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Transitioning from high school to college can often be an overwhelming and scary process for many students, but through various programs in the University high school students can acclimate to the college setting before they graduate from high school.

Programs currently offered to students include: Dual Enrollment, Academy for Advanced Academics, Maritime and Science Technology Academy and the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Institute.

According to the Office of Dual Enrollment, Dual Enrollment is a program that allows students to simultaneously earn college credit toward a postsecondary diploma, certificate or degree at a Florida public institution and credit toward a postsecondary diploma or certificate.

“Dual enrollment programs have been around for a while, but it has seen a recent increase in enrollment because today high school students are pushing more students to enroll,” said Valerie Morgan, Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Education.

The number of Miami-Dade County public school students in Dual Enrollment has increased from 425 in fall 2009 to over 6,000 in 2012-2013.

Dual Enrollment has increased from five high schools in spring 2013 to 38 high schools in 2014. Jesus Porras, senior finance major, took Dual Enrollment classes, even though they were significantly harder because I knew I would save time and money down the road and not have to take the classes in college,” Porras said.

According to Morgan, students can choose to take the dual enrollment courses taught by University-approved teachers through their high schools or they can take classes on-campus.

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The Center for Leadership will kick-start its leadership lectures series on Oct. 18 with a discourse delivered by Martin Seligman, professor of psychology at the University of Pennsylvania, titled “Positive Psychology: The Cutting Edge.”

Seligman works in the field of positive psychology, which focuses on methods to allow individuals to lead meaningful and fulfilling lives.

Elected as president of the American Psychological Association in 1998, Seligman is the author of 24 books and 250 articles related to personality and incentives.

Seligman is also the recipient of the Laurel Award of the American Association for Applied Psychology and Prevention, and the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Society for Research in Psychopathology.

During the lecture, Seligman will touch upon a variety of subjects pertaining to his psychological research, including how to build and measure positive engagement, relationships, emotion and how educational and health institutions are utilizing positive psychology.

“I started reading about Seligman’s research during my freshman year and I think it’s amazing that he will be visiting. His work has so many applications,” said Marilyn Figueroa, a junior double majoring in sociology and women’s studies.

Other students also shared Figueroa’s enthusiasm.

“As college students, it’s so easy to be brought down by the pressure of doing well,” said Anais Prieto, a senior biology major. “I think this lecture will do a great deal to shed some light on the possibility of fulfilling lives.”
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said Provost Douglas Wartzok. Also on the agenda:

- The University Board of Trustees approved at an earlier meeting a five-year extension of University President Mark B. Rosenberg’s contract.
- The University would begin construction of an Ambulatory Care Clinic, in partnership with Miami Children’s Hospital, to be finished by November 2014.
- Voted on Four Graduate Programs: a Ph.D. program in international crime and justice – the first in the country; a fully online master’s degree in special education; a master’s degree in clinical psychology and a physician’s assistant master’s degree.
- Voted on a new minor in the College of Business Administration: a 12-credit logistics minor intended for non-business majors.
- Voted on changing the grade-point average requirement for the rehabilitation counseling graduate program from 3.2 to a 3.0 GPA, which is the national average for comparable programs.

Luisa Havens, vice president of Enrollment Services, also presented the financial aid report for the 2013-2014 academic year. About $191 million in financial aid were disbursed and 69 percent of the student body received financial aid this year.

Havens also mentioned that the average financial award through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid is $18,000 for a four-year track. This is below the national average, Havens said, underscoring the aforementioned lack of state funding affecting the university.

High school students are taking advantage of university programs

...anything to help a veteran on-campus to be successful in any type of way.

Marquay Smith
Counselor
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At the end of the lecture, guests will have the opportunity to ask Seligman questions concerning his philosophy and how it may be applied to achieving an effective sense of happiness in college and beyond.

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Veterans go to Smith for a quick fix

of leading a happy and healthy lifestyle in college, and I’m happy knowing that it’s made accessible to students.”

Seligman’s lecture will be the first in a series of five Leadership Lectures for the 2013-2014 academic year offered by the Center for Leadership, which coordinates the lectures to allow students and others the chance to hear from prominent figures in leadership.

“Each year, especially for the leadership lectures, we try to pick business-people, researchers, professors or anyone in an active leadership role who can bring something to FIU and our community, offering insights on leadership,” said Headley.

“Positive Psychology: The Cutting Edge” will allow students to hear about a scientific application of motivation in every day matters that don’t necessarily involve business activity, and set the foundation for thinking about psychology in a manner that doesn’t put mental abnormalities at its core.

“When I was studying psychology, I was studying maladies: what’s wrong with people and how to fix them. But here is a perspective with a different focus, that is more meaningful today,” said Garth Headley, associate director of the Center of Leadership.

Veterans and other military personnel are invited to discuss the lecture series and other campus matters in a social setting at the meet and greet.

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Resident privacy vs. maintenance personnel

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Until what point is your privacy as a student living in the residence halls in FIU affected by the way FIU housing facilities’ system of repair/maintenance works?

There is no doubt in affirming that the FIU housing facilities office is supportive in providing help for housing students, but the issue is when and how those maintenance services are happening.

The process behind requesting a repair in your room is quite simple. You are required to complete a work order request online, through the Housing Online Services (RMS), where you would describe the specific issue that needs to be fixed.

The FIU housing maintenance personnel completes requests from Monday through Friday between 9 AM and 5 PM and a request should be responded within 72 hours since the work order has been inputted.

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The FIU housing facilities' system of repair/maintenance is considerably high, but a change in the system of repair/maintenance could be made, not affecting so much the employees and surely providing a more comfortable situation to students.

For instance, if when completing a work order students were able to choose specific dates/times within a block schedule (in intervals of 30 minutes in the morning and afternoon, for example), it is more likely for them, and roommates, to be prepared for the worker’s visit.

The FIU housing facilities office would schedule employees within those block schedules to only attend those specific appointment requests made by students, so they would have the time outside of the schedules to perform any other activity required of their job.

In this way, both employees and students would experience a better situation and neither would have to deal with an uncomfortable matter of invasion of privacy.

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A student’s performance in a classroom is evaluated based on their knowledge, how they participate in class or the content of their writing assignments.

As a college student myself, I understand that doing well in class is a priority. However, I wonder if whether the criteria to excel in class should be tied to the hours I put into volunteering.

Volunteering at Harmony Health Center has been a positive experience for me. I assisted their staff in simple duties. My first time volunteering, I assisted transporting the patients to several rooms and made conversations with the patients. Because I was not a Certified Nursing Assistant, I could not do much.

The experience itself made me realize how fortunate I am to have a family. I also am aware how fortunate I am to have the ability to move independently, to drive, to clothe myself and to have basic conversations.

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Defense improving as season’s end approaches

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As the FIU football team continues its sluggish play on the offensive side of the ball, the Panthers find themselves towards the bottom of every offensive category this season.

During the defensive run, FIU started three different goalies. The first goalkeeper to get a chance was sophomore Robin Mion. In his first game as the Panthers starting goalie Mion, would record FIU’s first shutout of the season. However, Mion would allow four goals the very next game and was quickly sent back to the bench. Luckily for FIU, the Panther offense helped weather the storm as they were hitting on all cylinders during their defensive slump. During the first eight games FIU managed to score 16 goals, which was enough to place them in the nations top 20 scoring offenses. The Panthers were 3-5 during this stretch. While FIU managed to win three games despite their defensive woes, they had to make drastic improvements if they hoped to continue winning games.

The Panthers have definitely ratcheted up their defensive intensity over the last seven games. FIU has allowed just five goals in their last seven matches, an average of 0.71 goals allowed per game.

Most professional teams are together for two months of preseason, in college we get two weeks. Now you are seeing the final product of our group offensively and defensively.” FIU has 15 new players this season, which may have led to the slow start. One of the new players and one of the bright spots on the Panthers has been freshman defender Marvin Hezel. Hezel has started all 15 games for FIU and has played the most minutes of any player on the team, 1338. The 6 foot-3 defender out of Germany has provided a big presence on both sides of the ball for FIU. Apart from his obvious impact on the Panther defense, Hezel has also contributed to the offense, with three goals on the season.

FIU will look to finish out the last two games on their regular season slate strong, as the team still feels that there is much more left to accomplish. “We could play with anyone,” Arena said. “We still have two games, and we still have a lot to prove.”

Football near dead last in offensive categories

JASON DELGAIDO/The Beacon

The FIU men’s soccer team is starting to pick up the intensity on the defensive side of the ball as the season starts to come to a close.

As the FIU football team continues its sluggish play on the offensive side of the ball, the Panthers find themselves towards the bottom of every offensive category this season.

I’m not sure if anyone has told the offensive players for the Panthers, but they should strive for being in the top 100 when there are only about 120 teams in Division I football.

When you look at a team that pulls in ranks of 123 out of 123 possible football programs for total offense, tied at 117 out of 123 overall for both passing and rushing yards, it is easy to under-stand why the team has only a single win going into a matchup against East Carolina University on Nov. 2.

The quarterback should be a keystone set player in your offense, but was not present on this roster – or at least I didn’t see that between Jake Medlock and E.J. Hilliard, who combined have totaled just above 1,000 yards in the air. The other combined for just over a 50 percent completion clip in the season with 1,016 yards on 85 completions and 16 attempts.

The less than average performances by the quarterbacks are not solely to blame on them though as the receiving core tends to drop passes that should, in my opinion and the opinion of some of the scouts from the National Football League who have attended some games, be caught.

There are only three receivers who have double digit numbers in receptions, those being: wide receiver T.J. Lowder (16), tight end Jennu Smith (16) and wide receiver Clinton Taylor (12).

Going through the offensive backfield, the running game has also been by committee. As at Nov. 1, the leading rusher on the Panthers is Silas Spearman III with 252 yards on 87 carries. Spearman III only started breaking out into the offense with a performance against the Golden Eagles of the University of Southern Mississippi in the team’s only win. The two games he played in before the USM game, he only racked up 33 yards on 30 carries. But the freshman Loxahatchee, Fla. native broke out against USM and gained 136 yards on 29 carries in that single game.

Since the breakout performance, he has only registered 87 yards on 38 carries before the game against the Pirates.

As a fan of the game, it is hard to watch a team struggle as much as the offense has in the majority of the season. This especially coming from a team that had so much promise when current Indianapolis Colts wide receiver T.Y. Hilton was the entire offense for four years – by the way, Hilton’s name is only in the record books of any player on the team, 1338. The 6 foot-3 defender out of Germany was the entire offense for four years – by the way, Hilton’s name is only in the record books of the team 315 times – under former head coach Mario Cristobal, who also has moved on to bigger and better things as he is now the offensive line coach for the number one ranked team in the country, the Crimson Tide of Alabama. The Panthers will travel to Murfreesboro, Tenn. on Saturday, Nov. 9, to face former Sun Belt Conference opponent – the Blue Raiders of Middle Tennessee State University.

Through seven games the second leading rusher was Lamarq Caldwell. Caldwell, a sophomore out of Tampa, Fla. is one of the only skilled position players who has dealt with the ball in all seven games. He has 235 yards on 74 carries.

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The FIU rugby team keeps coming back strong as the end of its season approaches.

The Panthers have qualified to participate in the All-Florida cup after defeating the University of North Florida 39-5 last Sunday, Oct 27.

“That was the biggest weekend for us, the match came down to UNF and FIU and whoever won this game got the spot for the top four team,” Senior captain Kyle Gilbert said.

The All-Florida Cup will be hosted in Orlando on Nov. 23.

FIU finished fourth for the All-Florida cup, and will go against the nationally ranked University of Central Florida.

“We just came out ready to play, we knew if we lost this game there was no postseason,” Gilbert said.

The Panthers remain hopeful and focused to take on their biggest challenge, UCF. “We lost to them 55-10 last time, but we play them first in the All-Florida cup,” Gilbert said.

If the team does not win first place in the All-Florida cup they will be fighting to remain among top three.

Three weeks ago six Panthers in Gilbert, Laphitzondo, George Evora, Felipe Echeverri, Chris Herrera and Nestor Saroza got invited to play in the South Independent Rugby Conference this season.

They were part of the south team, that went against players from the north team; the south won 65-16.

“We ran over the other team, and we had a lot of players from FIU,” Laphitzondo said.

A week later an announcement was made announcing five of the six Panthers, Gilbert, Laphitzondo, Evora, Herrera and Saroza were chosen for the 23 player All-Star team.

Gilbert has been chosen to be captain of this All-Star team.

“I feel honored to play in the All-Star team, I mean I still think I’m relatively new since it’s my third season playing so it’s really great to have been chosen,” Gilbert said.

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Junior Jose Laphitzondo
Men’s Rugby

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The veterans on the team have worked hard to teach the newest members all the strategies, as well as prepare them for the tough challenges ahead.

“They’re doing great and they’re growing every week,” Laphitzondo said.

This is the first season for Barrington McNutt, and his teammates feel confident for his bright future.

“This is his first season and he’s excelling greatly he may be able to make the All-Star game,” Gilbert said.

Sophomore Cesar Hurtado was forced to step in for the three-term President of FIU’s rugby team, senior Pablo Garcia, who suffered a knee injury during the summer that prevented him from playing the fall season.

“Cesar has been starting the past three games, he’s a little monster on the field,” Laphitzondo said.

The Panthers will host their homecoming game against their rival the University of Miami on Saturday, Nov. 9.

This match will be the last of some veterans.

After dedication and hard work in rehab Garcia has been slowly returning to the team, and will play the last game of his college rugby career against Miami.

“It’s great to have him back on the team, he’s the reason why FIU rugby has survived and he shows great leadership,” Gilbert said.

FIU is confident their game against Miami will result in a win, seeing as they have won against Miami three years in a row.

“We’re gonna be running the same game we’ve been running this season. We’re just gonna add more stuff from all the experience we’ve gotten so far,” Gilbert said. “Miami is our house.”

FIU men’s rugby finishing off season strong

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From Darwin to Star Trek, professor evaluates the sublime

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Students curious about time and space have a chance to learn from English Professor Harvey. Harvey is the Associate Director of the School of Environment, Arts and Society Bruce Harvey about new theories of thought.

In his lecture “Deep Time: From Darwin to Star Trek” that will take place on Nov. 5 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Luna Star Cafe in North Miami, Harvey will present in a very interactive way philosophical terms in relation to the notion of time, how space and depth are perceived and why it is important to put thought into these ideas.

Harvey said “sublime” is the keyword for this event. “[I]f you imagine the infinite space and how it has a history going from Darwin to Star Trek,” Harvey said. “I’m interested how fundamental concepts can be known by popular media and how it translates into the popular culture.”

According to Harvey, deep time is seen as a geological time notion; the time existing in immense infinite space preceding the current moment. It’s called deep time because for English naturalist and geologist Charles Darwin, it is meant the same as geological time, which means that time is measured by strata that goes downward in layers which we can see for example in mountains.

The Earth and its existence are measured by the geological depth of strata, “conceptualized as an almost infinite regress of previous time, connected with the immensity of time it takes for geological developments to happen and by extension, evolution,” Harvey said.

Deep time is a way of thinking about the sublime, how it moves outward, or geological space going downward.”

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Harvey says he will also ask questions.

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Bruce Harvey
Associate Director
School of Environment, Arts, and Society

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The universe is not just about temporality and how the universe is so broad and how it might extends infinitely into space,” Harvey said. “The sublime is the area that is a little overwhelming, beautiful, not quite containable space in that infinite space is something that first appeared in images with Star Wars and Star Trek. Harvey said he will use examples such as scenes from these movies to help illustrate and clarify his lecture.

According to Harvey, the way we imagine the immensity of space and depth isn’t possible without an anchor. “You won’t be able to do it,” Harvey said. “It is impossible to be thought of and this relates to the philosophical concepts of the sublime.”

Harvey said his goal is to have students commonly understand science through lectures and events like those of SEAS.

Elaine C. Pitzker, coordinator for SEAS, said these kind of events, which are casual and informal, allow faculty to discuss bigger implications from their research and present it to the community.

“The faculty [does] amazing things, and we haven’t run out yet of professors that want to participate in these events,” Pitzker said.

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