New program could give hope to incarcerated youth

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For young people in prison, the U.S. Department of Education is giving them a second chance to rebuild their future.

With the Obama Administration’s efforts to create a fairer and more efficient justice system, the department announced a pilot program July 31. The Second Chance Pell Pilot program will provide Federal Pell Grant funding to colleges and universities for students in prison pursuing a post secondary education.

Students must be eligible for release, preferably within five years of enrollment in the program. Those who committed forcible or non-forcible sexual offenses cannot participate.

The pilot program builds on President Obama’s My Brother’s Keeper Task Force, which aims to improve education programs in juvenile justice facilities and to change existing rules about Pell Grant eligibility.

11 percent of prisoners in state correctional facilities and 24 percent in federal prisons complete at least some postsecondary education. Currently, 40 percent of federal and state prisons offer a postsecondary education program.

Many of the programs, however, are limited to focusing on writing, numeracy and English language skills, according to the Department of Education. Since the new program is a preliminary test, interested institutions need to apply to be considered for participation.

The deadline for postsecondary institutions to apply is September 30 for the 2016-2017 academic year. Eric Feldman said he met with an organization called Strong Returns that shares a similar initiative to the program. The organization helps universities support classes taught in prison or to make it easier for individuals to study after release.

“That spoke a lot because I’m aware of the way the justice system can affect people,” said Feldman, coordinator for academic support services. “It seems counterproductive to put someone in a corrections system and then make it so hard for them to become productive afterwards,” he said.

Imprisonment can create or aggravate mental health conditions with at least half of prisoners having some mental health concern, according to the American Psychological Association. This includes drug and alcohol use.

The APA also says that vocational training and educational programs have not been used as widely as they could be, as well as re-entry programs and other transitions to communities.

For people on parole, the program can mean a change from falling back into old habits that got them in jail in the first place. For 30-year-old Adrian Hernandez, it all started with a petty vandalizing charge.

Hernandez said he has been in and out of the criminal justice system since he was 15 years old. He spent countless days at the Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department, which is the eighth largest jail system in the country.

His charges range from possession to burglary and minor traffic violations. Now he is labeled a habitual offender and a convicted felon.

Hernandez said fixing his record has proven to be difficult. “I’ve tried getting it expunged, but I can’t because it’s more than one charge,” said Hernandez.

He also said this has made it difficult for him to receive a General Education Development certificate or a good job. He relies on his friends and relatives to help him find work that doesn’t require a background check or a degree.

“I haven’t done anything bad in a really long time. I’m just trying to stay out of trouble, keep my head up, focusing and trying to find a job here and there.”

Postsecondary education can help individuals obtain jobs upon release, support their families and combat the impact of mass incarceration on communities, according to the Department of Education. It also proves to reduce re-incarceration by 43 percent within three years of release.

Numbers from the Florida Department of Corrections show that Miami-Dade County leads in number of prisoners at 7,970.

Martha Barantovich said the program can give individuals the chance to participate fully as citizens and to remove the stigma that comes with being labeled as a “criminal.”

Barantovich, Leadership and Professional Studies senior instructor, said FIU should support the pilot program. “As an institution that has been ‘World’s Ahead’ and is now looking at ‘Beyond Possible,’ yes, FIU should be one of these institutions,” said Barantovich.

“Giving adults an opportunity to be productive by advancing their education is long overdue. Systemic change has to start somehow and this is a good place to start.”

As long as individuals haven’t committed violent crimes, Jesus Zamora said he is all for the University committing to the program. “The whole point of jail after people pay their crimes is to get them to be more productive members of society,” said Zamora, a sophomore business finance major. “The more educated someone is, the more productive they are towards society.”

High speed train to be built in Miami

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Demetrius Villa said he wants to take FIU students between the University and Miami Beach at 60 miles per hour non-stop.

His mission: to build bullet trains across the country to make travel easier and more convenient for communities.

“It’s more of a metrorail,” said Villa, a senior international business major.

Next to his brother, Darius Villa and their friend, Aleksandr Khalfin, Demetrius founded the High Speed Rail America Club (HSRAC), which has more than 700 members on their Facebook page. The club researches, promotes and advocates to bring high speed rail technology.

“To FIU is, by far, the premiere research university in the south,” said Demetrius. “The University gets things done, [which is why] I was inspired to involve the school.”

The club pushed to bring Maglev-style trains to Miami, which use electromagnetic trains that travel at high speeds without touching the ground. Orlando has already approved a $400 million project to build Maglev trains to travel between Orange County Convention Center and Orlando International Airport.

Maglev trains are currently found in China and Japan. A Miami Maglev train would transport people from Miami to the University, making it a 25-minute ride with seven stops including Dolphin Mall, Miami International Airport, Miami’s Park and Downtown Miami.

Villa said a train in Miami would cost about $500 million. It would integrate with metro rail, the bus

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Senior mechanical engineering major Tristan Simeone-Ponce (left) and sophomore biology major Michael Wicca (right) prepare through posters on sale at the Graham Center pit.
Amazon to release $50 tablet this holiday season

Amazon’s hardware division may be down, but it’s not out, at least according to The Wall Street Journal, which reported Tuesday the e-commerce giant is set to release a $50 tablet with a 6-inch screen in time for the holidays. If true, this would make it one of the least expensive tablets on the market, and half the price of Amazon’s Fire HD 6-inch tablet. An Amazon spokesperson said the company does not comment on rumors and speculation.

Unusual Delta algae bloom worries researchers

In what researchers suspect is another troubling side effect of the state’s epic drought, the Delta is exploding with algae particles that in intensified concentrations could pose a substantial threat to the central hub for California’s vast water delivery network. The algae bloom is not limited to the central Delta. Peter Moyle, a fisheries biologist with the University of California, Davis, said his team also found microcystis in the water during a separate research trip several river miles away in the north Delta.

Greek coast guard is another obstacle for refugees

After facing Syrian government barrel bombs, the repression of Islamic State extremists and their effective expulsion from Lebanon, Syrian refugees trying to reach Europe by sea confront another nemesis, the Greek Coast guard, which, they say, is disabling their small boats and setting them adrift in the Aegean Sea. Refugees speak of repeated instances in Greek waters in which Greek forces fired guns in the air, shined bright spotlights on their becalmed boats, and ordered them to jettison their fuel supplies.

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OPINION

Miley Cyrus, Nicki Minaj showdown holds feminist lesson

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MTV aired the 31st Annual MTV Video Music Awards Sunday, August 30, and as expected it was a star-studded fiasco. People laughed, people cried and of course there was at least one nip-slip.

However, the most ironic moment of the night occurred when Nicki Minaj pointed to VMA host Miley Cyrus and called her a “b-tch” on live television. The exchange between the two pop-stars highlighted an ongoing issue that occurs within feminist circles – the silencing and tone-policing of black women at the hands of white feminists.

The feud started when Minaj called out the VMAs for failing to nominate her hit “Anaconda” for Video of the Year.

On Twitter, she pointed out racist double standards in the entertainment industry by stating “black women contribute so much to pop-culture but are rarely rewarded for it.”

She also commented on how videos featuring “slim” bodies are likely to get rewarded while videos glorifying thicker bodies are seen as obscene. This did not sit well with Cyrus who claimed that Minaj was “too angry” in her comments for her to be taken seriously.

“If you do things with an open heart and you come at things with love, you would be heard and I would respect your statement.” Cyrus said in an interview with the New York Times. “But I don’t respect your statement because of the anger that came with it.”

Cyrus is hailed by many feminists as an icon for her work with the Free the Nipple Campaign, advocating for LGBTQA rights and for openly embracing her sexuality. Yet as much as she likes to advocate for women’s equality, she doesn’t seem to give much regard to the concerns of black women.

Her comment after hearing Minaj’s frustration was a classic liberal feminist response. She might as well have said “I understand you’re hurting right now because you work in an industry that values your culture and not your people, but I’ll only take your pain seriously if you speak in a tone that I approve of.”

Her attitude echoes the history between black women and liberal, white feminists in that it perpetuates the idea that black women’s issues have no place in feminism and I need to put them on the backburner.

Being a black feminist means having to choose between being black and being a woman. When Minaj looked to Cyrus and said “now back to this b-tch that had a lot to say about me in the press the other day. Miley what’s good?” she did more than start a new meme or a trending hashtag. She told white feminists everywhere “I am a black woman with a lot to say and I will not stay silent or polite when expressing my anger in this racist industry.”

Minaj has stated in the past that she is not a feminist. This doesn’t negate the fact that feminists can take something from this moment in pop-culture.

Feminists need to know that there is no choice between being black or being a woman for black women.

As black feminist Audre Lorde so famously stated, “there is no such thing as a single issue struggle because we do not live single-issue lives.”

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Fall lineup brings nostalgia, laughs

Sakaya Kitchen busy but delicious meals

Fusion cuisine is an art that very few places can successfully pull off. Korean fusion is one of them that saturates the market, and very rarely leaves me wanting to return.

Somehow, Sakaya Kitchen manages to stand out from the crowd and deliver food that’s worth multiple visits.

Located in The Shops at Midtown, Sakaya’s decor is lively and fun, which mirrors the dishes served at the restaurant. Each dish is colorful and packed with layers of flavor. It’s a millennial mecca, with Instagram worthy plates.

The food tastes as good as it looks, each dish I tried being better than the last. For appetizers I ordered the chunk’d tater tots, KFC wings, and orange baby back ribs. They’re called sharables on the menu for a reason: the portions are just over the average appetizer size, which is too much when paired with a main course.

The chunk’d tots are uh-may-zing. Taking traditional tater tots to a new level, Sakaya adds a spicy cheesy sauce and tops it off with kalbi beef chunks and green onions. It sounds like there’s too much going on to be worth the hype (provided you’re not a big fan of garlic), but it’s the dae ji. The bulgolgi bowl couples beef with a kick of spice from kim chee, and there’s the dae ji. The bulgolgi burger couples beef chunks and green rice and savory buttered broccoli. The Korean Fried Chicken, were also a much appreciated shock. Deep frying chicken in a “fast food” restaurant can go very wrong, with either soggy crust or dry meat. A juicy, succulent wing with crispy crust is a perfect balance of textures, but it’s the sauce paired with the wings that make them worth writing about. Not too sweet, not too salty, it’s perfect.

For burger lovers, the bulgolgi burger is my suggestion. It’s big, juicy and well appreciated.

The KFC wings, which stands for Kentucky Fried Chicken, are outside the typical fast food range, with the dae ji. The bulgolgi burger is my suggestion. It’s big, juicy and well appreciated. Not too sweet, not too salty, it’s perfect.

They can transfer abilities as well. The cast is top notch in terms of acting as well as diversity. The show does an exemplary job of talking about gender, color and ultimately what it means to be a human in this world. With an uncanny ability to discuss the complicated mechanism that is the human condition, the show breaks through the monotony that has been prevalent in television for decades and reminds us that the people and thing we see and experience on our day to day basis is not the only way of life. There are heartbreaking scenes in which characters discuss things personal and external hate that they have received for being transgender and gay, there is talk of poverty, spirituality, love and the brutality that people can be faced with due to their circumstances at birth or due to the things that they must do to survive.

All of the episodes are filled with suspense and heart pumping action as there seems to be a death threat looming over every character regardless of whether they’re aware of the organization that is coming after them or not.

The end of the season had a beautiful panoramic shot and seemed to end on an uplifting note, but of course, we’re not going to fall for that. Season 2 is in the works and if it’s anything like the first, we’re in for an amazing ride.

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Lee Curtis, Lea Michele, Nick Jonas and Emma Roberts. The show takes place in a less than welcoming sorority home where murder is a bit of problem. Dark and fun, “Scream Queens” is off to be another masterpiece by Murphy.

When It Airs: Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 8 p.m. on Fox (with a special two-hour premiere).

Blind Spot

Thrilling and electrifying, “Blindspot” follows a tattooed heroine named Jane Doe on her journey to regain her lost memories. While it sounds like a played out premise, the tattoos are not just for show. In fact, they are all part of a crime that has to be solved. The show is set up to be one of the best dramas to come to television.

When It Airs: Monday, Sept. 21 at 10 p.m. on NBC.

Lauren Bush

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Motivation made easy: 6 steps to success

1. Set a goal

It’s always great to have a set goal in mind. If your goal is to drop 10 pounds or get straight A’s this semester, get it in your head that you can do it and start your game plan. Starting out with a specific goal in mind is beneficial because it helps you to create a strategy that will be relevant in achieving your immediate aspirations. Plus, having a goal in mind will help you feel better about yourself and life.

2. Be realistic

Setting goals is easy but obtaining them is a little more difficult. If you’re setting a reasonable goal, obviously you’re more likely to achieve it. If you’re setting an attainable goal you will set yourself up for failure and that’s detrimental when you aim to achieve other things in the future. Be realistic and keep in mind that understanding exactly what you’re capable of is half the battle.

3. Be with positive people

Negative people bring negative conversations and inevitably negative vibes to your life. This will bring you down and you will feel unmotivated, which is the opposite of what you want to achieve. Seek positive people who support your goals and have goals of their own.

4. Tell a friend

The best way to stay motivated is to have someone else remind you of why you wanted to obtain your goal in the first place. You’ll be even more motivated to achieve what you’re setting out do rather than brag to your friend about your success.

5. Time-line it

Set a date or a month in which you plan on having completed your goal, that way you’ll be less likely to fall off track or procrastinate. Those ten pounds will not lose themselves if you don’t keep them in check.

6. Just Believe

If you believe in yourself then you can do this. If you have confidence in yourself others will as well. So stay motivated by keeping a positive attitude.

Hope this helps you achieve every single goal on your bucket lists for this semester and every other one. Remember: anything is possible!

A tale of betrayal: ‘Red Queen’ a well-written plot twist

“Red Queen” by Victoria Aveyard

María Gil

emotional turmoil and destroys all the trust you once held.

The novel centers around seventeen-year-old Mare Barrow, a common girl whose newly discovered magical power changes her world, and lands her a new position, Mare risks everything in order to help the Scarlet Guard—a growing Red rebellion—even when her heart tells her to go in the opposite direction.

The reader follows as she plays a dangerous game that can cost not only her life, but the lives of everyone she cares about. Mare struggles for a positive outcome for both Reds and Silvers but there is no certainty, the only certainty is betrayal.

As a reader, I also struggled for a positive outcome for both sides; I experienced so many emotions, it got to the point that I wanted to crawl into a hole and cry. Aveyard does a great job creating loveable characters that readers come to see as their own children. It is this deep emotional connection with the characters that causes a sense of betrayal that causes you to just want to die. There are no words to properly describe the betrayal you will feel once you get to “that part”. I have never been so emotionally abused by a story before.

Mare’s character takes a while to “like”. At first she is a bit like Katniss Everdeen from Suzanne Collin’s “The Hunger Games” living in a bubble and only seeing the world in black and white. After the 70 page mark, she goes through a massive character development that makes her a much more relatable and likeable character.

Other characters include: Kilron, her childhood friend, Tiberial Calore VII (Cal), the first-born crowned prince of Nora and heir to the throne and Maven Calore (my favorite character), the second crowned prince of Nora who marries Mare. Kilron reminded me of Gale from “The Hunger Games,” except Gale had a reason to fight and drive to live, while Kilron simply did not. A male male character unlike any I have read before, Cal stands for what he believes in till the very end and does not let a girl cloud his judgment, unlike most lover boys in YA novels, which is god-flipping-teresting.

Even in his introduction the reader sees his high sense of morality. Maven starts off a bit cold but warms up to the reader until you are madly in love. Maven caused me emotional turmoil, and he will cause the same thing to you my dear reader.

I believe Aveyard did an amazing job writing the characters, especially covering the ever so obvious hints, which makes the betrayal much more painful than it needs to be. My dear reader I wish to tell you what occurred to spare you pain, but I want you to feel the grand pain I felt when the betrayal comes…and I have already given too much away. Just know, the plot twist is obvious if you don’t become distracted by the kindness.

Like most YA novels, there is an obvious romance aspect but it is not overwhelming and thrown in your face. The acute romance allows the story to progress smoothly as it ties into events, causes and outcomes.

My small complaint; and the main reason why “Red Queen” does not receive five stars from me is that there are some points in the story that the description is riddled and it is difficult to properly imagine the scene. Certain scenes, like

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Panthers receive 14 verbal commits in total

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As the Panthers start their season 1-0 with a win against the University of Central Florida, this win going forward could possibly bring more recruits or at least catch their attention. Right now the Panthers have 15 verbal commits in the recruiting class of 2016. It’s not surprising some of the commits are from Miami - maybe Assistant Coach Tim Harris Jr. might have something to do it. Right now here are the latest verbal commits of the class of 2016.

Donovan Thompson
Linebacker
Miami Central
5’11 feet 211 pounds
Miami, Florida

Thompson has the instincts and vision to go down hill and stop the run like a true middle linebacker. He is also dynamic and fast enough to be a sideline to sideline runner like an outside linebacker. He can create big hits, being that he’s a pure tackler and can get to the football by any means. This three star recruit is getting noticed by other division one school such as University of Arkansas, UM, Oregon State University, and University of South Florida. Right now he’s a future Panther, but it won’t be surprising if he has a change of thought to choose an elite program like Arkansas or Miami.

Matt Kramer
Kicker
Lake Howell, Florida
6’4 feet 225 pounds
Lake Howell, Florida

Kramer has the size and strength to be a pass rusher at the next level. This player out of Lakeland can get off blocks and find the football. He can shed off blocks against fullbacks and tackle the tailback after. He has a JJ Watt mentality, where he can either sack you, or create turnovers. In his junior season he finished with 10 sacks, 22.5 tackles for loss, five forced fumbles, and one interception. He has all the tools to be a strong side defensive end or outside linebacker.

Bryon Brown
Defensive Back
Miami Norland
6’1 feet 160 pounds
Miami, Florida

For some people, he is known as “Lockdown Brown” because of his ability to shutdown any receiver that goes against him. At cornerback, he can play press and get receivers off balance, or force the ball carrier during the run play. Even at 160 pounds, he is not afraid of contact and will tackle an offender that runs the outside. He can also play free safety where he can locate the football and cause turnovers. He has the height to play any secondary position, but might have to gain some weight to play at the next level. Most likely he will be playing corner in college.

Jose Borregales
Kicker
Booker T Washington
5’11 feet 180 pounds
Miami, Florida

Of course Harris will try to get some of his old players to come play at FIU. Borregales, the starting kicker for Booker T. Washington high school is one those players Coach Harris recommended. Coming from a winning program like Booker T. Borregales, in his junior season kicked all of his five field goals. His strength comes from kickoff where out of his 79 kickoff attempts, 59 resulted in touchbacks. In terms of points after touchdowns, Borregales connected 66-71. His range can go as far 50 yards. He is also a punter where he averaged 37.5 per punt.

Isaiah Hill
Athlete
Florida High School
6 feet 185 pounds
Tallahassee, Florida

Name a skilled position, Hill probably already played it. Hill is a natural athlete and can be put anywhere on the football field at a high level. He started mostly at free safety where he is used as box player. He is a pure tackler and will be used as a late force if the front seven can’t make a play. On offense, he played quarterback. With the ball in his hand, he can make plays after contact or use his strong arm to throw touchdowns.

Jadarius Byrd
Cornerback
Ed White High School
5 feet 170 pounds
Jacksonville, Florida

Jawon Hamilton
Running back
South Dakota
5’9 feet 185 pounds
Homestead, Florida

Isaiah Brown
Cornerback
Tampa Bay Technical
6’1 feet 180 pounds
Tampa, Florida

Shakur Cooper
Defensive End/Outside Linbacker
Coral Gables High School
6 feet 200 pounds
Coral Gables, Florida

Hunter Orem
Quarterback
Lake Howell High School
6’1 feet 186 pounds
Lake Gibson, Florida

Dallas Connell
Offensive Lineman
First Coastal High School
6’3 feet 275 pounds
Jacksonville, Florida

Doug Connell
Offensive Lineman
First Coastal High School
6’3 feet 270 pounds
Jacksonville, Florida

Ulce Gillard
Wide Receiver
Lake Nona
6 feet 190 pounds
Orlando, Florida

Darriss Scott
Wide Receiver
T Washington
5’10 feet 175 pounds
Miami, Florida

No matter who’s on the field, however, FIU should pose a much bigger threat defensively to Indiana than Southern Illinois did. Despite not creating a turnover, the FIU defense held a UCF offense that was praised entering the season to just 46 rushing yards on 30 carries and 14 total points last week.

The other uncertain aspect of the game as Saturday night approaches is the situation regarding the nine Indiana players suspended by the team prior to their Week 5 game. Head Coach Kevin Wilson said that eight of the nine players will return against FIU with the only exception being linebacker Tegray Scales), but it remains to be seen how much of an impact these players will have. Five of the players (Scales included) were expected to be in the rotation for the Hoosiers before the suspension was announced, so it’s likely that at least a few of the returning players will see significant playing time on Saturday night.

For FIU, it will be key for quarterback Alex McGough and running back Alex Gardner to continue their success against a vulnerable Indiana defense. Freshman wide receiver Anthony Jones also looked impressive a week ago, making the most of his limited touches against UCF. Chances are Jones will see more of the field this week to give McGough a consistent option outside of wide receiver Thomas Owens and tight end Jonnu Smith. Overall, all signs point to this game being an extremely competitive matchup. FIU open as a 7-point underdog against the Hoosiers, but after they overcame 16-point odds last week to upset UCF, so you can’t count the Panthers out.

If you’re unable to make the nearly 17 hour road trip up to Bloomington for the game, you can catch all the action on Big Ten Network at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12.
Ron Turner now glad he stuck it out at FIU

The University’s men’s soccer team (2-2-0) saw three players score their first goals as Panthers in their 3-0 domination of Stetson University on Sunday, Sept. 6. FIU’s defense delivered a particularly impressive performance, shutting Stetson to their first scoreless effort of the season.

Sophomore Brad Foudrenot got the ball rolling for FIU early, attempting three shots on goal in the first 16 minutes, the third of which found the upper corner of the goal to give his team a 1-0 advantage. The Northwestern University transfer was assisted by freshman Santiago Patino on a cross from the right edge of the box. Patino went on to score a goal of his own in the 27th minute with an improbable assist by junior goalkeeper Arthur Clapot. Junior Jamal Campion-Hinds added his name to the stat sheet in the 55th minute when he scored his first goal of the season to push FIU’s lead to 3-0. Overall, the Panthers attempted 24 shots in the match, 12 of which were on goal.

FIU’s defense handed in arguably their best performance yet, allowing the Hatters just five shots, none of which were on goal. Junior Marvin Hezel was named the Conference USA Defensive Player of the Week for his performances against Stetson and in his team’s match against Fairfield University last Thursday.

Next up for the men’s soccer team is a two-game home stand, where they are 1-0-0. The Panthers will first square off with the University of Pennsylvania (0-1-1) on Thursday, Sept. 10. The Pennsylvania Quakers are still searching for their first goal of the season.

**Women’s Volleyball**

Panthers recieve third place in Blazers Classic

The Panthers bounced back quickly from their loss as they took on Savannah State in the final game of the tournament. The Tigers came into this matchup winless with a 0-7 record. Their record did not improve as the Panthers dominated throughout, winning 25-8, 25-12 and 25-13 and forcing SSU to 32 errors and forcing them to finish with a -.158 hitting percentage.

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**Football**

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The Panthers finished the tournament 2-1 but ended up placing overall behind Austin Peay and UAB respectively. The team is now 4-2, the program’s second best start since beginning the 2009 season 5-1.

Up next for the Panthers is the Stetson Westin Classic in Deland, Florida, as they will take on Mercer University on Friday, Sept. 11 and Mercer University on Saturday, Sept. 12. As of now, the two teams have a combined record of 3-10. The Panthers will hope to use the Blinn Classic as momentum for this upcoming event.

**Men’s Soccer**

University shuts own Stetson University offense

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One night early in Ron Turner’s first season at Florida International, a 1-13 disaster marred by 15 players being ruled academically ineligible, he opened his desk drawer and his mind to leaving town.

“I literally pulled out my contract and looked to see if I had an out clause with all of the off-the-field issues, and I didn’t,” recalled Turner, a former Bears offensive coordinator and Illinois coach. “I came home and vent, and my wife (Wendy) would be like, ‘Stay the course, you’re here for a reason, just keep going.’ I knew that, but we shot up to 3-0 and it’s 10-1-1 so I did. And I’m glad I did because right now I love coaching here.”

The feeling was mutual as FIU players doused Turner with Gatorade on Thursday after one of college football’s most surprising Week 1 wins. Turner enhanced his impressive coaching resume by leaving another blot on counterpart George O’Leary’s in the Golden Panthers’ 15-14 victory at Central Florida, a two-touchdown favorite.

A blocked field goal late in the game preserved the FIU comeback and punctuated what Wendy Turner had known about her husband since he returned to campus in 2013.

“My wife always told me, ‘I knew you’d get back in college because the happiest I’ve seen you as a coach was your eight years at Illinois,’” said Turner, 61.

Turner’s trajectory at FIU mirrors the course he took at Illinois, where a bowl berth in his third year followed tough 0-11 and 3-8 seasons. From the moment Turner saw seven seniors house the offensiveline at his first spring practice at FIU, he noticed similarities.

“The difference was we had more character issues here than we ever had at Illinois,” said Turner, who went 11-1 in 2013 and 4-8 last year. “The thing was a mess, for lack of a better term. The guys who were seniors now adjusted and did everything we’ve asked them to change the culture.’’ Turner doesn’t turn. At his 13th step in 35 years of coaching, Turner remains as steady as he is smart, a grinder who values substance over style, and college football bedding when he followed his heart-class for Stanford. Wendy Turner was in Evanston on Saturday with the couple’s two daughters, Cally and Madison, who live in Chicago, watching Morgan’s Stanford team lose to Northwestern. Localist ties still connect Turner, who follows the Bears and keeps track of the Illinois defense, enough to have texted Bill Cubit congratulations Sunday.

“We’re from California originally, but we almost consider Chicago our home,” Turner said. “We love it there … but it’s not helped that no player on Northwestern’s defensive line, which dominated, played more than five straight snaps. “That might be the best we’ve ever tackled because we worked the heck out of them,” Fitzgerald said. “You have to work tackling every single day.”

Next comes Eastern Illinois, but after beating a ranked opponent on national TV, Northwestern’s toughest foe threatens to become overconfidence. Perhaps Fitzgerald fears the same based on the best thing he could have said during Monday’s news conference: “I’m done with potential. I want to see production.” Only a 4-0 pre-Big Ten record will assure those concerns.

Good for Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly expressing displeasure with the burnt orange obvious in his home stadium Saturday night during a 38-3 rout of Texas. Conservatively, about 10,000 Longhorns fans dressed for the occasion — almost 15 percent.

Asked postgame if that bothered him, Kelly was candid — but careful to praise Notre Dame students decked in green.

“A little bit, quite honestly,” he said.

Kelly should be bugged. Too many Notre Dame fans apparently embrace their loyalty until a program that travels well such as Texas, Oklahoma or Nebraska comes to town looking for tickets.
New housing to open fall 2016

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SERVITAS, a company focused on housing projects, is currently building Bayview, the new housing dorm at the Biscayne Bay Campus. BBC had one housing building, Bay Vista, and last year it was sold to Royal Caribbean for training for its employees, forcing students to move to the south campus for housing.

Joseph F. Paulick, director of housing services at the University, said that students were notified a semester in advance.

Now, BBC is constructing Bayview, which will be ready by fall 2016. It will be located next to the Mary Ann Theater and behind buildings RCII and ACH.

SERVITAS, the company responsible for bringing the building to fruition, will have a preview center and leasing office inside the Wolfe University Center. Students will be provided with brochures that include pictures, features and amenities of the rooms.

"It will consist of 410 beds and, at the preview center, students will be able to start leasing, choosing roommates and see how the dorms will turn out to be," said Paulick.

The closing of BBC housing last year upset many students on both campuses.

"We had our way against the competition," said Vanegas. "The Panther bus moves from campus to campus constantly. It's not a big sacrifice and, for those students who moved to MMC, they can get to know the campus more and meet new people."

Eden Ash, freshman psychology major, is excited to move to the dorms next fall.

"If I had to choose a campus, I would choose BBC," she said. "It's closer to where I live in Aventura."

According to SERVITAS-FIU website, Bayview will include studios, two and four bedroom apartments, a sky lounge, a gym, a study and game room, a pool with cabanas and laundry facilities.

For more information about the new housing, go to bayview.fiu.edu.

"It think it's really exciting, it's a great project made just for the students," said Paulick.

LGBTQA Initiatives hosts reception for BBC students

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The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning and Allies (LGBTQA) Project hosted their welcome reception to kick off the fall semester.

The event was open to everyone, offering food and a friendly place to meet and mingle with people who were interested in what the Initiatives had to offer.

Some students were new to the FIU LGBTQA community and others attending were already very involved outside of FIU, like Laurel Nakani, an FIU student who helps out at many organizations in the community including Read Queen Miami, an organization that promotes queer literary culture.

Nakani said that the welcome reception was "a nice way to get everyone involved at the BBC Campus." Getting everyone involved at Biscayne Bay Campus is one of the top priorities of the LGBTQA Initiatives, according to Jazmine Clifton, a grad student who partakes in the LGBTQA Initiatives and the Multicultural program. "The LGBTQA community is bigger and has a lot more people, we want everyone to know both campuses have the same resources," Clifton said.

They are working to build a bigger community at BBC and it is showing with the turnout at this semester's welcome reception.

At the reception, LGBTQA Initiatives informed students about many other chances to partake in other events throughout the semester, like their 3D Series. The 3D series is a two-night, two-hour event based around different topics, such as bisexuality and pansexuality. Speakers will come in to talk about the chosen topic, creating an open vein of dialogue to supply students who attend with different points of view on the subject.

The LGBTQA Initiatives also brings to FIU LGBT members to partake in such events, like Richard Blanco, an FIU alumnus who has become a successful poet. "Richard Blanco, so that even President Obama asked him to read at his second Presidential Inauguration," he will be attending BBC on behalf of the LGBTQA Initiatives on this year's Diversity Day.

This is a glimpse of what the Initiatives have planned for this semester, with everything from countless volunteer experiences to Coming Out Day, and even a Thanksgiving potluck.

Many students take hours out of their daily lives to be a part of other community members' lives. For example, Clifton, she grew up with a family who was very involved in networking with the LGBT community. However, she was interested in being an "active advocate, not a distant ally," said Clifton.

Clifton also helps by counseling students and giving them courage when it is needed.

Gisela Vega, the Multicultural Program and Services Associate Director, explained "students [in this community] from the ages of 18-24 face critical issues."

According to Vega, this includes anything from uncertainty about one's identity to being booted from their own homes by a family member. MPAS encountered so many students who face these issues and help in any way they can.

"We even try to find [students] jobs when they encounter hard situations like this," said Vega.

The LGBTQA Initiatives offers everyone a range of experiences from volunteer opportunities and networking with a chance to make a difference in people's lives.

"We want to expand help from allies," said Vega, referring to students on both, BBC and MMC.

"We have to be able to start leasing, choosing dorms needed to be renovated," said David Villa, senior computer engineering major. "The only way to cover that cost is to bring up tuition, which doesn't make sense for students who don't depend on dorms."

Anzela Vanegas, a junior psychology major, agreed with Villa.

"I don't think it's a bad idea. Students can always rent apartments close to the campus," said Vanegas. "The Panther bus moves from campus to campus constantly. It's not a big sacrifice and, for those students who moved to MMC, they can get to know the campus more and meet new people."

Panthers place third in Blazer Classic

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The women's volleyball team had a successful opening weekend, winning the Panther Challenge.

The Panthers looked to use that success as they traveled to Birmingham, Alabama, to partake in the Blazer Classic, hosted by the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

The Panthers were set to take on the host and Conference USA team, UAB, Friday, Sept. 4 at 7 p.m. for their first game of the tournament. The team was taken the distance, eventually winning 25-22, 20-25, 23-25, 25-14, and 15-8 in five sets. Facing a 2-1 deficit, the Panthers rallied behind the stellar play of Lucia Castro, Jennifer Ene, Katie Friesen and Maria McLamb.

Castro recorded her first double-double of the season with 15 kills and 11 digs, and Ene had a hitting percentage of .343 as well as 15 kills. Friesen showed that last weekend was no fluke, as she collected 31 assists, 18 digs and 9 kills, one shy from a triple-double.

McLamb's streak of double-figure digs reached a fourth straight game, as she had 11 digs. With this win, the Panthers improved to 3-0 against the Blazers. The team also picked up its first conference victory, starting off 1-0 in C-USA play.

Up next for the team was a noon matchup on Saturday, Sept. 5, against Austin Peay State University. Fresh off a 3-0 against Savannah State University, the Governors had their way against the Panthers, winning 25-11, 25-15, and 25-11 in straight sets.

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Karen Durand, a junior psychology major, plays a game at Career Bash located in Panther Square Sept. 8, where students enjoyed food and games provided by Career Services.