Mock the Vote

Sophomore Vivian Median, criminal justice major, takes part in Pi Sigma Alpha’s mock presidential election simulation. The voting was only during Monday and Tuesday and will give a small picture of where students stand in the upcoming election.

Student Government

New lectures coordinator to bring more lectures

Ashley Martinez
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association at the Modesto Maidique Campus has a new member on its executive cabinet.

Alexis Calatyud, a freshman, was approved by a unanimous vote during a senate session last Monday as the lectures coordinator for SGC-MMC. The approval’s aim for MMC is for the campus to have more lectures, alluding to the number of lectures organized at the Biscayne Bay Campus.

Calatyud said she was “excited” about getting the approval.

“I have so much to give and so much to work on. I am going to put everything that I can together to give the most to the students at the University,” she said. “I really feel like there’s so much that I don’t know, that I want to do and [that] I want to get into.”

Calatyud said that if the opportunity to acquire the position during the summer were available, she would have spent more time creating lectures based on election topics, which she feels most students aren’t aware of.

“I would have been really excited to put together a panel of the different mayors, for example, because I know that our students don’t vote but it is such an obscure thing.”

Sana Ullah
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Northeast U.S. residents had an unusual guest that passed along Florida’s coast and rattled the area with water, flooding and power outages.

From a tropical storm to a Category 1 hurricane, Sandy created record-high 13-foot sea water floods and millions of power outages across the northeastern region of the United States. New York’s last hurricane was Frances in 2004.

Although Sandy passed Florida, University students expressed their opinions on the hurricane situation.

Sahirsh Saif, senior and biology major, commented before Sandy reached the northeast.

“I feel like people up north are more nervous because they don’t get hurricanes as often as we do,” Saif said. “If it’s less than a Category 3, we don’t take it seriously. We just look forward to getting off from school.”

Others expressed their thoughts on the hurricane through social network memes, satirizing the natural disaster.

One particular Internet meme has an image of a frightened boy representing the residents of New York with an image at the bottom of a man smiling and sarcastically saying, “You must be new here...” representing residents of Florida.

Hurricane Sandy hit New Jersey Monday night with winds at 80 mph, cancelling around 15,000 flights worldwide. Sandy has left over 33 dead in the northeast and about 69 in the Caribbean.

Voters to decide fate of student representation

Barbara Corbellini Duarte
Staff Writer

The future of student representation in the State University System is on the ballots this election.

Amendment 12 proposes to change the way the student representative is chosen in the Florida Board of Governors, the group elected to oversee the 12 Florida state Universities.

Currently, the chair of the Florida Student Association, elected by FSA’s own Board of Directors, sits as the student representative in the Board of Governors. Each university is required pay a $21,000 annual fee in FSA membership dues to have its student body president sitting as a member of the Board of Directors within the organization.

The FSA is an organization that advocates and lobbies on behalf of the 300,000 students in the State University System, on issues such as tuition increase.

To be approved, an amendment needs 60 percent of the votes.

If Amendment 12 is approved, the Board of Governors, which submits annual budgets to the Legislature and oversees degree and admissions programs, will create a council of state universities, comprised of the 12 student body presidents. The council will elect a chair who will take the seat previously held by the FSA chair.

Supporters of the amendment say students and universities that choose not to pay the FSA fee will have more say in the decision of who represents them in the Board of Governors. Florida State University did not pay the fee and lost its seat in the organization’s Board of Directors.

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University students respond to ‘Frankenstorm’

Brian Hajeski, 41, of Brick, N.J., reacts after looking at debris of a home that washed up on to the Mantoloking Bridge.

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Calatyud to increase lectures at MMC

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sometimes,” Calatyud said.

Calatyud previously worked with Sen. Marco Rubio and has acquired contacts with the University’s Governmental Relations in Washington. She also said her father, Tony Calatyud, is known for managing several businesses on Miami, which helped make her connection with the lectures she wants to organize.

“I feel that she wants to do this. If you work on political office, especially on election year, you’re used to high-stress situations or getting yelled at and it’s not fun, but if you maintain a level head, you can definitively put together a lecture,” said Moses Aluicio, senator for the College of Law.

Alex Castro, vice president of SGC-MMC, said Calatyud was a “great candidate.”

“We interviewed her and we already have a lot of plans for the spring semester. We’re aiming for two or three lectures that will be good for the student body and 200 or 250 students per lecture. That’s our goal and we are going to stick to it,” Castro said.

Sandy aftermath leaves affected residents in the dark

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About 7.4 million people in the affected area are without power.

Christopher Jones, a sophomore studying computer sciences, said that almost 10 percent of his family lives in the state of New York. He did not expect much damage from the hurricane.

Although his family is safe, they are few of the millions that have no power and are saving the little cell phone power they have left for emergencies.

“Worst thing I heard was that a tree was about to fall on my best friend’s house, but him and his family are fine,” Jones said.

Weather forecasts have nicknamed this hurricane “Frans tracker” due to its size and the different elements. Sandy is moving northeast and is brushing with a cold front, creating a larger storm at 2,000 miles in width.

Oscar Lin, a junior studying music business, shared the story of his friend living in the northeast.

“He had to be evacuated during the hurricane,” Lin said. “For the past two days, his dad was working, but now his power is out. Luckily, he lives on one of the upper stories of his building.”

While some students continue to enjoy the cool Miami breeze sent by Sandy, others concerned about their family and loved ones most affected by Sandy continue to check on hurricane updates.

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Food with more bang for your buck

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Before I started my first semester at the University, I had people telling me left and right how difficult the transition would be or how much time I would have to devote to studying, being a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) major and all. Not once, however, did anyone mention how expensive it would be! If it’s not classes I’m worrying about, it’s books. If not books, access codes for online assignments. And if that’s not enough, I have to worry about finding some type of nourishment on campus at least once a day.

At least I’m a commuter and still depend on my parents for certain things. But where does that leave the other fiscal-conscious commuters and University residents? Let’s discuss the options.

Meal plans can be pretty costly. Most residents purchase a meal plan that includes one meal a day (lunch, presum-ably), for $799 plus tax. If you divide that up, each meal comes out to $597.94, and $6.95, respectively without any discounts added.

At the beginning of the semester, my dad gave me a $100/month budget for lunch Monday–Friday, which comes out to $400 a semester. I have no bount with that, so I eat the same thing every day – from Pollo Tropical for just under $4.50. Suppose I wanted to spice it up a bit while sticking to my budget or, better yet, any other student would like to adopt my method. What are the options then?

There are about 22 “Panther Dining locations” at the Modesto Madique Campus alone, all of which you may use the aforementioned Dining Dollars or your own money. If you’re really tight on money, some of the establishments also offer items on dollar menus that can certainly fill you up. They also offer different promotions throughout the week and even on Facebook.

The Café at Barnes and Noble offers daily specials like half a sandwich, chips and a small soda for $5 among various other combinations. Subway has their $5 foot-long daily specials, which can give you some variety if you’re not too keen on having the same thing every day. And if you don’t like the idea of going anywhere near GC, during the lunch craze, the Breezeway Café in University Towers also has cold cut subs, pizza, and 2 sodas.

If eating on campus doesn’t float your boat, there are several options off-campus that might get you a little more bang for your buck. Wendy’s, too, offers items on their value menu that could easily put together a meal for under $5. Publix offers sandwiches and many other items from their cafeteria.

In the end, the choice is ultimately yours. Meal plans might be better for the residential students, but you could also cross the street and head on over to Publix and buy food for the week which could end up being cheaper with coupons and all that jazz. Commuters could always bring their lunch if they’re trying to save some extra bucks, but they can rest assured there is a plethora of other options if they want to forgo that tuna sandwich one day.

-Food with more bang for your buck-

JUNETTE REYES
Staff Writer

Finding a parking spot on campus can be quite the hassle, so much so that everyone and their mother complains about it. At this point, however, it’s a matter of finding solutions to the problem. The University is already doing its part, with the completion of a new parking garage well on its way. It should not stop there, though, because we can also contribute to the solution by carpooling.

The University’s partnership with the State of Florida Department of Transportation’s South Florida Commuter Services has brought about the Carpool Program, from which parking on campus might actually be made easier.

The program itself is relatively new, which accounts for the mere 291 members. Still, one would think that a program available to all students, faculty, and staff with a valid parking decal would attract more members of the University to join, especially because it brings no additional fees. Although helping out the environment by carpooling is an added bonus, being able to park closer as well as save money is surely something many would consider the most advantageous of the deal.

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The Frost celebrates its 35th anniversary with an art auction

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ALL ABOUT ART (FROST ART MUSEUM) NOV. 3, FROM 7:30 TO 10 P.M.

Frost Art Museum from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
The saying “everything gets better with age” certainly holds true for the Patricia and Phillip Frost Art Museum at the University.

For 35 years, the museum has been involved in the community, bringing quality art by artists around the world to University students and Miami residents.

This Saturday, Nov. 3, will mark the museum’s 35th anniversary.

In celebration of the anniversary, the museum will host “All About Art,” an event which will include artwork donated by more than 80 artists who have collaborated with the museum over the years.

This is the museum’s first year organizing such an event, sending invitations to art collectors and enthusiasts. Attendees can bid on artwork, enjoy cocktails and get a chance to meet and talk to some of the participating artists.

“All About Art” will help raise funds for the museum to continue hosting events. After 35 years, the museum feels like they have accomplished what they were set to do as part of the FIU campus; they have brought art to not only the students, but to the whole community.

“It is a cultural beacon,” said Michael Hughes, the museum’s director of development. “It’s a place where people in the area can come and interface with us.”

Hughes says, based on feedback from attendees, the museum carried out their mission to bring quality art and educate visitors about what art stands for.

“I told Giuliana that I need for her for at least the next fifty years,” said Rancic. “We had to be optimistic and planned short terms goals for our great future. This was crucial to the recovery process.”

He said he became his wife’s nurse, personal chef, and comedian. “I called her my navy seal, because she is a fighter,” said Rancic. “She erased fearfulness of dying with future dreaming.”

Now as a public figure and cancer survivor, Giuliana Rancic created a series of conferences around the country to share her personal story and spread the word of prevention.

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REALITY STARS GIULIANA AND BILL RANCIC VISIT FIU

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Hundred of University students and staff waited in the Graham Center ballrooms on Oct. 30 to hear celebrity couple Giuliana and Bill Rancic share their battle against cancer and infertility.

“Sometimes we have plans, but our goals may not be what God wants for us. He cares for us, maybe he wants something better,” Giuliana Rancic said.

Giuliana Rancic, a TV co-anchor for “El Entertainment news” and “Fashion Police” is well known for red carpet reporting and her own reality show, “Giuliana & Bill”. Married to American entrepreneur and winner of Donald Trump’s reality television show, “The Apprentice”, she said her husband shared with FIU fans the challenges their love and professional story had to face.

She described herself as a professional storyteller who always put her career and her own stability first.

“I chayed my career instead of chasing guys,” she said. “But no one ever told me that my body and reproductive system will change when you reach a certain age, making it difficult to have a child.”

After four years of trying to start a family and suffering from infertility, Giuliana Rancic announced in 2010 on the Today show that she was suffering from early stages of breast cancer.

“I never thought it would happen to me. I ate healthy and exercise, plus I was young,” Giuliana Rancic said.

At 37 years old, she received a double mastectomy, or the surgical removal of both breasts, partially or completely, followed but months of radiation. “This was such a life changing experience. I learn how to live a day to the fullest,” she said.

Giuliana Rancic also said she realized the meaning of true love.

“Bill was my support system,” she said. “He let me cry when I need it. We did great teamwork.”

Bill Rancic said this was one of the hardest moments of his life. However he emphasized the importance of a good attitude, planning and working without giving up.

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POLITICAL ADVERTISING VIII (WOLFSONIAN MUSEUM) NOV. 4 AT 2 PM.

Election Day is near and voters have jumped at the opportunity to vote early.

Political advertising has flooded the nation to endorse candidates. These advertisements are in “Political Advertising VIII (1952-2012),” a film by Antoni Muntadas and Marshall Reese, which documents advertising during elections over the years.

The Wolfsonian Museum will screen the film at 2 p.m. on Nov. 4. Allan Richards, associate dean and professor of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, will hold a discussion after the film’s screening.

The film presents an analysis of presidential campaign advertising and the visual and verbal language of political propaganda over the course of 50 years. The project started in 1984 by putting together compilations of political advertisements to document the role of media in the American presidency.

“I proposed to Marshall [Reese] to work on a project that will analyze these political spots,” said Muntadas. “We started collecting… in 1984 the spots that covered the ‘60s, ’70s and part of ’80s.”

Since then, they have revised it every four years.

“The evolution of the film reflects how the use of advertising and television changes the way that people make messages and the way politicians communicate,” said Reese.

COURTESY OF THE BACON

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Bill and Giuliana Rancic talk about their struggles with infertility and Giuliana’s struggle with breast cancer.

“This is the museum’s 35th anniversary. The museum’s show will mark the museum’s 35th anniversary. The museum’s staff will have a clearer idea of the evolution of image making,” said Reese.

“It’s also a really useful view of the history of the United States,” said Marshall.

This year’s documentary is their eighth edition and will cover advertisements from 1952 to 2012.

“We’re very interested in the way that these various methods of communication affect our society,” Reese said.

Every four years, new spots are added to make it more relevant to the election period, while keeping the spots from past elections throughout the evolution of the film.

“It just seems to have a natural flow. [The use of advertising] is always changing,” said Reese.

The film doesn’t involve any personal point of view. No particular political message is conveyed, according to Reese.

“We’re more interested in how the media affects expression of political messages,” said Reese.

The film shows how advertising is used to “seduce an audience.”

“We let the materials speak for themselves,” said Muntadas.

It shows the evolution of advertisement, from being a way for politicians to communicate their information and messages efficiently to an influence to being an asset to package emotions.

“It’s about appealing to people from not always their best interest using various manipulations,” said Reese.

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Feedback from attendees, the museum carried out their mission to bring quality art and educate visitors about what art stands for.

The museum’s showcases go through long processes before reaching exhibition.

“This sculpture exhibit we just opened first came to our director two years ago,” Hughes said.

The Frost Museum’s staff is planning to have a party in the name of art to celebrate their 35 years of operation in the community, the artists they have worked with and the public that has supported the museum.

More information and future events can all be found on thefrost.fiu.edu.

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POLITICAL ADVERTISING VIII (WOLFSONIAN MUSEUM)

The Wolfsonian Museum will screen the film at 2 p.m. on Nov. 4. Allan Richards, associate dean and professor of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, will hold a discussion after the film’s screening.

The film presents an analysis of presidential campaign advertising and the visual and verbal language of political propaganda over the course of 50 years. The project started in 1984 by putting together compilations of political advertisements to document the role of media in the American presidency.

“I proposed to Marshall [Reese] to work on a project that will analyze these political spots,” said Muntadas. “We started collecting… in 1984 the spots that covered the ’60s, ’70s and part of ’80s.”

Since then, they have revised it every four years.

“The evolution of the film reflects how the use of advertising and television changes the way that people make messages and the way politicians communicate,” said Reese.

This year’s documentary is their eighth edition and will cover advertisements from 1952 to 2012.

“We’re very interested in the way that these various methods of communication affect our society,” Reese said.

Every four years, new spots are added to make it more relevant to the election period, while keeping the spots from past elections throughout the evolution of the film.

“It just seems to have a natural flow. [The use of advertising] is always changing,” said Reese.

The film doesn’t involve any personal point of view. No particular political message is conveyed, according to Reese.

“We’re more interested in how the media affects expression of political messages,” said Reese.

The film shows how advertising is used to “seduce an audience.”

“We let the materials speak for themselves,” said Muntadas.

It shows the evolution of advertisement, from being a way for politicians to communicate their information and messages efficiently to an influence to being an asset to package emotions.

“It’s about appealing to people from not always their best interest using various manipulations,” said Reese.

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New mobile app helps students familiarize with FIU

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Trying to find a building on campus but have no idea where it is? PantherSoft, which is part of the Division of Information Technology at FIU, has not only found a solution, but also a new tool to help students, faculty, staff and visitors get more familiar with the University and its facilities.

FIU Mobile is a new mobile app that can be downloaded from any smartphone or tablet. It offers features such as "Maps and Tours," which helps users find buildings on campus, "Athletics," which gives updates on the latest games; and "FIU News," which provides news updates throughout the day.

The first version of this tool started in Jan. 2010 as a mobile website, mobile.fiu.edu, but it later turned into an app in fall 2011.

PantherSoft partnered up with FIU Online, the Department of Parking and Transportation, External Relations and the Athletics Department to build this application and provide the latest updates on each department.

"We’re always focused on what the students want because they are our main customer," said Carlos Varona, interim director of PantherSoft.

Some new features added to the app designed to better serve the customers on campus.

"This sort of helps students and visitors and employees to navigate the campus a little easier," Varona said.

"Places" is one of the recently added features, which shows a list of all the restaurants on campus and their locations. PantherSoft and the restaurants on campus work together to give information on the menus and the working hours, as well.

The Campus Tour, which offers a virtual tour of the campus, has been another new feature. With this app anyone can take self-guided virtual tours using the GPS provided by the Smartphone.

"I got the app when I first found out about it, and lets just say I have never been lost on campus ever since," said Gabrielle Phillips, public relations major.

"Transit" provides information on parking, decals, schedules of the shuttles and all of Transit and Transportation’s contact information.

FIU Mobile is a tool that allows people with Internet connection and Smartphones to have the University at the tip of their fingers at all times.

"Since we deployed our first application, we have had over a million visitors to that site, and somewhere close to 7 million peak views," Varona said.

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Panthers celebrate Halloween in style

Students sport their costumes at Modesto A. Maidique campus on Wednesday in celebration of Halloween

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CAMPUS LIFE!

FIU, first university in Florida in support of smiles

HOLLY MCCOACH
Staff Writer

It takes more muscles to frown than to smile, but across the globe, children are born with cleft lip, cleft palate and other facial deformities, making it almost impossible to smile.

Operation Smile, a children’s charity organization found in over 60 countries, helps treat children with cleft lip, cleft palates and other facial deformities.

The University is the first in Florida to support this campaign with Operation Smile @ FIU.

Michelle Somma, a senior biology major, helped bring this organization to campus when she and her brother began planning an event in June.

"Raise a Smile for a Child" was the kickoff event this past September for Operation Smile @ FIU.

To begin their support, signs read, "What Makes You Smile?" allowing family members to give their input and bring awareness to the campaign.

They raised over $1,000 in Broward and Miami-Dade counties before the club became official.

"They had this deal that if you donated the money by that night, it would be multiplied by 15," Somma said.

The money from Somma’s event increased to $15,000, helping approximately 65 to 70 children in need of operations.

Operation Smile @ FIU has raised awareness for children with deformities by visiting schools and educating children about dental health and organizing bake sales where they hand out flyers, sell T-shirts and show before-and-after pictures of children who had operations.

The campaign’s next big step to support children around the globe is through their supply drive, which kicked off Tuesday, Oct. 30, with Giuliana and Bill Rancic, reality show stars and supporters of Operation Smile.

The group received donated items for Operation Smile, such as office supplies, crayons, coloring books and toys. All the proceeds go to Operation Smile, which will use the money for the next mission.

From Nov. 5 to 9, the group will be tabling in the Graham Center at www.fiusm.com
Panthers to take on Jaguars in first ever meeting

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Putting aside this past week’s loss, FIU will be flying to Mobile, Ala. to face the South Alabama Jaguars on Nov. 3.

Coming off of perhaps their most impressive performance of the season, the Panther defense will look to keep the Jaguar offense in check. In last week’s game, FIU’s defense held the Hilltoppers to just 289 total yards of offense and 14 points.

Despite their 2-6 record, the Jaguars have played considerably better in the last three games, especially on the offensive side of the ball. After scoring 10 or fewer points in the last four games of September, South Alabama is averaging 30 points per game in their last three matchups.

“This was definitely one of the better defensive performances that we’ve had, minus WKU getting a touchdown after a bad snap that really helped them to seven points,” Cristobal said.

If the defense finds a way to bring a similar performance this week, the opportunities could be endless against a South Alabama offense that has turned over the ball 19 times this season.

“I thought the last two weeks we’ve forced a couple big turnovers and it’s such a big part of the game,” Cristobal said. “It’s critical that we continue to get better at that, our turnover margin is not very good now and it’s been the difference in a lot of our ball games.”

The finish line for the FIU tennis team is right around the corner, but to get there, they’ll have to beat tough competition in the End of Year Tournament, aptly named because FIU won’t play again until spring.

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FIU concludes fall slate with five-team tournament

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Regionalst on Sept. 30, Barry also competed in the Verner Invitational in Winter Park, Fla.

For FIU, they competed in the Panther Fall Opener in late September. As a team, the Panthers didn’t play too well, going 1-2 in singles matches, and going 1-3 in doubles matches with the only victory coming from the duo of Giuditta Boha, and Rita Maisak. These two also competed in the ITA Southeast Regionals on Oct. 19 to 20. In doubles, Boha and Maisak won their matches to advance to round of 32 before being ousted. With the ITA Regionals in the books, Petrovic has her focus on getting the team healthy and on the End of Fall Tournament. Laterly, the Panthers had some minor injuries. Maisak is the biggest concern as she’s been battling a fever recently.

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**NFL players talk politics, look ahead to election**

Joe Fagan, a 20-year-old políticas being looked after a political vacuum this time around. Cristobal said there’s been some election talk in the Redwings weight room after every Obama-Romney debate, and teammates Stephen Bowen, Sountana Moss and Trent Williams recently talked politics while sitting on the sofa outside the locker room.

“Everybody’s tuned in to see what points Barack and Romney are making on different topics,” Bowen said. “I’m very interested.”

It’s the political die-hards who are hooked by this election, players said, not the casual player-voter.

“We haven’t had a full practice this week. Hopefully we get everybody healthy to compete this weekend,” Petrovic said. “Rita has been battling sickness, and hopefully she can compete, it’s going to be tough, but as a coach we like to see how they can perform under pressure in situations like this when they are not 100 percent.”

**PANTHER OF THE WEEK**

Chelsea Leiva (above) scored two goals to help clinch the Panther’s victory over FAU 2-1 in Boca Raton last week. These two goals helped her earn Sun Belt Player of the Week as well as being named First Team All-Conference for her play this season where Leiva scored a team-high 10 goals, tying her for second in the Sun Belt. Leiva also led the conference in shots-per-game, averaging 4.22 shots.

**JOSEPH WHITE**

**AP Staff**

In a rare show of unity, President Barack Obama and challenger Mitt Romney took turns praising Washington Redskins rookie quarterback Robert Griffin III a couple of weeks ago for a video that aired on the Fox network’s NFL pregame show.

“They uttered polished, rote lines such as Romney’s: “RG3 hasn’t been in Washington very long, but he’s already created change” and Obama’s: “You know, I enjoy going home to my house for a pickup game anytime.”

Politics injecting itself into sports, a play as old as the forward pass. Whether the sportsmen are actually paying attention is another matter.

Four years ago, it was hard to avoid political talk in some NFL locker rooms during the buildup to the Obama-McCain election. Players were leading voter registration drives. Teammates with adjacent lockers debated it. You got to the point that Cleveland Brown coach Romeo Crennel declared any discussion about the election at the team facility off-limits because he feared it would interfere with game preparations. In 2012, it’s just not the same.

“This year is more quiet,” said Denver Broncos line- backer Wesley Woodyard. “Not to say that we weren’t more focused on football back then, but we are really focused on football. But politics, it’s kind of quiet. Nobody’s said anything about it. You pretty much can tell how guys feel about the election, but nobody’s really talking about it.”

And, of course, it doesn’t take a political science major to figure out why 2008 was a hotter topic. That was the first time an African-American had made it that far — and then a female vice-presidential candidate.”

Redskins defensive tackle Barry Cofield said, “There were a lot more bullet points to talk about.”

That’s not to say that the NFL players are living in a political vacuum this time.

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Multimedia Production e-book spells out Miami like it is

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Heraux plans to include a sound slide with numerous pictures and the voice of one her interviewers recounting her story. "I want people to know about HIV and how it can be contracted and prevented. Showing people's stories brings reality to the issue. Also, I want people to know that the Center of Positive Connections exists and that they have that resource here in Miami," said Heraux.

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"I try not to think about expectations that much," Anderson said. "I just get out there and get the best of it."