Voters to decide fate of student representation

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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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New lectures coordinator to bring more lectures

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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 do vote but it is such an obscure thing...”

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Sandy aftermath leaves affected residents in the dark

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 “Fran-kenstorm” due to its size and the different elements. Sandy is moving northeast and is clashing 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 dog 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 the hurricane updates.

Calatyud to increase lectures at MMC

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 fast food chains in Washington. She also said her father, Tony Calatyud, is known for managing several fast food chains in Washington. She also said her father, Tony Calatyud, is known for managing several fast food chains in Washington. She also said her father, Tony Calatyud, is known for managing several fast food chains in Washington. She also said her father, Tony Calatyud, is known for managing several fast food chains in Washington. She also said her father, Tony Calatyud, is known for managing several fast food chains in Washington.

“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 definitely put together a lecture,” said Moses Aluciano, 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.

Amendment could change role of SGA presidents

Those against it say the amendment is not necessary and that if passed, FSA would lose strength.

Laura Farinas, president of the Student Government Council at Modesto Maidique Campus, is in favor of the amendment, citing the FSA annual fee.

“The pay-to-play model infringes on the right of the member-institutions who cannot afford the cost of the fee, or who prefer not to pay the fee,” Farinas wrote on a position statement. “Hence leaving their respective student bodies (out of) ... decisions made by the Board of Governors, as their viewpoints and concerns are often never considered.”

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The Café at Barnes and Noble offers daily specials such as 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 hotdogs. If eating on campus doesn’t float your boat, there are several options off campus. The University of Miami has people telling me that up, each meal comes out to $5.97, which covers three square meals a day, along with snacks and dessert. Residential students have the VIP7 Pass option for members of the University to further participate in this program and should, therefore, keep their explanation to the problem. 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 all.

Besides the access to a close and convenient parking spot on campus, the program also allows one to enroll in the free Emergency Ride Home Program which entitles one to 6 vouchers throughout the year since the date of enrollment for a free taxi ride home for unexpected emergencies only.

Enrolling in the Carpool Program is fairly easy and can be done by completing an FIU Carpool registration at www.1800234ride.com; this form can be found under the Register & Renew for SFCS Programs and Services tab and is also available at the Parking and Transportation offices. The SFCS verifies all the information and then mails a SFCS FIU Carpool Parking Permit to each member of the carpool group; this can take up to 7-10 days.

Once the permits have arrived, carpool groups can park in the designated carpool zones only if two carpool permits are displayed along with the FIU decal. Penalties of misuse include a $100 fine as well as the costs of permit fraud citation, vehicle impoundment and the loss of carpool parking privileges for the current and following permit year.

The formation of the carpool group is the tricky part of the program for you would have to be matched with other members if you are not already in a group. The program allows you to view potential ride matches but the best option might be having a group set up before you register in order to be able to begin carpooling as soon as possible.

Of course, this means having a similar campus schedule with your fellow carpool members as well as being conveniently located near each other. This is difficult enough as it is but carpool members should also be considerate of each other, especially when it comes to patience.

Every member of a carpool group agrees to participate in this program and should, therefore, keep their word. Members should be patient with each other as well as not keep each other waiting on campus for an unreasonable amount of time.

The advantages generally outweigh the minor downsides of the program, which makes it a viable option for members of the University to further improve the parking situation on campus. The parking issues affect most of us and it takes a collaborative effort to make things as tolerable as possible.
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. is planning to have a party in honor of the museum's 35 years of operation in the community, the artists they have worked with and the public that has supported the museum.

The saying “every thing 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.

The museum’s shows 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.

ART LIFE!

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

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 explored in “Political Advertisement VIII (1952-2012),” a film by Anton 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 represents 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 ’80s, ’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 media.

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

After watching the film, the audience will have a clearer idea of the evolution of image making.

“We’ll see how advertisement became more and more negative,” said Muntadas.

“It’s also a really useful view of the history of the United States,” said Marshall.
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 the fall of 2011.

Panthersoft partnered 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 and 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.

Another feature that is targeting more the students and faculty is the “MyFIU” feature.

“The focus was to maintain the delivery of MyFIU information for students, faculty and staff, so this allows us to give them that extra information that they need where they don’t have to log in into my.fiu.edu to be able to look at their grades or courses,” Varona said. “That was the main focus on building the information.”

Panthersoft has future features planned for FIU Mobile that will allow employees to view their time entries and transactional information.

FIU Mobile is open to suggestions and, according to Varona, the app is constantly being tested by students who provide their feedback on how they like it or how they would like to see it improved.

“There’s a feedback button on the page that allows us to hear back from students,” Varona said.

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. -stephan.useche@fiusm.com

FIU, first university in Florida in support of smiles

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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 founded 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 the Modesto Maidique Campus to raise money and promote Operation Smile and dental health.

“We are going to Ronald McDonald’s house and we will be cooking for families,” Somma said.

The house has around 20 people where the group plans to volunteer once a month, depending on the number of student volunteers.

Somma hopes to promote physical health by planning an Operation Smile run in the Spring and possibly some kickball tournaments.

“We are new, so we are trying to build our network to see what we can get,” Somma said.

Somma and the rest of the editorial board encourage feedback, which kicked off Tuesday, Oct. 30, with Giuliana and Bill Rancic, reality show stars and supporters of Operation Smile.

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Panthers celebrate Halloween in style

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FOOTBALL

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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 30.50 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 could be the doubles competition in the Mountain Regionals of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Tournament.

Ball State hasn’t had as much success as Air Force recently, but they still had a sophomore, Courtney Wild, reach the quarterfinals of the Ohio Valley ITA Regionals before losing. Freshman Ayaka Terashi reached the round of 16 before getting knocked out as well. Youngstown State is another tough competitor who saw four of their players reach the finals in the singles competition of the St. Bonaventure Fall Classic.

Then in the ITA Regionals, Marta Burak and Magdara Sadownikova reached the quarterfinals in the doubles before losing to University of Notre Dame.

For Barry, they had Junior Olivia Matsuzak finishing as runner-up in the ITA South Florida Regionals. His doubles performance was outstanding.

“arly on in the game, I could see that Barry was going to be the better team,” Ribi said.

“They played well and showed some good potential. I think they have a good未来.”

Pete said. “As a coach, I’m just enjoying the process. It’s been a lot of fun and good competition for us at this point,” said Horner.

Some of those good athletes include Rebecca Bernard, who finished third in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 54.74 seconds to Cheriesee Campbell and Sydney Postmus, both from Campbell University.

FIU diver Sabrina Beaupre was named Sun Belt Conference Diver of the Week after a great performance at FAU and FSU.

Beaufort, a junior from Longueuil, Quebec, qualified for the NCAA Zone B Regionals in the 3-meter and 1-meter spring board events with scores of 275.45 and 292.55, respectively. She now owns 11 SBC Diver of the Week awards along with two SBC Diver of the Year awards.

Marina Ribi exploded onto the FIU swimming scene this year, especially after breaking her first FIU swimming record, the 200 fly with a time of 2:04.36.

There were many high hopes for this transfer from Tennessee at the start of the season but no one could have predicted record breaking performances in only her second meet as a Panther.

“I don’t feel any pressure to perform, I am just enjoying everything right now,” Ribi said.
NFL players talk politics, look ahead to election

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Unlike the Panther defense, the offense looks to put last week's performance behind them as fast as possible. In that game against Western Kentucky, the offense generated 342 yards of total offense without a touchdown.

Instead, the Panther offense struggled at the start sheet on all of the categories a team strives to avoid. They ended the night with four turnovers and nine sacks on the quarterback. Although some of the sacks were results of great plays, a good number of them were taken by Medlock's tendency of holding on to the ball too long in situations where throwing it away or scrambling may have suited his body and the offense better.

Medlock and the Panther offense will look to get back to the high level of production they've shown for the majority of the season this year against a South Alabama defense that has been successful this year getting to the quarterback. Some of them are legitimate great plays by their design, however there are a large amount of coverage related sacks, or a quarterback trying to make a play but holding on to the ball when they shouldn't be." Cristobal said. "With that being said, we're looking at an athletic, hard-nosed defense that does get to the quarterback. They bring a lot of different pressures and variations up front and in coverage with their corners. Confidence play is always going to be extremely competitive and we expect exactly the same this week."

For a growing program like FIU's, the way they finish this season only progresses the identity Cristobal has been setting for this team the entire year: to show up to work hard every day despite whether circumstances are in your favor or not.

"The process doesn't stop," Cristobal said. "When things aren't going your way, you keep finding ways to try to get better. Every day here is about being a man, showing up to work, and doing the best you can."

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"It's the biggest concern as she's been battling a fever recently."

"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."

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Injuries a concern for team as fall season wraps up

Regional winners of the Invitational will be announced after the action.

For FIU, they competed in the Panther Fall Opener in late September. As a team, the Panthers didn't play too well, going a combined 2-9 in singles matches, and going 1-3 in doubles matches with the only victory coming from the duo of Giudietta Boha, and Rita Maisak. These two also competed in the ITA Southeast Regionals on Oct. 19 to 20. In doubles, they reached the round of 16 before losing. In singles, 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 getting the team healthy and on the End of Fall Tournament. Lately, the Panthers have some minor injuries. Maisak is the biggest concern as she's been battling a fever recently.

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FIU looking for ways to improve from 1-8 season

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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’re welcome at 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 build up to the Obama-Mc Cain election. Players were leading voter registration drives. Teammates with adjacent lockers debated it. It got to the point that Cleveland Brown’s 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 around. Cofield said there’s been some election talk in the Redskins weight room after every Obama-Romney debate, and teammates Stephen Bowen, Santana 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."

"Last time it seemed to be a little more popular in the mainstream," said Miami Dolphins tight end Anthony Fasano, who supported McCain in 2008 and plans to vote for Romney on Tuesday. "And people with public images were speaking out a little more than I think they have this election. Our profession — and throughout the sports world and the entertainment world — I think everyone came together and put more effort into their support for whoever in 2008."

That doesn’t stop the candidates from trying to win their support, although it helps to do some homework ahead of time. Romney’s running mate, Paul Ryan, visited a Browns practice earlier this month and mistakenly confused backup quarterback Colt McCoy for starter Brandon Weeden while speaking to a team huddle, hardly the kind of mistake one wants to make in a competitive state like Ohio.

"I think he saw the red jerseys and got us mixed up," Weeden said. "But he’s got more important things on his mind right now than me and Colt. It was a good laugh."

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They are easily transported on mobile devices and they allow for costless self-publication. The ibooks application makes it easy for people to design and publish their own books, free of charge.

Each student in the class works on one chapter which will feature a story about different people in different parts of Miami and its surroundings.

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Joanna Noel, a junior in journalism, is writing about North Miami and its traditional Jitney, a minibus servicing the area.

Noel wants to portray the cultural experience of riding among the loudness and crowds of the Jitney in North Miami.

“It’s cheaper than the metro and a lot of people from the Haitian culture know it. I used to take it a lot when I was younger and I know a lot of people who used to ride them as well, like friends who used to go to school with me,” said Noel.

Noel feels that the class is different in its approach to project-based learning and is pleased with the project they are working on.

“I had heard that this was a basic class that would just teach Final Cut Pro and some of the software but when I actually took it I realized the structure is actually pretty different and we focus on producing the material as we learn,” added Noel.

Giselle Heraux, senior in Journalism, is writing about the prevalence of HIV/AIDS in Miami-Dade.

“Miami is the leading city in the nation with the most incidence of HIV/AIDS. I feel like many people aren’t aware of that and so I wanted to bring attention to it,” said Heraux.

Heraux has interviewed several HIV positive people at the Center of Positive Connections, a support and research center for patients that are HIV positive.

“One of my interviewees got AIDS from shooting drugs and the other one got it from her baby’s father,” said Heraux.

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 of 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.

Sonia Perez-Arau, a junior from Sweden, is beginning to emerge as a force to watch out for.

While Hurricane Sandy did damage in the Northeast, it provided some much needed rest for the FIU swim team. Last week’s meet against Florida Gulf Coast University was cancelled due to the inclement weather, which gave the team time to recover from some of the injuries and illness that affected the team.

Simultaneously, the ladies are entering the toughest part of their season when the training is the hardest. They will take on the University of North Florida on Nov. 3 at the Aquatic Center on Biscayne Bay Campus.

“As sick and injured as we have been, it actually has been in the best interest long term that we got ourselves healthier this week,” said Head Coach Randy Horner.

Sonia Perez-Arau, a junior from Barcelona, is coming off another stellar meet where she battled mid-week illness to help her team defeat FAU. She hasn’t failed to finish outside of the top three in any of her events this year, and has claimed first place in all her races including the 500-yard freestyle and the 400-yard Individual Medley.

“We are in the toughest part of the season but I expect to do better each week,” said Perez.

Klara Anderson, a sophomore from Sweden, is beginning to emerge as a force to watch out for.

She finished the last meet with a third place finish in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 53.29 seconds. Before coming to FIU, she competed at the Swedish Nationals and the Swedish Youth Nationals since 2006. After a rocky freshman year, she is beginning to enter a groove and swim well.

“I try not to think about expectations that much,” Anderson said. “I just get out there and go and do my best.”