College of Business receives grant to provide consulting services to businesses for free

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Ana Carmen Sanchez appreciates the thought of a discount, but she adores the thought of anything free. "I'll fly to anyone who says "free," said the freshman biology major.

The University has recently received an $800,000 grant from the Florida Small Business Development Center Network, according to Jacqueline Sousa, special consultant to the dean of the College of Business. With this grant, the University will be able to provide the community with one-on-one consulting services to local businesses, free of charge.

The College of Business will match 50 percent of the grant, providing $400,000 for the program, according to Sousa. The Florida SBDC is part of a national network of centers that helps provide funds to effectively develop successful small businesses in the state.

Consultants available and interested in helping the University meet this objective will work with Panthers, venturing out into the public to work with businesses in Miami-Dade County to help them grow. The College of Business will have consultants located in Modesto A. Maidique Campus, FIU Downtown on Brickell and Biscayne Bay Campus, Sousa said. "If a company needs help in regards to its cash flow management or any kind of financial problem, and doesn’t know how to do that, then a consultant from the SBDC at FIU can help them," said Sousa.

According to Sousa, the University’s SBDC will have eight consultants at present. Each having worked either on their own or with another organization, the consultants will have expertise in different business areas.

"This just shows that FIU is committed to providing quality resources," said Antoine Jacques, a sophomore sociology major. "It’s clear that the school will only trust experienced professionals with handling this type of responsibility."

The new SBDC will operate as a sister organization to the University’s already existing Eugenio Pino and Family Global Entrepreneurship Center, which hosts workshops, seminars, and other events in order to help businesses prosper both in Florida and abroad. As sister organizations, they will be able to assist one another to provide resources to local businesses.

The College of Business will try to inform local businesses and companies as much as possible about the consulting services that are going to be available to them, Sousa said.

"The consultants reach a variety of clients because they go out into the community and inform local businesses and companies as much as possible about the consulting services that are going to be available to them," Sanchez said.

"They go out into the community and tell businesses about their resources and how they can help their businesses grow," Sousa explained.

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The Board of Governors from the State University System of Florida came to the University to speak about bettering college courses and programs.

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The Model United Nations Team competing for nation’s top rank

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This semester, the Model United Nations Team ranked seventh in the country above Columbia University, Yale University and Stanford University.

"Every time we go compete, people say a lot of bad things about us. They say that, because we’re a public school, that we can’t win. But we still end up winning because we look at the odds and think that we will get over those hurdles," said Antonio Ferguson, a sophomore majoring in economics and finance. The Model UN Team, an organization that has been around campus for over 20 years, placed first in the “Best Small Delegation” category at the 41st annual National Security Collegiate Conference in Georgetown.

"The Model United Nations is a social game for people who enjoy international relations and want to delve in and learn how the international community functions," said Mark Hodgson, director for the Model UN Team and senior majoring in international relations and political science.

The program is both a political science course that is offered...
University invests in local businesses

In the past, the Model UN Team has won Outstanding Small Delegation and the Best Delegation awards at the General Assembly of the Model United Nations Team at the University of Pennsylvania and at the Regional Model UN Conference. According to Hodgson, the team continues to achieve their goal of competing against other universities throughout the country and to make sure that it goes out to the community itself and informs companies about this opportunity.

The College of Business is currently conducting a nationwide search for an executive director to oversee the University’s Model UN operations. In the meantime, Sousa said that David Klock, dean of the College of Business, and Amelia Maguire, executive director of management development of the College of Business, are taking charge of SBDC’s strategic direction and talent development.

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The team’s long legacy and awards history has attracted more students to the program. According to Chief Casas, there is no profile for the type of student like-minded to do drugs; however, he did comment on the familiarity and what the SBDC has a much greater influence on our families than what we say. What parents model has a very significant influence on whether a student will use drugs.”

WORLD NEWS

Russian crash investigators find voice recorder

The last word the pilot of the Boeing 737 attended was “click.” Moments later the jetliner slammed into the ground, investigators said Wednesday, killing all 50 people on board. The Moscow-based Interregional Aviation Committee, which investigates plane crashes across the former Soviet Union, concluded a day earlier that the crew failed to land at first attempt, began to stall in a steep climb, then overcompensated - plunging the plane into a near-vertical dive.

Río’s Olympic waterways full of trash, sewage

Río de Janeiro’s endless beaches and lush tropical forest will be a photographer’s dream during the 2016 Olympics. But zoom in on the likes of one-pristine Guanabara Bay, and the picture is of household trash and raw sewage. In the near green waters around the site of the future Olympic Park, the average fecal pollution rate is 78 times that of the Brazilian government’s “satisfactory” limit - and 195 times the level considered safe in the U.S. Nearly 70 percent of Río’s sewage goes untreated, meaning runoff from its many slums and poor neighborhoods drain into waters soon to host some of the world’s best athletes.

Afghan election season off to a messy start

With Afghanistan’s next presidential election just five months away, authorities say they are facing a possible repeat of the abuses that have discredited the country’s efforts to build a democracy.

They say they have no idea how many voters are really on the rolls because multiple registra-
tions have resulted in nearly twice as many registered voters as eligible ones, said Noor Mohammad Noor, spokesman for the Independent Election Commission.

Arrests rise with growing enrollment and police force

Our department’s philosophy is that these types of cases, if allowed to go without enforcement, could lead to other issues for our campus community.

Alexander Casas
Chief of Police
University Police Department

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The directors give the team a problem, crisis, or topic that they must debate and reach a solution interactively.

The team’s long legacy and awards history has attracted more students around the campus. “We want to be the best and become the best. That’s why I love the Model UN Team. I want to be part of that legacy because it has already given me so much,” said Ferguson. The University has also shown support for the team. “We are not just an isolated club because we don’t do it on our own. We do it because all of FIU has come together to help,” said Hodgson. The University takes part in promoting the team and funding its participation in different conferences. For spring semester, the team hopes to expand both their club and their class programs by finding better applicants who are interested in international relations.

John Stack, advisor for the Model UN Team and dean of the School of International Public Affairs, will screen the applicant before admitting them into the program.

“It’s really hard work and it requires a lot of motivation and dedication, but it’s very rewarding. You get many abilities and you become proficient in so many different topics,” said Devendra Shaw, a freshman majoring in international relations and history.

Applications for the program can be found at modelun.fiu.edu/apply.

“The program isn’t just about talking people that are good and it’s about taking people who aren’t good and making them better,” said Hodgson.

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Panthers rank seventh in country

During fall and spring semesters, and an extracurricular club. Every semester, students in the class travel to conferences throughout the country and to compete against other universities. Their task is to mimic the process of the United Nations, a governmental organization with aims of promoting and facilitating different operations. The students must work in groups to act in the role of a specific state or country.

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The conference are a mix of different things: debating, negotiating, public speaking, marketing and leadership.

In the past, the Model UN Team has won Outstanding Small Delegation at Columbia, came in fourth place at Harvard, and won in both the University of Pennsylvania and at the Regional Model UN Conference.

According to Hodgson, the team continues to achieve their goal of becoming number one in the country by reading the news everyday, researching topics, attending class and participating in simulations every Saturday.

The Saturday simulations are mock conferences and competitions, where students intern with the program,” said Maguire. “We don’t have every- thing pinned down yet, but we believe it’ll be a great opportunity for students to be exposed to this.”

The SBDC will be commencing its operations in January 2014, despite the fact that not all of the required personnel may be hired by that point.

“We’re pretty confident that we will be helping companies locally by then,” said Sousa.

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The representation of Latinos in the media

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Are you happy with the way Latinos are presented in the media? One of the blessings of living in a homogeneous city like Miami is the ability to under- mine and weaken the effect of Hispanic stereotypes. Since Miamians constantly encounter different types of Latino iden- tity, the mainstream media stereotypes are diffused. But why are the representations of Latinos in the media problematic? Camilo Quinones, a senior economics major, said, regarding the issue, “The stereotypes become problematic because they create the assumption that all Latinos act like clowns and that they can’t be taken seriously. Someone who lives in a very un-Hispanic part of the country could have a predetermined view on what they’re like and that could be a bad thing.”

Latinas on television are presented in a monolithic manner. They all have olive to dark skin, black hair, hot temperatures, depended on men and either virginal or overly sexualized. This is evidenced with Sofia Vergara’s character in Modern Family and Salma Hayek’s character on “30 Rock.”

Hispanic women can also fall into another stereotype, one of being family-oriented, religious, maternal and protective. News stories frame Latinas in archetypal ways. In one of her ar- ticles, Diego Portales University Professor Teresa Correa describes how the media depicted Elian González’s mother while in the middle of a huge immigration case, she fell into the typical United States “archetypes of Latina immigrant — such as self-sacrificing, almost-virginal, always-religious mother who gives up her own happiness so that her child may obtain the ‘American Dream.’”

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Michael Collado, a senior journalism major, said the following regarding the Hispanic female stereotypes presented on television: “There’s a show out now on Lifetime called Devious Maids where five Hispanic maids meet up and gossip about their white employers. So, yeah, I feel like that might be the most offensive currently. I mean, five maids and they’re all Hispanic, and they all gossip? Thanks.”

Hispanic men in the media have been portrayed as thieves, criminals, drug dealers, sexual aggressors or as the cliché “Latin lover.” Antonio Banderas, Andy Garcia and Al Pacino (in “Scarface”) have perpetuated this stereotype in some of their films. Many of the deviants and criminals on crime dramas are depicted as Hispanic. The molds that are created to categorize Hispanics are influencing and reinforcing racist notions. They put forth the idea that there is no diversity within the Hispanic community, whether it be physically, socially or economically.

Helen Marín, a junior secondary English education major said “these character-istics or aspects of the Latin cultures do not define every Latin person. Molding us into a hole where we all don’t fit doesn’t make anyone happy. This pigeonholing can lead to prejudices that aren’t entirely accurate, and are unnecessary that can make growth as a community stagnant.”

In, “The New Left” Associate of Hispanic Journalist released the following results: “The number of Latino-related crime and youth gang stories in 2002 was grossly excessive when compared to statistics on crimes involving Latinos. […] Latino-related stories make up less than 1 percent of all the stories that appear on network newscasts, even though Latinos make up more than 13 percent of the U.S. population. [...] Crime, terrorism, poverty and welfare and illegal immigration accounted for 66 percent of all network stories about Latinos in 2001.”

Latinos are still vastly underrepre- sented on all front of American life, from political office to television characters. Between 1969 and 1978, The Annen- berg School of Cultural Communica- tors Project which found that only 2.5 percent of primetime television charac- ters were Hispanic. They also occupy a minority position in government – in congress, only 6.9 percent of the members are Hispanic. Thirty-three members in the House of representatives are Hispanic out 435 total members, and only four members of the Senate are Hispanic out of a hundred total members.

In order for the media to accurately reflect the diversities of the Hispanic community, more political involvement is necessary to create urgency for Hispanic concerns and issues, such as immigration. To end these stereotypes, a concerted effort has to be made by news organi- zations and artists to demonstrate the complexities of Hispanic culture and end any vestiges of racism.

Your student government has a yearly budget of $11+ million. The average, quality metal detector costs roughly $4- to $5 thousand. Generally, security disasters do occur, in which case your student government could begin a program regarding campus safety and educating students on how to handle an active shooter alert.

Investing in safety techniques is virtually free. Simply talk to the police department/campus police and have them hold presentations.

Being a commuter school, you have plenty of visitors every day, to a library or otherwise.

With no regard to the crazy acts of violence, metal detectors are about as common when walking into a building as you hitting traffic at anytime of the day.

Late to class? Leave earlier. Insanity is defined as… well, I’m sure Morera (the author of the last Letter to the Editor) knows, as he’s a pol-sci major.

My school has weekly issues with crime. Metal detectors don’t stop crimes, but they add a sense of security. As of one end of the day, I’m pretty sure Bryan would rather have the ability to send a Letter to the Editor than deal with a crisis that might determine life or death.

Maybe that’s just me. Seriously, though, look into preventative techniques and training for campus – it’s something to consider.

SGA will back you up if you structure your idea.

And even if you disagree with the metal detector argument/camera, or come up with something more cost-effective.

It could save lives.

I say this with two quotations from one of our founding fathers, Benjamin Franklin.

“Any fool can criticize, condemn and complain — and most fools do.”

“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”

-Nick Pappe, senior, music and psychology double major.

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Waking up to the sound of a police siren outside Everglades Hall has now become a norm. It was around 9 p.m. on Monday when someone’s smoke alarm went off — disrupting my work due in the next couple of hours.

“I've been hearing these alarms all day. There is no doubt that, sometimes, these alarms have actually saved lives — like the story about “the boy who cried wolf,” he said. People usually keep their doors open while cooking food, but hopefully either these alarms will continue to beep till someone shuts them off, as we understand it. So the screaming sound of the alarm continues to echo through the hallway, disrupting activ- ities and study sessions all over its respec- tive floor. There is no doubt that, sometimes, the system should be monitored and perfected so that the valuable time of our students is not wasted.

Similar incidents have been reported in the other residential dorms as well, where students are presented in the media.

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Shalom FIU reaches out to educate students on Israel

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Although not widely known for its Israeli population, the University has an organization called Shalom FIU that has been around for about seven years, representing a very significant place in our world.

Shalom FIU is the University’s first social, cultural and political student organization dedicated to supporting the Pro-Israel movement on FIU’s campus. The board consists of seven dedicated students who help plan the events. However, many more people attend the actual events, and everyone is always welcome. One of the unique aspects of Shalom FIU is that it not just a “Jewish” organization. Fay Goldstein is a senior majoring in international relations with a minor in politics and a minor in art, and also the president of Shalom FIU. Goldstein explains that “Shalom FIU was started by a Christian girl and a Jewish friend to advance FIU student’s understanding of Israel, its history, politics and culture and our board continues to be made up of students from various religions and backgrounds. Our events are open to any FIU student interested in learning about Israel, and we have had students of all races and religions participate in our events.”

Goldstein also says that Shalom FIU is “a pro-Israel, pro-peace, non-partisan, non-denominational, social organization which focuses on spreading a pro-Israel message and helping to aid in building up the America-Israeli relationship. We aim to educate the student population about the current situation in the Middle East and Israel. We believe that Israel, a U.S. ally and a beacon of democracy in the Middle East, has a right to defense and statehood.”

In order to educate students on Israel and the Jewish religion, Shalom FIU hosts various types of weekly events. From speakers to politicians, picnics to lectures and fundraisers to mixers, the organization really makes an effort to include students into their educational festivities — to spread the pro-Israel message. “Our forums, activities and events are not all only fun, but are awesome learning experiences for anybody who has any interest at all in Israel or the Middle East, regardless of their prior knowledge. Our events are varied in their type, but all relate back to connecting students with the different sides of Israel,” Goldstein said.

Shalom FIU is significant to the University for several reasons. It educates students on aspects and ideas of Israel that they may not be aware of and never know if they didn’t attend a Shalom FIU event. It also gives them a clear view on any misconceptions of issues they may have had. “Shalom FIU has become a family and a community of students, where our events allow students to have a great time with new friends while at the same time learning and gaining invaluable experience,” Goldstein said.

Little Daylight attempts to ‘Tunnel’ its way to the top

JONATHAN BERNAUCEL
IN HIS WORDS

Brooklyn synth-pop trio Little Daylight has released their most recent EP “Tunnel Vision” on Capitol Records.

Little Daylight consists of band members Nikki Taylor, Eric Zeiler and Matthew Lewkowicz. The group is known for its use of synthesizers and the manipulation of Nikki’s voice. Little Daylight’s overall sound and lyrical content, while enjoyable, can be considered mainstream.

The group’s sound is also similar to CHVRCHES and Nikki & The Dove instrumentally and more so vocally, but still manages to find a way to separate themselves. Percussion is one of Little Daylight’s strongest characteristics noted in their songs — drums stand out from start to finish.

The lyrics aren’t anything new to synth pop but, vocalist Nikki Taylor does well at keeping the mood upbeat throughout Tunnel Vision and making the songs feel fresh.

The EP starts off strong with “Overdose,” a catchy song led by the drums more than the synths, and is one of the best on “Tunnel Vision.” Half way through listening to “Freelness,” the third track in “Tunnel Vision,” the band gives the listener a nice break from the fast tempo with a pleasant drone lead.

Halfway through the same track, it picks up and moves along to a more dramatic pace where things get much heavier on the fourth track, “Restart.” Little Daylight shows off some guitar riffs that are loud and get right in your ear, but to the point where it overpowers the Nikki’s voice at times.

The EP finishes with “Name In Lights,” one of the more mellow tracks you’ll find which makes the listener can’t help but feel satisfied. “Tunnel Vision” is a five-track, 17-minute long EP. Despite its brevity, Little Daylight does justice to the synth pop genre.

Little Daylight could easily fit in with mainstream artists with “Tunnel Vision” — not going about being groundbreaking. Regardless, it’s still a good listen.

I give it a three out of five.

LittleDaylight.com

Macy’s parade float flaps, flack from animal activists

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AP Writer

Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade is awash in animal-related protests over its floats, with countless groups decrying the unlikely pairing of rocker Joan Jett and Shamu the killer whale.

Activists plan to line the route of next week’s parade to protest a SeaWorld float over accusations in a new documentary that the theme parks treat whales badly. And ranchers succeeded in getting Jett pulled off the South Dakota tourism float after they questioned the vegetarian and animal-rights ally was representing their beef-loving state.

The float flaps threaten to shake Macy’s traditional position of staying out of politics and soaring silently above the fray, like the massive balloons of Snoopy, Kermit the Frog and SpongeBob SquarePants. “The parade has never taken on, promoted or otherwise engaged in social commentary, political debate or other forms of advocacy,” Cincinnati-based Macy’s Inc. said in a statement this week.

It was in that spirit that parade executive producer Amy Kule said Tuesday that the SeaWorld float is staying. “There is no controversy,” she said. “Our goal is to entertain, and that is their goal, as well.”

The SeaWorld float, which depicts rolling waves, tropical fish, penguins and Shamu, comes months after the release of the documentary “Blackfish,” which contends that SeaWorld’s poor treatment of its killer whales contributed to the aggression of a whale involved in a trainer’s death.

SeaWorld says the accusations have “absolutely no basis” and that “the men and women who care for these animals at SeaWorld are dedicated in every respect to their health and well-being.”

Activists, including members of the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, say they plan to stage a protest somewhere along the route during next week’s parade. And the group says it has sent Macy’s more than 80,000 emails from animal lovers demanding that the store drop the float.
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Panther forward

PANTHER CHALVIRE  
Staff Writer

Two season-ending injuries and the wrath of the NCAA couldn’t stop FIU’s newest Panther from playing on the hard court. Since his Cardinal days at the University of Louisville, Reakeem Buckles has endured some of the toughest times of his life. During the 2010-11 season, he suffered a concussion and tore his anterior cruciate ligament, just to name a few injuries.

But for the 6-7 redshirt senior and Miami native, the setbacks have taught him a lesson.

“It taught me patience more than anything,” Buckles said. “A lot of people want the instant gratification, like ‘I want everything right now’ and it just showed me that it’s a road map that everybody has to take. This is my road.”

Buckles’ collegiate career never included FIU. Miami, Florida and Florida State recruited him, before Buckles decided to commit to Louisville during his junior year of high school—earlier than the average athlete committing their senior year.

The Cardinals’ coaching staff included two assistants who knew Buckles fairly well: Mark Lieberman, who coached Buckles at Monsignor Pace High School; and Richard Pitino, who recruited Buckles.

Buckles saw Pitino and Lieberman as other father figures in his life.

“Any problems I ever had, I went to them,” Buckles said. Buckles said. “Every move they make, every move I make, I have them on my mind. If I make this move, can it affect them? And vice versa.”

Those injuries at Louisville limited Buckles’ playing time and as he was recovering to get back on the court with his teammates, Pitino was already making plans for a new milestone in his career.

When FIU hired Pitino as head coach, the thought of following his mentor wasn’t an option at first, but as Buckles weighed the pros and cons, it was clear that a new life chapter would begin.

“I started thinking, ‘I have one year of basketball left, do I play at a top conference and split time with two or three other guys? Or do I go down to FIU and play in a lower level conference get some minutes for my future?’” Buckles said.

When Pitino’s first year at FIU began, Buckles’ didn’t. Due to NCAA transfer rules between two different Division I schools, he was forced to sit out his first year and watch from the bench. Another setback holding him back from his return.

Last spring as Buckles’ two-year hiatus came to an end there came more bad news: Pitino chose to continue his coaching career at the University of Minnesota after only one year at FIU.

“Initially I was a little upset but when I really thought about it, I put myself in his shoes,” Buckles said. “His dream is to become an elite coach at a elite school, and Minnesota is a big opportunity. So I really thought about that. That’s an amazing opportunity for him.”

Just as Buckles joined Pitino at Louisville, following his coach to Minnesota became option number one—until the NCAA decided to deny his waiver. “I was hurt,” Buckles said. “I thought I wasn’t going to be able to play college basketball anymore because they didn’t have a scholarship here [FIU].”

Rather than stop playing altogether, Buckles sat down with new head coach Anthony Evans and officially became a Panther.

According to Evans, Buckles seems to have established himself in a new setting, despite having missed out on basketball so long.

“I’ve impressed with Reakeem,” Evans said. “With everything he’s gone through, he still has a true passion for the game. He’s been one of our top players every game that we’ve played and I think as long as he continues to do that, he’s going to be fine.”

Some people may have given up after facing the turmoil of injuries and constant moves in such a short period of time, but for Buckles, it’s the lesson that he learned that only life can teach.

“It was one of the hardest things I’ve been through in my life,” Buckles said. “Now looking back at it, I’m glad it happened. It was a blessing in disguise.”

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Panthers offense stagnant due to inconsistencies

Last week, the FIU football team achieved a massive feat. Strange, right? The Panthers eclipsed the century mark in total season scoring.

As it stands now, the Panthers have scored a whopping 101 points through 10 games for an average of 10.1 points per game.

Those numbers will make the average football fan cringe.

But, theoretically, it could be worse. And this is why: Miami University, not the ‘Canes, but the RedHawks, have only scored 97 points through 10 games.

It hurts to say but the Panthers (1-9) can’t even be the best at having the worst offense. They somehow managed to muster up four more points than the RedHawks (0-10).

But, I guess just being in the conversation as one of the worst offenses in college football would have enough. The Panthers are definitely in the thick of things when it comes to that.

Freshman tight end Jonnu Smith and the rest of the FIU offensive have struggled all season long which has led to them being at the bottom of C-USA.

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The Thundering Herd of Marshall University average 42.8 points per game this season. That is over four times the Panthers' 10.1 average points per game. The average point spread for the game tomorrow, when the Panthers host Marshall—as ofNov. 20—is at 32.5 points in favor of the Thundering Herd.

“They are all good, all of them are good,” Head Coach Ron Turner said. “They definitely have the ability to put points on the board as they have in most of their games and it starts with their quarterback. He has a lot of weapons around him as well.”

In a game where 31 players will be returning to their home (Cato) to play a football game, Head Coach Doc Holliday of the Thundering Herd spoke on how he will handle those who wish to see their families during the game. “I can’t take these kids home to where they grew up and not let their families see them,” Holliday said. “We’ll have a room where big can visit and nice and they have to focus to get ready to go play.”

Two of those players are key offensive weapons: quarterback Rakeem Cato and wide receiver Tommy Shuler. Both are juniors and played their high school football at Miami Central High School. Cato has had 31 career starts throughout his years at Marshall and is having one of his best seasons statistically this year. He is responsible for 32 of 55 total touchdowns including 28 in the air. He has thrown for 2,901 yards and run for 238 yards to date on the season. The reigning Conference USA Most Valuable Player of the Year, Cato, has found Shuler for eight touchdowns this season so far. Shuler has 989 yards on 74 receptions this season so far. He leads the Thundering Herd in receiving yards, but John Mackey Award Finalist in tight end, Gator Hoskins, surpasses his eight touchdowns by one. Hoskins is from Gainesville, Fla. Shuler’s 74 receptions is the most by 45 grabs. Wide receivers Deon Smith is second with 29 and Hoskins is third with 28.

“Any time you play a quarterback like Cato, with a high powered offense and high scoring offense like they have, you always have to watch extra film,” senior defensive tackle Greg Hickman said. “We have to take the max but realize that everyone at this level of division-1A football is a good player. Cato is a pretty special player himself.”

Hickman, a leader on the defensive side of the ball for the Panthers, said contain- ment is the key for Hoskins and Cato. “It is important to know that the whole offense is explosive but if we can contain them, slow it down, and get off the field on third down than we might have a chance.”

The Panthers is something that has gone back and forth between Jake Medlock and E.J. Hilliard. This week in practice the two have been sharing first team reps and Hilliard spoke on it. “We are both out here for the same purpose last season was. Under a new Head Coach Anthony Evans and senior Tymell Murphy; who came off a stellar senior Tymell Murphy; who came off a stellar fall season last year averaging 14.6 points and 6.8 rebounds and being named First Team. However, the team is facing a postseason ban after the APR scandal that was enforced earlier this year.

There is also women’s basketball with the nation’s leading scorer last year in Jerica Coley as she in her senior season looking to build off a 19-13 season last year that propelled the Panthers to the Women’s National Invitational Tournament. With that being said, another team that fans should feel optimistic about is the women’s tennis team. While fall rightfully so is normally thought of as football season, during that time, FIU tennis has been making their mark as they have shown signs in three tournaments for their fall season. In the competition the Panthers played in the fall, included the Milwaukee Tennis Classic which the Panthers were invited in order to be a tuneup for the other teams. The Panthers picked up 11 singles victories and five doubles victories. Freshman Nina Nagode went 3-0 in singles and was named the singles champion in the tournament. The ITA regional tournament saw senior Giulietta Boha reach the singles final round but did not play in the final match due to time constraints and travel reasons.

In the ITA invitational, sophomore Aleksandra Trifunovic and freshman Kamila Pavlekova both claimed the singles championship and as a team in the tournament FIU went a combined 13-5 in singles matches and 7-2 in doubles matches. Also the duo of Trifunovic and Nagode reached the doubles final round against the tandem of sophomores Carlotta Orlando and Tina Mohoric.

In the fall, Trifunovic finished 4-0 in singles. Last season was a tough season for the freshman as Trifunovic had to adjust to tennis on the college level. Nagode went 6-3 in singles for fall. Pavlekova for the fall finished undefeated in singles by going 5-0. From two freshmen, that is a combined 11-3 in doubles.

As a team FIU finished 29-11 in singles matches combined, all three tournaments and went 12-6 in doubles in the fall tournaments. So far I have mentioned the emergence of two freshmen in Nagode and Pavlekova, and the improvement of Trifunovic. I still haven’t gotten to Orlando, who was FIU’s lone American internationals bright spot last season and after speaking to Greg Hickman said, “We have to take the max but realize that everyone has something to build on this season.”

The senior’s coming off an up and down season last year and after speaking to her after the ITA Regionals, the senior is determined to mature this season. In her freshman season, Boha was a key contributor in leading the Panthers to winning the Sun Belt Conference tournament. This fall, Boha went 8-2 in singles, and the senior is determined to mature this season.

This team should be the key for optimistic thinking how last season went for the young head coach, batting injuries and playing short-handed the end of the season, the Panthers went 3-16. Along with the inconsistency, many of the players were playing on different positions including Orlando, who Head Coach Kata- rin Petrovic mentioned to me before that she doesn’t consider Orlando a true number one singles player. The Panthers were unable to get the doubles points in all but five of their matches last season becoming an Achilles’ heel for them, and so far in the fall they have taken care of business on that end.

The lack of depth, and consistent production other than Orlando is showing with the emergence of the freshmen, and Boha. It seems that Petrovic is starting to put her imprint on the team quickly. Petrovic was key in helping make South Carolina, the school she was at before FIU a redshirt last year to gain program and consistently recruiting talented players. While being asked this season’s team is a championship team yet, but in a school where winning teams are limited, many of the players were playing a position other than Orlando, who Head Coach Kata- rin Petrovic mentioned to me before that she doesn’t consider Orlando a true number one singles player.
New addition to Red Robin Menu

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Among the graduates of the FIU’s Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management is Tina Diaz de Villegas, who will bring the perfect savory sauce to the dinner table at Red Robin. She was the winner of this year’s Savory Scholar Contest at the New York City Wine and Food Festival Burger Bash. Villegas was among several from the school with her signature “Tirza’s Tangy Cilantro and Garlic Sauce” will be featured on Red Robin’s menu nationwide.

Few support delaying changes in flood insurance

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AP Writer

Efforts to delay implementation of changes in the federal flood insur-
ance program have run into road-
blocks on both sides of Capitol Hill.

Some conservative Republicans
said that being a woman in the busi-
ness is “an absolute blessing,” and Villegas has become the next Top Chef, along with completing her bachelors. She believes it is her destiny to stay in the

field of culinary arts and restaurant management.

“Never give up and always stay positive,” Villegas wrote. “If you don’t give it a try, you will never know what the results may be!”

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