when it seems that profes-
sors have conspired to assign their exams all within the same week, it’s difﬁcult not to get overwhelmed by the stress of university life. But some students keep Homecoming Week in their minds.

Sunday, Oct. 7 marks the begin-

ning of Homecoming Week. Full of activities, both at the Modesto Maidique Campus and Biscayne Bay Campus, this year’s Homecoming is expecting its highest number in attendance yet.

It begins at Tamiami Park. The ﬁnal event of Panthermonium, a competition between the ﬁrst-year and third-year classes, is broken down into two parts, Panther-

monium Village and Panthermonium Concert. The village opens its gates at 1 p.m.

The village will host the ﬁnal four groups competing in Battle of the Bands, where the winner will enjoy the grand prize: Opening for the Panthermonium concert, which starts shortly after the closing of the village.

Performing on stage will be Kat Lane, Cobra Stursh, hip-hop artist B.O.B. and DJ Kaskade. Concert doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Homecoming will arrive to Biscayne Bay Campus on Tuesday and Wednesday with Kick-Off by the Bay and the dance, LXV Lounge.

In collaboration with the Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, Kick-Off by the Bay will run on Tuesday, Oct. 9, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Students can expect games, giveaways, a barbecue and kayaking.

On Wednesday, Oct. 10, the Kovens Center will host the LXV Lounge.

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