Letters from an exiled brother, sister pays homage

CAROLINA GONZALEZ
Contributing Writer

The Cuban Research Institute is hosting an event featuring the sister of a man who spent most of his life in exile from his own country to pay homage to her brother.

According to Jorge Duany, the director of the Cuban Research Institute, Severo Sarduy, a Cuban writer, was an important figure in late 20th century Cuban literature. Born in Cuba, S. Sarduy experienced many challenges in his lifetime.

The University invited Mercedes Sarduy, his sister, to speak after she gifted his brother’s never before published book titled “Cartas a mi Hermana en La Habana” this past summer. M. Sarduy will speak about the collection of letters she received from her brother during his years abroad and exiled.

MADY NODA
Staff Writer

MBA program grows despite national findings

Patrick Ford, a junior physics major and astronomy minor – who has not only gained campus-wide popularity in his NASA-enthused astronaut costume, but also recognition in the community as a Mars One program applicant – will speak about the Red Planet at the University in two different events next month.

FIU’s Society of Physics Students will host its second Phys Talks, a forum for undergraduate students to discuss research, science and technology where Ford – a member of SPS and public relations officer of the Astronomy Club – will speak about space exploration and Mars One.

Ford said although he will speak about the program that plans to establish a human settlement of 24 astronauts on the planet in 2023, he said he won’t talk exclusively about the project. “I hope to give people a vision of what humanity can do in the next century in space exploration and how we can begin taking the first steps now,” Ford said.

The event on Nov. 1 will be held in the Chemistry and Physics building room 145 at 6:30 p.m. and is open to the public. Ford is also scheduled to talk space exploration at the same location on Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Stocker AstroScience Center’s grand opening. “I want to keep this as expansive and informative as I can,” Ford said. “I want to convey my passion for space exploration and a chronology of human interaction with Mars.”

Ford said he will address problems associated with trying to send humans into the solar system: Mercury’s too unstable and close to the Sun, Venus has an atmosphere 90 times thicker than Earth and the moons of Jupiter experience tremendous tides and get blasted with radiation.

“Anywhere further than that is just too far for current technology,” Ford said. “It makes sense that we would pick somewhere close with conditions that are somewhat reasonable. Mars has Earth-like days and seasons and a gravity that can be adjusted to.”

Ford will also discuss the history of the space programs on Mars – from the Mariners to the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter and Viking Lander. “I want to talk about what these programs did to improve our understanding of the Red Planet,” Ford said.

Naturally, Ford said he will discuss different manned missions that are being planned including Mars One. “I’ll explain what I think space exploration means to all of us and why I am so passionate about it.”

Ford applied to Mars One in April and is awaiting decision. At one point, his public application and profile on the program’s website reached 22nd in popularity out of 78,000 at the time. Over 200,000 people applied for the one-way trip by the end of August.

“If he is not chosen, Ford said he plans to pursue his astrophysics degree, and public speaking – visiting high schools and other universities.

“Almost always when there is some kind of downturn in the economy, schools see an uprise in applications. People may not have the ideal job scenario and turn to school as an option to get back on their career trajectory,” said Erin Dowd, associate director of Recruitment and Marketing and MBA programs.

“Many of the MBA programs implemented since the recession are more flexible and geared towards students who want to go to school in conjunction with earning a paycheck,” Dowd said. “The school of business currently offers eight MBA programs and 11 specialized masters programs. There are three professional MBA programs, which are offered to those with a couple years of work experience and two Healthcare M.B.A programs which are offered, both in-class and online. “The healthcare industry is one of the registries that really resonated within the market. So our healthcare program has grown really strong since its beginning in 2010,” said Dowd.

The corporate MBA program is one of the new programs that was added to the school in 2010 and it is offered fully online.

“It was designed for folks who are balancing personal commitment via family or work commitment. So we have seen steady enrollment beginning 2011 with 600 plus student year in just the corporate MBA program alone,” said Dowd.

The professional MBA Flex program is another successful program that was implemented recently, he has had several books published; many of which are stories about, or based on, what he experienced as a traveler. Duany said although a native, many Cubans felt like they could not fully accept S. Sarduy as an esteemed representation of the community because he never went abroad.

Letters from an exiled brother, sister pays homage

Mars One applicant talks space exploration in astrophysics

MADISON FANTOZZI
News Director

Patrick Ford, a junior physics major and astronomy minor who has not only gained campus-wide popularity in his NASA-enthused astronaut costume, but also recognition in the community as a Mars One program applicant, will speak about space exploration in astrophysics.

Ford said although he will speak about the program that plans to establish a human settlement of 24 astronauts on the planet in 2023, he said he won’t talk exclusively about the project. “I hope to give people a vision of what humanity can do in the next century in space exploration and how we can begin taking the first steps now,” Ford said.

The event on Nov. 1 will be held in the Chemistry and Physics building room 145 at 6:30 p.m. and is open to the public. Ford is also scheduled to talk space exploration at the same location on Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Stocker AstroScience Center’s grand opening. “I want to keep this as expansive and informative as I can,” Ford said. “I want to convey my passion for space exploration and a chronology of human interaction with Mars.”

Ford said he will address problems associated with trying to send humans into the solar system: Mercury’s too unstable and close to the Sun, Venus has an atmosphere 90 times thicker than Earth and the moons of Jupiter experience tremendous tides and get blasted with radiation.

“Anywhere further than that is just too far for current technology,” Ford said. “It makes sense that we would pick somewhere close with conditions that are somewhat reasonable. Mars has Earth-like days and seasons and a gravity that can be adjusted to.”

Ford will also discuss the history of the space programs on Mars – from the Mariners to the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter and Viking Lander. “I want to talk about what these programs did to improve our understanding of the Red Planet,” Ford said.

Naturally, Ford said he will discuss different manned missions that are being planned including Mars One. “I’ll explain what I think space exploration means to all of us and why I am so passionate about it.”

Ford applied to Mars One in April and is awaiting decision. At one point, his public application and profile on the program’s website reached 22nd in popularity out of 78,000 at the time. Over 200,000 people applied for the one-way trip by the end of August.

“If he is not chosen, Ford said he plans to pursue his astrophysics degree, and public speaking – visiting high schools and other universities.

“Almost always when there is some kind of downturn in the economy, schools see an uprise in applications. People may not have the ideal job scenario and turn to school as an option to get back on their career trajectory,” said Erin Dowd, associate director of Recruitment and Marketing and MBA programs.

“Many of the MBA programs implemented since the recession are more flexible and geared towards students who want to go to school in conjunction with earning a paycheck,” Dowd said. “The school of business currently offers eight MBA programs and 11 specialized masters programs. There are three professional MBA programs, which are offered to those with a couple years of work experience and two Healthcare M.B.A programs which are offered, both in-class and online. “The healthcare industry is one of the registries that really resonated within the market. So our healthcare program has grown really strong since its beginning in 2010,” said Dowd.

The corporate MBA program is one of the new programs that was added to the school in 2010 and it is offered fully online.

“It was designed for folks who are balancing personal commitment via family or work commitment. So we have seen steady enrollment beginning 2011 with 600 plus student year in just the corporate MBA program alone,” said Dowd.

The professional MBA Flex program is another successful program that was implemented recently, he has had several books published; many of which are stories about, or based on, what he experienced as a traveler. Duany said although a native, many Cubans felt like they could not fully accept S. Sarduy as an esteemed representation of the community because he never went abroad.
WORLD NEWS

Suicide bomber strikes Russian bus, killing 6

A female suicide bomber blew herself up on a city bus in southern Russia on Monday, killing six people and injuring about 40 others, said officials. The attack in Volgograd added to security fears ahead of the Winter Olympics in Sochi. The suspected bomber was from the North Caucasus, a region in southern Russia where an Islamic insurgency has been simmering for more than a decade following two separatist wars in Chechnya.

UK commit to nuclear power despite Fukushima

Britain has struck an agreement to build a new nuclear power plant - the first such deal in the European Union since the disaster at Fukushima prompted a major rethink of the energy source’s merits. The 16-billion pound ($25.9 billion) project, which was agreed on Monday with France’s EDF energy and a group of Chinese investors, aims to keep the lights on in Britain amid declining supplies of North Sea gas and rapidly escalating fuel costs.

Israel awards Bloomberg $1 million “jewish nobel”

Israel on Monday recognized New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg as the first ever recipient of the $1 million Genesis Prize, an award popularly dubbed the “Jewish Nobel Prize.” The Genesis Prize Foundation said Bloomberg was honored as the first winner for his long record of public service and philanthropy. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will present the prize to Bloomberg early next year in Israel. Bloomberg will then announce to which philanthropic cause he will donate the money.

EDUCATION, PAGE 1

In 2011, it allows students to alternate from a classroom setting to the online component. The enrollment and applications number have increased significantly during the recession with this new and flexible program.

Even through the economic depression, M.B.A. programs are still flourishing here at FIU. In fact we are enrolling more MBA students than any other program in South Florida.

LITERATURE, PAGE 1

Camila Fernandez Contributing Writer

On Nov. 15, students will be able to immerse themselves into Rasta
farian culture as the African and African Diaspora Studies Program hosts its fourth annual Humanities Afternoon.

One can make sense of the solidity that might exist between a Jama
can and a Haitian right here in Miami. Jean Rahier Director African and African Diaspora Studies

make the event “proactive” and “informative.”

Last year’s theme was based on the irrational hatred of homosex
tuality that one finds at the level of many governments in Sub-Saharan Africa. This year, AADS’s theme will address how Jamaica’s religion Rastafari and its followers have been treated over time.

Rastafari brings departments together

According to Rahier, AADS decided to organize this event to attract students from other areas in the humanities. He hopes that students will identify with the theme of the event and how it relates to African Diaspora in the Caribbean, Latin America and Africa.

“There are people in a whole bunch of locations whom might not be Jamaican and are followers of the religion,” says Rahier.

Students from other departments in the School of International and Public Affairs, such as Global and Sociocultural Studies, History, Poli
tics and International Relations and Religious Studies departments can Participate.

To carry out the theme, the program will organize the event around two particular lectures that follow up with sessions of questions and answers.

“Lectures will cover the Rastaf
tarian traditions that the Rastafarians were treated in the 1960s and how this compares to the way they are treated today,” Michael Barnett, a sociology lecturer from the University of the West Indies, will also lecture about the religion in today’s society on a global scale.

After introductions, the first speaker will be Bob Hill, a history lecturer from the University of the West Indies, will also lecture about the religion in today’s society on a global scale.

“These events will be informative. The event is important to the AADS program and along with the Execu
tive M.B.A program that’s talk about how the religion has been treated since the 1960s when large numbers of Jamaicans arrived to the United States. “The second lecture is about how Rastafari came as a religion, what it has become and where and how it has spread on the global stage across the Caribbean, Latin America, but other places of the world as well,” said Rahier.

Besides hearing about what the lecturers have to say about the reli
gion and its global impacts, the students will get an insight as to what the AADS program has to offer.

Rahier said the program offers courses on topics such as global dimensions, African history, cultures of the Caribbean and African literature.

“One can make sense of the soli
darity that might exist between a Ja
mican and a Haitian right here in Miami,” said Rahier.

According to Rahier, since the program is based on the studies of the spread of people from their orig
inal homeland, it is considered to be an area of social sciences, giving it a special connection with the humanities.

“People who have to know that is part of the history of AADS,” says Rahier. This event gives the opportunity for students and professors who are involved with literature, history and humanities in general an opportunity to identify with the themes of Africa or African diaspora.

Even through the economic depression, M.B.A. programs are still flourishing here at FIU. In fact we are enrolling more MBA students than any other program in South Florida.

ERIN DOWD ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR RECRUITMENT AND MARKETING

Homosexual writer’s family speaks

LETTERS TO MY SISTER IN HAVANA

Date: Saturday, Oct. 26

Time: 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Place: 265 Aragon Ave, Coral Gables, FL 33134

and will be held in Spanish.

-news@fiusm.com
Vaginas weird Panthers out

LAUREN BANA
Staff Writer

When people say, hear or read the word “vagina,” it commonly makes them feel uncomfortable, but when people say, hear or read the word “penis” the reactions are not accompanied by discomfort.

People tend to think the word “vagina” is gross and should only be spoken aloud when describing anatomy in a classroom or a medical setting.

It’s almost the same when seeing the image. Everyone has seen that familiar penis drawing that has been scattered across high school campuses on the walls, desks and even students’ class binders.

The strange thing is that no one ever sees vagina drawings dispersed across campuses. I remember drawing a picture of a vagina as a response joke towards my gay friend, who recently drew tiny penises all over my Algebra II binder, but he didn’t laugh. He thought it was gross and ridiculed me for having drawn such a gross thing on his binder. I was so confused about that. It didn’t seem right.

Recently, I discovered an article on vice.com that interviewed 23-year-old Petra Bank, who is designing a shirt for American Apparel that displayed a line drawing of an unshaved, menstruating vagina being masturbated.

According to the article, the image on the Internet alone disturbed both the men and women who were commenting on the shirt.

As I read the disrespectful tweets about Davuluri, I thought to myself that this racism and hate stems from a lack of understanding about other cultures and a misunderstanding of what it means to be an American.

One tweet that caught my attention read, “Man our president nor our new Miss America isn’t even American; I’m sorry, but Miss Kansas, I salute you, you’re the real American.”

So, what is it that defines us as Americans? What does an American look like or what cultural background supposed to be?

The United States was established by immigrants with no special attention for a particular race or religion. That has always been one of the strengths of this country: to be a land of opportunity for people no matter what their ethnicity is or where they come from.

As a student at Florida State University, it tries to keep up with the latest trends to studying abroad. Allow students and the community to find and create its own traditions.

But it has an adverse affect on the University community.

Let’s face it—these traditions feel as unnatural as they truly are.

Students feel silly throwing up their Panther paws. And with less than 50 years under our belt, the University needs to realize it’s okay not to have that UF- or FSU-feel just yet. Instead of acting like something we’re not, we should enjoy the path that we are on now.

We must the University be so quick to label tradition?

This defeats the idea of tradition altogether.

Like the Trail of Torch and Freshman Lua traditions—events labeled traditions after a mere 10 years. And labeled by who?

The University. Not even students.

The University should relinquish its tight grip of control and allow history to take its course.

Allow students and the community to find and create its own traditions.

Let the students find their own roar.

SEND US YOUR LETTERS
Have something on your mind? Send your thoughts (400 words maximum) to opinion@fiusm.com or drop by our offices at either GC 210 or WUC 124. With your submission, include a copy of your student ID. The Beacon will only run one letter a month from any individual.

DISCLAIMER
The opinions presented within this page do not represent the views of The Beacon Editorial Board. These views are separate from and reflect individual perspectives of contributing writers and/or members of the University community.

EDITORIAL POLICY
Editorials are the unified voice of the editorial board, which is composed of the editor in chief, management, and the editors of each of the five sections. The Beacon welcomes any letters regarding or in response to its editorials. Send them to opinion@fiusm.com.
**Where to wine in Miami**

Wine has become more than an enjoyable trend in recent decades. Lately, this unique beverage has turned into a commodity and a power indicator of social status.

The Chinese past decade have shifted the French wine consumer market away from United States—an effect that has made the Chinese in France mark their prices higher than the majority of the population can afford. Due to centuries of trade, demographic expansion and cultural exchange, we are able to find unique wineries from all around the world producing outstanding quality wines—some even dare say better than the French.

Florida is the third biggest consumer of wine in the United States and Miami is definitely the place to be when trying to find that bargain shop that will not only impress your palate, but especially your friends.

Here are a few suggestions for the Miami area if you are looking for that unique shopping and dining experience:

1) *Wine Depot & Bistro 555*:
   - This wine store, bar and bistro in one is located in Miami Beach. This is a unique place where you will find the perfect wine to pair with the perfect meal from their outstanding menu. Make sure to check out their vintage room which showcases the best producers and vintages you can find in the world. It is definitely worth taking a look.
   - The wine store is open Monday through Saturday from 11:00 am until 11:00 pm. Their website is wd555usa.com.

2) *El Carajo Internacional Tapas & Wine*:
   - Located in the convenience store of a gas station, this unique place will make you fall in love as soon as you see the variety of wine selection they carry—more than two thousand bottles. The wines in my opinion carry the best value in town, since they only markup their wine $1.75. Not convinced yet? They are open 24 hours a day. During restaurant hours, you can pick your wine from the shelves and pair it with whatever your food selection. The menu is authentic Spanish cuisine and their tapas are delicious. It’s a small hidden treasure and if you want to maximize your experience, make sure to call in advance to reserve a spot at (305) 856-2424.

3) *Happy Wine Miami*:
   - Much like El Carajo, it is also a unique Spanish eatery. The difference being it has two different locations. The first location, on 8th Street, is open fewer hours than the second, but it is still great for a quick wine or a happy hour. The second location is in Coconut Grove. A unique feature of this location is the wine and food pairings that they conduct with famous wineries. The same service is also available by request. Their menu consists of amazing cheese and meat appetizers and Spanish dishes. They have a limited sitting space so you can call in advance and reserve a spot at (365) 460-9939. More information on the 8th street location is available via telephone through (305) 262-2465.

4) *Portofino Wine Bank*:
   - Is a wine shop that offers free delivery in addition to offering service in Portuguese and Spanish. You can order wine based on geographic location from places like Australia, California, Chile, France, Italy, Spain, Germany, Japan and many other global locations. To supplement their store, they also sell liquor and beer. More information is available at portofinowinebank.com and via phone through (305) 532-1988.

**University aims high with STARS alliance**

**HOLLY MCCOACH Staff Writer**

The University seems to be climbing the ladder of achievements thanks to many determined Panthers.

One group of Panthers is clawing its way to the top in the United States and Miami is definitely the place to be when trying to find that bargain shop that will not only impress your palate, but especially your friends.

Here are a few suggestions for the Miami area if you are looking for that unique shopping and dining experience:

1) *Wine Depot & Bistro 555*:
   - This wine store, bar and bistro in one is located in Miami Beach. This is a unique place where you will find the perfect wine to pair with the perfect meal from their outstanding menu. Make sure to check out their vintage room which showcases the best producers and vintages you can find in the world. It is definitely worth taking a look.
   - The wine store is open Monday through Saturday from 11:00 am until 11:00 pm. Their website is wd555usa.com.

2) *El Carajo Internacional Tapas & Wine*:
   - Located in the convenience store of a gas station, this unique place will make you fall in love as soon as you see the variety of wine selection they carry—more than two thousand bottles. The wines in my opinion carry the best value in town, since they only markup their wine $1.75. Not convinced yet? They are open 24 hours a day. During restaurant hours, you can pick your wine from the shelves and pair it with whatever your food selection. The menu is authentic Spanish cuisine and their tapas are delicious. It’s a small hidden treasure and if you want to maximize your experience, make sure to call in advance to reserve a spot at (305) 856-2424.

3) *Happy Wine Miami*:
   - Much like El Carajo, it is also a unique Spanish eatery. The difference being it has two different locations. The first location, on 8th Street, is open fewer hours than the second, but it is still great for a quick wine or a happy hour. The second location is in Coconut Grove. A unique feature of this location is the wine and food pairings that they conduct with famous wineries. The same service is also available by request. Their menu consists of amazing cheese and meat appetizers and Spanish dishes. They have a limited sitting space so you can call in advance and reserve a spot at (365) 460-9939. More information on the 8th street location is available via telephone through (305) 262-2465.

4) *Portofino Wine Bank*:
   - Is a wine shop that offers free delivery in addition to offering service in Portuguese and Spanish. You can order wine based on geographic location from places like Australia, California, Chile, France, Italy, Spain, Germany, Japan and many other global locations. To supplement their store, they also sell liquor and beer. More information is available at portofinowinebank.com and via phone through (305) 532-1988.
University’s STARS alliance tutors technology

STARS, PAGE 4

Atlanta, I learned how we could better improve [that],” said Peralto-Pritchard.

FIU’s STARS Alliance chapter was ranked as a high performing

organization out of all the alli-

ances and is in the top 10.

“We developed a website

that is now being imple-

mented in other schools,” said

Peralto-Pritchard. With this chapter only being

around two years old, it can be

safe to say that they are making

their way to the top and repre-

senting FIU proudly.

Any University student with

any major is also free to join. The STARS Alliance chapter

at the University encourages anyone that is even slightly inter-

ested in computers to check out the chapter.

To join the STARS Alliance at

FIU, students can check it out at

stars.cs.fiu.edu.

The organization also meets

together in the Engineering & Computer Science building every other Thursday of the month.

-holly.mccoach@fiusm.com

This charming man? Morrissey book climbs charts

JILL LAWLESS
AP Writer

The new book by British

singer Morrissey is a classic.

It says so right on the cover.

The memoir from the

former frontman of The

Smiths — titled simply “Autobiography” — is the first rock bio published

under the venerable Penguin

Classics imprint, home to

Aeschylus, Jane Austen and

Oscar Wilde. Morrissey has said he insisted on

Penguin.

That has horrified some

people in the publishing

industry, but not the singer’s

many fans, who drove the

book to the top of Amazon’s

U.K. chart the day after it

was published Thursday.

Jon Howells, spokesman

for the Waterstones book

store chain, said Friday that the book is destined to be a Christmas-season

best-seller.

“In Britain, he is one of

our icons,” Howells said.

“His is the great untold

story from the ’80s genera-

tion of music heroes.”

The Smiths and their

enigmatic, gladioli-waving

singer had a huge impact in

1980s Britain with altern-

tately giddy and melancholy

songs such as “How Soon

Is Now” and “This Charming

Man.” They weren’t quite

so popular in the United

States, where “Autobiog-

raphy” does not yet have a

publisher.

The quartet broke up in

1987, and Morrissey has used up some of his fans’
goodwill with increasingly
curmudgeonly pronounce-
ments during his solo career.

“Autobiography” opens

with a vivid, verbose evoca-
tion of Steven Patrick

Morrissey’s childhood as

part of a sprawling Irish

family in the dump, indus-
trial northern English city of

Manchester, and his awak-

ening to the bright joys of

pop music.

Fans will find mordant

wit and evocative turns of

phrase, while critics will see

boundless self-indul-
gence and the absence of

an editor’s trimming hand

in the 457-page, single-

chapter volume.

Reviewers have been

sharply divided. Rock critic

Neil McCormack gave the

book a five-star review in

the Daily Telegraph, calling it “the best-written musical

autobiography since Bob

Dylan’s ‘Chronicles.’” But

the Independent’s literary

editor, Boyd Tonkin, titled

of Morrissey’s “droning

narcissism” and “puerile

litany of grievances.”

A Smiths reunion seems

unlikely.

There are encounters —

often awkward — with other

famous people, moments of

drama, including a 2007

kidnapping attempt in

Mexico, and episodes of the

abund. Morrissey says he

was once invited to appear

on the sitcom “Friends,”

where “I am requested to

sing ‘in a really depressing

voice.’” And there is the inevi-
table score-settling.

The Smiths’ former

record label, Rough Trade,

comes in for vitriol.

So do the band’s bassist

and drummer, with whom

Morrissey and guitarist

Johnny Marr fought a bitter

royalties battle, recounted

at length.

A Smiths reunion seems

unlikely.

Morrissey reveals

that Marr once suggested

reforming the band. But the

singer said no.

“Surviving The Smiths

is not something that should be

attempted twice,” he writes.
**From the stands: The team that won’t stay away**

In a season full of ups and downs, this Panther team has the potential to make a run deep in the Conference USA tournament. I can’t put my finger on it, but there is something odd about this FIU women’s soccer team.

It’s strange really. There are days that you want to pull your hair out watching them. And then there are other days that you don’t understand why this team isn’t 9-6-0 rather than 6-9-0.

Coming off a fabulous 5-2 bounce back win against Rice University (5-7-2), the Panthers have clawed back into the number one spot for the eastern division of C-USA. They sit tied with the University of Charlotte at the top of the division.

Despite having a losing record, the Panthers have been playing some of the best soccer in the conference of late. They have their shot attempts and scoring up from a month ago and are finding an identity on the field.

A scrappy and tough soccer team that is improving. It seems like so many of the 50/50 balls are won by FIU, the girls are fighting for position and making correct reads to put themselves in great spots. It sometimes looks like basketball players fight for post or rebound position. They are that physical and are working that hard.

The wins are piling up and so are the statistics. Scoring is up to 1.60 goals per game and FIU has moved into the middle of the pack in C-USA in that category, as opposed to earlier in the month when they were second to last.

And FIU has boosted its shots per game to 12.33, which comes of the aid of the recent offensive explosions over the weekend. 20 shots a piece against Rice and East Carolina University.

This team has depth and in soccer that goes a long way. Head Coach Thomas Chestnutt has many options on his bench to change the pace of the game and many girls who can do different things.

Every game a different player for FIU steps up and provides a great performance, even in losses.

One day its senior midfielder/forward Nicole DiPerna with a six shot game, or its freshman midfielder Alyssa Robinson with two assists, or even junior forward Ashleigh Shim with her.

The very talented Albrecht restaurants the future. The 10 goals he has earned third-team Conference USA honors his freshman year and second-team Conference USA honors his sophomore year. This year he is the number 12 ranked player in the C-USA according to ‘TopDrawerSoccer’.

If Albrecht continues his great play he will definitely warrant strong consideration for C-USA first-team honors.

Before the start of the season, when Albrecht spoke on what he believed he needed to make the C-USA first-team he went into detail.

“I hope to finally get to the conference tournament,” Albrecht said. “I think that was the major issue last year. I have to score more goals. Last year I was third in the scoring rankings, this year I want to be first place. But most important you have to get to the tournament to achieve it.”

Last year Albrecht scored a team high 10 goals. However, FIU was unable to collect a conference win, going (0-7-1) in conference play. This year FIU is (1-4-0) as of Oct. 21 in C-USA and Albrecht has scored two of his five goals in conference play.

Albrecht was a one man scoring machine last season, scoring 10 out of 28 total goals for the Panthers. The 10 goals were the most for any FIU player since the 2002 season when Matias Asoyer netted 13 goals.

The Panthers have just four more games remaining, all of which are conference games. Albrecht will look to prove why he is worthy of first-team C-USA consideration, but will need to play some of the best soccer of his career against FIU’s remaining tough opponents in order to do so.

This year the Panthers added some firepower on offense when they were able to get junior midfielder Roberto Alterio, who is a transfer from the University of South Florida. Alterio and Albrecht have been FIU’s one-two punch on offense. They both are currently tied for the team lead in goals, at five.

“We need competition on the team, especially myself,” Albrecht said. “We need to score and he’s a guy who can score.”

While Albrecht’s scoring is what draws the most immediate attention, he is a very unselfish and willing passer. Albrecht currently is tied for the team lead in assists at four with co-captain senior midfielder Gonzalo Frechilla. Albrecht had 5 career assists coming into this season.

The very talented Albrecht definitely has a very bright future ahead. But, for now he has his eyes strictly set on helping FIU win games.

“I still have one more year,” Albrecht said. “I’m in a junior right now and I really don’t think about it right now. I want to give it all I have for FIU right now and then hopefully go professional after that.”

It is great to see that FIU’s star player is focused on the present rather than looking towards the future as many college athletes often do. Albrecht has started all but one game for FIU this season and is third in the team in minutes played with 1099. However, Albrecht believes that he is more than capable of withstanding the heavy workload.

“I think the coach has prepared us very well,” Albrecht said. “We are fit and can run for 90 minutes.”

Albrecht and the Panthers will look to finish the season strong and improve on their (1-4-0) C-USA record, when they take on the University of Kentucky Wildcats at Lexington, Ky. on Oct. 26 at 7 p.m.

**Quentin Albrecht embracing leadership role**

**YOSVANY RODRIGUEZ**  
Staff Writer

The FIU men’s soccer team (5-8-0) (1-4-0) is led by their captain, junior forward Quentin Albrecht. Through 13 games Albrecht has five goals, four assists, and 14 total points, all of which are team highs. Albrecht is definitely a stat sheet stuffer. Before coming to FIU, Albrecht played for the Wiesbaden U19 in Germany and was the top scorer with 25 goals. His exceptional play has followed him to the states.

During his tenure FIU Albrecht has earned third-team Conference USA honors his sophomore year and first team honors.

“I think the coach has strong consideration for C-USA,” Albrecht said. “We need competition on the team, especially myself.”

Last year Albrecht scored a team high 10 goals. However, FIU was unable to collect a conference win, going (0-7-1) in conference play. This year FIU is (1-4-0) as of Oct. 21 in C-USA and Albrecht has scored two of his five goals in conference play.

Albrecht was a one man scoring machine last season, scoring 10 out of 28 total goals for the Panthers. The 10 goals were the most for any FIU player since the 2002 season when Matias Asoyer netted 13 goals.

The Panthers have just four more games remaining, all of which are conference games. Albrecht will look to prove why he is worthy of first-team C-USA consideration, but will need to play some of the best soccer of his career against FIU’s remaining tough opponents in order to do so.

This year the Panthers added some firepower on offense when they were able to get junior midfielder Roberto Alterio, who is a transfer from the University of South Florida. Alterio and Albrecht have been FIU’s one-two punch on offense. They both are currently tied for the team lead in goals, at five.

“We need competition on the team, especially myself,” Albrecht said. “We need to score and he’s a guy who can score.”

While Albrecht’s scoring is what draws the most immediate attention, he is a very unselfish and willing passer. Albrecht currently is tied for the team lead in assists at four with co-captain senior midfielder Gonzalo Frechilla. Albrecht had 5 career assists coming into this season.

The very talented Albrecht definitely has a very bright future ahead. But, for now he has his eyes strictly set on helping FIU win games.

“I still have one more year,” Albrecht said. “I’m in a junior right now and I really don’t think about it right now. I want to give it all I have for FIU right now and then hopefully go professional after that.”

It is great to see that FIU’s star player is focused on the present rather than looking towards the future as many college athletes often do. Albrecht has started all but one game for FIU this season and is third in the team in minutes played with 1099. However, Albrecht believes that he is more than capable of withstanding the heavy workload.

“I think the coach has prepared us very well,” Albrecht said. “We are fit and can run for 90 minutes.”

Albrecht and the Panthers will look to finish the season strong and improve on their (1-4-0) C-USA record, when they take on the University of Kentucky Wildcats at Lexington, Ky. on Oct. 26 at 7 p.m.

-yosvany.rodriguez@fiusm.com
Vann rocks the field in his fifth season for the Panthers

RHYS WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

Wide receiver Rockey Vann had only two catches in the homecoming game against the Blazers of the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Those two catches helped him rack up 88 yards for the day. Vann has a total of three receptions for 112 yards, which is an average of just over 37 yards a play.

After not being extremely active on the roster since the 2009 season, Vann has definitely dusted off his old play style. The receiver played in seven games and made three starts for the Panthers in 2009 before redshirting in 2010 after an offseason injury. Between 2010 and the start of this current 2013 season, Vann played in only four games. He suited up against the University of North Texas in the 2011 season opener before missing the rest of the season with injury and in 2012 he made appearances on special teams against the University of Louisville, Arkansas State University and Troy University.

Vann also missed the end of spring practice and the first few games of the 2013 season with injury.

“It’s good and I am just trying to contribute to the team,” Vann said. “Whatever I can do to help the team is fine with me and that is all that really matters.”

There are two things that Vann believes are contributing to his successes in the past few weeks.

“I think it might be both of the facts that teams are working off of very little film on my play from this season in this offense and the fact that I can blow by people with my speed,” Vann said. “With the coaches putting me in the position to make plays, I am able to make as many plays for the team as I can.”

Vann went on to discuss some of the things that kept him going through his injuries throughout his tenure at the University and how the transition has been from former Head Coach Mario Cristobal – who is now with the University of Alabama Crimson Tide – to current Head Coach Ron Turner.

“Keeping my faith in the Lord and my family telling me to persevere through everything and just myself, my determination and will to get through was a big factor,” Vann said. “It was tough at first. I had some rough years with coach Cristobal but I made it through. Then coach Turner came in with a new vibe and I bought into his system and I was just trying to make plays and help the team.”

His quarterback, Jake Medlock, added on about the emergence of the wide receiver.

“Rockey and I go way back. I mean we were roommates when we first got here,” Medlock said. “We know each other really well. As you can see he has had some bad luck, but now his luck has changed. With anyone, if you keep working and fighting back from adversity, it will show and he is doing a great job of it. He has kinda helped us realize that we have had that ‘it’ factor all along. Before [the win], we were stressing, worried about everything and making mistakes. Now we are going out there and having fun and Rockey is doing a great job to help keep it that way.”

Medlock also went on to speak on how his receiving core has advanced in the last few weeks.

“[Vann], along with some of the other guys like receiver T.J. Lowder and tight end Ya’Keem Griner – who went off in this last game against the Blazers for Homecoming – have been improving throughout this season and along with my improvements it is starting to look better,” Medlock said.

Coming off of the team’s second and final bye week of the season, the Panthers will begin a two game home slate as they welcome in the Bulldogs of Louisiana Tech University, Oct. 2 and East Carolina University Pirates, Nov. 2.

Following those games the Panthers will travel Nov. 9 to go against former Sun Belt Conference foe Middle Tennessee State University.

Rockey and I go way back. I mean we were roommates when we first got here,” Medlock said. “We know each other really well. As you can see he has had some bad luck, but now his luck has changed. With anyone, if you keep working and fighting back from adversity, it will show and he is doing a great job of it. He has kinda helped us realize that we have had that ‘it’ factor all along. Before [the win], we were stressing, worried about everything and making mistakes. Now we are going out there and having fun and Rockey is doing a great job to help keep it that way.”

Medlock also went on to speak on how his receiving core has advanced in the last few weeks.

“[Vann], along with some of the other guys like receiver T.J. Lowder and tight end Ya’Keem Griner – who went off in this last game against the Blazers for Homecoming – have been improving throughout this season and along with my improvements it is starting to look better,” Medlock said.

Coming off of the team’s second and final bye week of the season, the Panthers will begin a two game home slate as they welcome in the Bulldogs of Louisiana Tech University, Oct. 2 and East Carolina University Pirates, Nov. 2.

Following those games the Panthers will travel Nov. 9 to go against former Sun Belt Conference foe Middle Tennessee State University.

Tackle McKinnie acquired by Dolphins from Ravens

STEVEN WINE
AP Writer

Tackle Bryant McKinnie was traded Monday by the Baltimore Ravens to the Miami Dolphins, who needed to shore up a leaky offensive line.

The Ravens will receive a conditional late-round draft pick, Baltimore coach John Harbaugh said.

The 34-year-old McKinnie will likely compete for playing time with right tackle Tyson Clabo, who allowed two fourth-quarter sacks in Miami’s loss Sunday to Buffalo and has given up seven sacks this season.

“It’s a good move for us, good move for Bryant,” Harbaugh said.

The Dolphins (3-3) haven’t won in a month. In the past three games, they’ve allowed 12 sacks and committed seven turnovers — all by harried quarterback Ryan Tannehill. The team’s downward spiral threatens to gain momentum with the next two games against division leaders New England and Cincinnati.

Tannehill leads the NFL with 26 sacks, but coach Joe Philbin resisted any temptation to shake up the offensive line when the team had a bye before the Buffalo game. Tannehill’s fumble when he was sacked by Mario Williams in the closing minutes led to a Bills field goal that gave them a 23-21 victory.

Williams used a power rush on the play to beat Clabo, who took the blame.

The 6-foot-8, 352-pound McKinnie missed the first day of training camp this summer for being overweight. He started the first five games but lost his job to Eugene Monroe and was inactive for the first time in his career for the Ravens’ two most recent games.

Last year McKinnie came off the bench during the regular season, then was a key figure in Baltimore’s run to the Super Bowl title, starting all four playoff games.

McKinnie, who played in college for the Miami Hurricanes, has never missed a game because of injury. He played for the Vikings in 2002-10 and made the Pro Bowl in 2009.
Idan Raichel shares inspiration for his new music, his approach to songwriting

LUCY BUKAI
Contributing Writer

Israeli songwriter Idan Raichel arrived to Biscayne Bay Campus on Thursday, Oct. 17, to talk about what stands behind his creations and to perform a few of his hits. Some students asked whether the Palestinian-Israeli conflict interfered with his success as an artist while others were more curious as to what inspired his writing and the “Idan Raichel Project.”

The artist, who served in the Israeli Defense Forces army band, insisted that politics should not interfere to any artist in the process of creation and added that art was meant to provide peace to its receivers. “We are not trying to focus on Israeli national problems, we are here for the beauty of art,” he said. “In fact, there are many great Palestinian artists who should be more recognized by Israelis.”

The Idan Raichel project, which released its first album in 2002 by Helicon Records, worked with singers from different cultures and backgrounds such as Ethiopian Jews, Arabs and South Africans. The album received tremendous recognition and demand for concerts throughout Israel with hits “If You Go,” “Come” and “Speaking Quietly.”

Over 70 diverse musicians contributed to the album. His second album “Mi’ma’amakim” was released in 2005 and contains the hit “From the Depth.” One music major student praised Idan Raichel’s song “From the Depth” and asked him what inspired him when making it.

The artist explained that “Mi’ma’amakim” is a section from Psalm 130 that is being recited by Jews while praying. Shortly after, he walked over to the piano set near him and played the song to which the crowd of University students and representatives from the Israeli consulate joined in. “My music brings the voices of Arabs and South Africans. It tells a meaningful tale and I give it life in my songs.”

Environemntalists, workers seeking common ground

KEVIN BEGOS
AP Writer

The nation’s largest labor union is ready and willing to fight right global warming, but are cautioning environmentalists that workers need new clean-energy jobs before existing industries are shut down. The four-day Power Shift conference in Pittsburgh is training young people to stop coal mining, fracking for oil and gas, and nuclear power, but organizers also want workers to join the battle against climate change.

Union leaders say their workers want to help build a new, green economy. “Global warming is here, and we can work and get it fixed together,” United Steel Workers president Leo Gerard said in a Friday night address at Power Shift.

But other labor groups note that while they share the same long-term clean energy goals with environmentalists, there are challenges. “We’re not just as simple as ‘No Fracking’” or other bans, said Tahir Dukett, an AFL/CIO representative who spoke at a Saturday Power Shift panel that sought to promote dialogue between environmentalists and workers. Dukett said workers need new jobs to make a transition to clean energy, noting that shutting down industries such as coal “can turn entire communities into a ghost town. We cannot bury our heads in the sand and pretend like people aren’t fighting for their survival.”

Richard Fowler, a Power Shift moderator, said that instead of talking about a “ban” on a particular industry, environmentalists should talk about solutions that provide jobs. “That’s what is missing,” said Fowler, a radio host and member of Generational Alliance, a Washington, D.C.-based coalition of community youth groups. “It’s always a ban, or a fix, or a cap, or a trade” instead of just straight-up campaigns to build cleaner energy sources like wind and solar.

The overwhelming consensus among top scientists around the world is that they’re about as certain global warming is a real, man-made threat as they are that cigarettes kill, and pollution from fossil fuels is the biggest problem. The organizers of Power Shift say a green economy is the only way to head off catastrophic global warming and build a healthier future for everyone, including workers and their families. Pittsburgh was chosen for the biannual conference partly because it’s at the crossroads of old and new energy. The city itself has long been a hub of coal mining, and the surrounding county recently signed a huge drilling lease for land under the Pittsburg International Airport. Western Pennsylvania is also the birthplace of the oil and steel industries, but tech firms are attracted by students from Carnegie Mellon University and other schools.

Sierra Club executive director Michael Brune said their goal is to simultaneously decrease pollution from existing fossil fuels and increase clean energy, “while taking care of workers in the process.”

“We have to begin replacing old, outdated, dirty fossil fuel projects with energy efficiency and clean energy,” Brune said. “We’re talking about a massive transition, with millions of people who will be affected.”

Environmentalists, workers seeking common ground

Environmentalists, workers seeking common ground

Idan Raichel (above) visited Biscayne Bay Campus, where he discussed his music and politics with Panthers.