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SGA awards up to $120,000 in scholarships

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Student Government Association Presidents Alexis Calatayud and Allan Mejia have raised $120,000 in scholarship funds for full-time students.

The scholarships are offered for the spring and summer 2016 terms. The awards are available under 10 different categories, each with different eligibility requirements.

Deadline for open applications is Friday, Oct. 9.

Each scholarship consists of amounts between $500 and $1,000, with multiple winners per scholarship.

Roughly 30 students will be awarded the SGA Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics Scholarship and 24 will be awarded the SGA Excellence Scholarship. They are mostly based on campus involvement and volunteer experiences.

The scholarships include awards for graduate, undergraduate, medical and law school students. SGA scholarship money was first distributed under former 2013 SGA Presidents Pablo Haspel and Laura Farinas. They are funded by the interest made off of the Activity and Service Fee paid by FIU students in tuition costs.

General eligibility requirements include being a full-time student, a 3.0 grade point average, a letter of recommendation, good judicial standing at the university and payment of the Activity and Service Fee.

“It’s a way to take the money made and give it back to the students through merit and awards,” said Matilde Gramling, executive director of Student Affairs. “It is a way to help current students like sophomores, juniors and seniors continue with their education.”

“What sets the SGA scholarships apart from other university-wide scholarships, as well as Florida Prepaid and Bright Futures, is that SGA scholarships are also distributed for the summer term,” Gramling said.

“This year’s winners have the option to push the scholarship into the fall semester, only if they have a viable reason why they couldn’t take classes in the summer,” she said. “If they have to do an internship or if the classes they needed were not available, there are options now to settle the issue.”

Along with the summer exception, other changes have been made to the scholarship.

“This year, we have the SGA Fostering Panther Pride Scholarship,” said Michelle Castro, Campus Life assistant director at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus. “There’s also new revisions to the Single-Parent and Veteran Scholarships.”

FIU student Nicholas Blegiomiini said he has worked many hours to pay for his tuition during his time at the University. As a senior, he wishes he would have known about the scholarships from the start of his freshman year.

“The SGA scholarships sound like they would’ve helped me,” said Blegiomiini, a chemistry major. “I’ve had to work so hard that not to be in debt that I wasn’t able to join any extracurriculars. I think winning one of the scholarships could have helped me through my last few years here.”


“A team of FIU affiliates put together by the FIU scholarship office will review all applications and chose the winners,” she said. Recipients will be notified by the Office of Scholarships and Fellowships.

“We really want students to look into the scholarships and apply before Oct. 9,” said Gramling. “There’s something for everyone.”

Chevron donates $20,000 to College of Engineering

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The College of Engineering and Computing celebrates its new partnership with Chevron and received a $20,000 donation.

Through its University Partnership Program, Chevron has made FIU a “preferred partner school,” next to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Stanford University.

“This is a big deal,” said Linnell Bickford, CEC director of development.

Chevron hires around 100 interns in engineering, especially from universities within its partnership program. Bickford said.

“Anybody can apply for a job or an internship at any company, but you want to be on that list where they are marking a concerted effort to recruit from that school.”

She said students eventually do a rotational program for three years, where they get to see different facets of engineering. “Chevron opens up the opportunities for [students] to move around the world to all of Chevron’s different locations.”

Bickford also said the corporation targets core schools that have large student populations of African-Americans and Hispanics to expand its diversity portfolio.

“We graduate more Hispanic engineers than anyone,” said Bickford.

Nicole Boswell, Chevron’s diversity portfolio manager, said the corporation was interested in the University because it has the highest rate of Hispanic professional engineer graduates every year.

“Diversity is part of Chevron’s ways. FIU’s ethnicity and gender background is important,” said Boswell.

FIU is the number one university in the country that awards undergraduate and graduate degrees to Hispanic students according to Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education. More than 60 percent of University students are Hispanic.
NATION & WORLD BRIEFS

University of Virginia didn’t properly investigate sexual violence reports, officials say

The University of Virginia failed to properly investigate reports of sexual violence on campus. This includes allegations of abuse filed against fraternity on several occasions in recent years, the U.S. Department of Education said Monday. Federal officials and the university reached a “resolution agreement” on Monday, four years after the Education Department launched a Title IX investigation into the way the school handles reports of sexual violence.

One in four female undergraduates reports sexual misconduct, survey finds

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What’s new inside Microsoft Office 2016 and how to get it

Microsoft Office 2016 went on sale Tuesday, bringing real-time collaboration, improved Skype integration and quick access to many options to the suite. The updates aren’t big, but they include Word, Excel and PowerPoint. The updates aren’t big that includes Word, Excel and PowerPoint. The updates aren’t big.

Apple is refunding all purchases of ad-blocking app Peace

Apple is refunding all purchases of Peace, the popular ad-blocking app that was pulled from the App Store last week. Peace founder Marco Arment saw his $2.99 app skyrockety in popularity when it was released last week. But soon he was lamenting that its success “just doesn’t feel good” amid questions about the ethics of ad-blocking software. Two days later, he took it down after the app became the No. 1 paid app in the U.S. App Store for about 36 hours.

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Boswell said Chevron and the University have a relationship that extends beyond their partnership. Both are part of the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering, which grants scholarships to minority groups in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields.

“Chevron wants to leverage this relationship,” said Boswell. Mark Rosenberg, president of the University and Joseph Geaga, Chevron executive vice president, are representatives for NACME’s board of directors.

“Chevron wants to break that down,” he said.

Engineering students receive $20,000 donation

The Shanghai Municipal Restaurant Association has donated $20,000 to the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering, also known as NACME. The donation will be used to send 13 NACME scholars to the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

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ENGINEERING STUDEENTS RECEIVE $20,000 DONATION

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“Part of the problem at FIU is retention and graduation rates,” said Bickford. “Because most of our students work, Chevron’s hope is that they will start with the scholarships and get the students supported so that they can graduate.”

Engineer students spend six to seven years to graduate, Bickford said.

Chevron and NACME should help students graduate within four years, she said. With the extra financial support, students would spend more time studying than working to pay for school.

Donations from the partnership will go to student organizations and first-generation general scholarship fund. $8,000 from Chevron’s donation will be used to send 13 members from the NACME scholars to a racecar competition in Maryland.

The Society of Women Engineers and the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers also benefited from the donation.

Jean Pierre Sorondo, president of SAE, said that important organizations, like Chevron, sponsor student organizations. He said financial support provides funding for extracurricular projects.

“The projects give us the opportunity to practice our class theory out in the real work, and try to actually build something that we learned in the classroom,” said Sorondo, a senior mechanical engineering major.

Sorondo when you have that type of project funding by Chevron on your resume and then you go out into an interview and they know that you actively were able to really stand out of the crowd.”

Juan Trujillo, vice president of SAE, said that Chevron’s donation allows students to focus less on fundraising and more on being engineers.

“We are very grateful for their donation,” said Trujillo, a junior mechanical engineering major.

Cooking up a new Office 2016

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I stand with Planned Parenthood

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The war on women’s reproductive rights rages as the House of Representatives passes legislation to strip Planned Parenthood of its $500 million federal family planning funds for a year. Advertised as a political move to draw attention to allegations of Planned Parenthood staffers’ illegal actions - allegations based on highly edited video footage released by the Center for Medical Progress - the legislation, which passed Friday, Sept. 18, was pushed by political conservatives bent on defunding Planned Parenthood even before the recent controversy. The videos have been discredited and debunked as legitimate evidence against Planned Parenthood and yet on Monday evening the Senate GOP was on its fast-track process of planning legislation that would block all funding to Planned Parenthood for a year. The 1976 Hyde Amendment dictates that federal Medicaid funds can only be used to fund abortions in cases of rape, incest or to protect the life of the mother meaning federal money does not go towards just any abortion service. Planned Parenthood isn’t an abortion clinic; it is a sexual rights and reproductive rights organization that assists over 5.1 million men and women per year, and in fact abortions comprise 3 percent of the services provided by Planned Parenthood. One of the most sought after services at PP is sexually transmitted infection testing, with nearly 4.5 million treatments provided in 2013 alone. PP is a big provider of contraception as well, from oral contraception to contraceptive implants. Not to mention PP provides services for pregnant women such as pregnancy tests and prenatal services. If PP were to be defunded, its federally funded nutrition program would be affected. For low-income women, infants and children up to the age of five dependent on free supplemental food, nutrition education, breastfeeding support and education, cafeteria meals or similar support services, the impact would be devastating. Also, for many low-income people of color, Planned Parenthood is their main health care provider. When we consider the statistics, early diagnosis would be crucial to the quality and length of these women’s lives.

Women’s reproductive rights, or lack thereof, are constantly restricted by legislation. Even in Florida, Gov. Rick Scott passed a 24-hour waiting period before abortions to serve as a “reflection” time for the woman. The law only allowed immediate abortions in case of rape, incest, domestic abuse or human trafficking if women can present doctors with a police report, restraining order or similar documentation. Thankfully, the law was blocked by Judge Charles Dodson this pass July and is still on hold. If the law is placed back into effect, it may cause irreparable harm to women and so affordable access to Planned Parenthood for the Center for Disease Control indicates Latinas and African American women have the highest incidents of cervical cancer, breast cancer and cervical cancer screenings, breast support services, the impact would be devastating.

Teen arrested for self-made clock reveals Islamophobia

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How often have you heard a person equate all Muslims with terrorists? Recently, 14-year-old boy from Irving, Texas was arrested, taken to a juvenile detention center and suspended from his high school for bringing a homemade alarm clock to school. A Time magazine article states that teachers and staff members took action because the alarm clock appeared to be a bomb-like device. This report also informs that the ninth grader, Ahmed Mohamed, could still potentially face charges for bringing a homemade clock to school despite the fact that the boy told authorities that the clock was a project he intended to show his engineering teacher. It is very apparent that this incident is a case of identifying a boy with terrorist anxiety. During an interview Ahmed’s father stated, “(Ahmed) just wants to invent good things for mankind,” he said. “But because his name is Mohamed and because of Sept. 11, I think my son got mistreated.”

Given the western world’s recent clashes with extreme factions of Islam, as a result of lazy journalism, one of the dominant perceptions seen in the media is of Islam as a religion replete with violence, revenge and mistreatment of all outside the religion. As a result of these negative perceptions, society is perplexed with biases toward Islam. Because of these biases, one would consider that Islam with the negative perceptions listed above when in reality Islam, like most world religions, seeks to protect the vulnerable through justice and compassion-oriented precepts and practices such as charity, compassion for the sick and avoidance of materialistic opulence. To better understand the topic at hand I have turned to Muhammad: A Prophet for Our Time, written by Islamic scholar Karen Armstrong. In her text, Armstrong attempts to elucidate the very essence of Prophet Muhammad’s message to the world and clarify its receptions by all members of society. Through her historical narrative and critical analysis of the Qur’an, Armstrong captures the main message of Islam and its leading prophet Muhammad while simultaneously touching upon the biases Islam faces. Armstrong explains that Islam’s mission is “to create a just and decent society, in which all members were treated with respect.” Her argument follows logically because Islam is an extension of Judaism and Christianity - religions that at their core (irrespective of their memberships) are concerned with emulating the justice, love and compassion of their respective deities.

One of the most interesting and possibly the most important topic that Armstrong covers in her text is when she discusses the nature of all world religions and how “the faithful scrutinize the sacred past, looking for lessons that speak directly to the conditions of our lives.”

Essentially Armstrong explains that people of different religious and cultural backgrounds contribute to such habits that are often, if not solely, responsible for how society shapes their ideologies - and as a result of these interpretational habits, collective misunderstandings can arise. This topic really embodies the biases and misperceptions that exist when it comes to the biases toward the Islamic faith and offers insight on how these biases and ideologies immerse themselves into the complexities of society.

Although Karen Armstrong is one of many scholars present in society, her work offers not only knowledge about Islam but also offers insight as to how society can analyze these dynamics and make a change for the better. As members of society, it is important to work to understand faiths and cultures other than our own. By attempting to tread lightly in these topics, we can better coexist as a functional society.

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Thursday, September 24, 2015
The FIU Theatre Department kicks off their fall season with a production of "The Flea in Her Ear," a well-known twentieth century “bedroom farce.” According to Director Phillip Church, it is a fun loving play that centers around wives who are trying to catch their mischievous husbands red-handed with the story taking them through the many twists and turns farces are generally known for.

"The Flea in Her Ear" has a reputation in the theatre world for being “wickedly funny and fast paced,” filled with well-timed jokes and clever improvisational acting.

Aside from the play's reputation, the theatre students have been working hard for the past seven weeks with a lot to show for it according to Church.

"It's hugely challenging for the students [who strive] for realism and naturalism in their training," Church said.

The student actors have been hard at work in rehearsals since the week before school started.

"It shows through in their acting… The audience will sense the actors having so much fun onstage, which will prove to be an excellent start to the whole year."

From cleverly thought out student-designed sets and fully corseted period-piece costumes to a fun French theme night (Friday, Oct. 2), FIU Theatre’s rendition of "The Flea in Her Ear" promises to be a wildly fun time for anyone in attendance.

"The Flea in Her Ear" can be seen at the Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center on Sept. 25, 26, 30 and Oct. 1, 2, 3 at 8:00 p.m. and Sept. 27 and Oct. 4 at 2:00 p.m.

Music season begins with “Symphonic Dances”

Distinguished Conductor’s series’ opening concert “Symphonic Dances,” an orchestral show centered around dance themes and their changes over time.

The show will feature South Florida conductor Andrew Bisantz and graduate student conductor Jordan Cohen as they take the audience through the dance music in a 100 year span.

“I’m thrilled to be back at FIU as the guest conductor for this year’s spectacular opening concert of the FIU Symphony. I’m particularly excited to be exploring Beethoven’s mighty Eroica symphony with the students – it’s a true joy to be with them as they discover the myriad of layers in this work that come together to make it the towering masterwork that it is,” states Bisantz on the College of Architecture and the Arts website detailing the program.

The show will feature pieces like Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart’s Overture to Don Giovanni, K. 527 and Antonín DVOŘÁK’s – Symphony No. 6 in D Major, Op. 60. The closing piece and the one that both conductor’s really want to stand out is Ludwig van Beethoven’s Symphony No. 3 in E-flat Major “Eroica” Op. 55, a 200 year old symphony that due to its ingenuousness paved the way for works following it.

“Symphonic Dances” will take place on Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center Concert Hall.

The Distinguished Director’s series will continue on Tuesday, Nov. 17 with Latin-American conductor Carlos Riazuelos and student conductor Cohen. For more information on the series visit the CARTA news website.

‘A Flea in her Ear’ opens theatre season

The audience will sense the actors having so much fun onstage...
Grad students print 3-D art for impaired

The Miami Center of Architecture & Design partnered with the FIU College of Architecture + The Arts’ Patricia Elso and Matthew Wasala, both graduate architecture students, to bring to the community “Listen to this Building,” an exhibition that combines downtown Miami architecture with accessibility to those who have seeing disabilities.

Elso and Wasala created and assembled a 3-D printed model of the MCAD building which was put inside a box with holes so that exhibit goers could feel the building with all of its ridges and intricacies in which everyone could partake in the experience.

“We started this project at the end of the summer semester when Sarah Rose Darling contacted John Stuart, who’s been very active in both of our college careers, and she said, ‘We want to involve the school of architecture somehow’ and he immediately asked us if we wanted to be a part of it,’” said Wasala. “John Stuart is always looking for opportunities for us involving 3-D printing, especially since it’s such a new tool available to architects.”

Celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, “Listen to this Building” focuses on making the architecture exhibit a very interactive and immersive experience with the use of additional multimedia components such as audio and an interactive braille book.

Elso and Wasala worked for six weeks to make the 3-D model of the MCAD building. “Because all of the material of the building was so old, we had to go and take pictures of the site,” said Elso. “We had school and work so we were only working on this at night.”

They used the 3-D printing machines set up in the Miami Beach Urban Studios building to print the parts.

“At first, the building was going to be much smaller scaled,” said Elso. “But when we tested it out, we saw that the smaller details of the building got distorted, which wasn’t good because that’s what we wanted people to really feel, so the building ended up being much bigger and heavier.”

Elso and Wasala said that their biggest obstacle when it came to making the building was making sure that everything fit well together and that it maintained its stability.

The exhibit opened on Thursday, Sept. 3 at 6:30 p.m. and will continue throughout the month of September. On Thursday, Sept. 24 at 6:30 p.m. the exhibit will take on a more musical turn as the exhibit brings forth the MCAD 3-D model to life using “experimental processes and sounds” according to the “CARTA in Resonance: MBUS, Models, and Music” page. Elso and Wasala will also be talking about the process of making the model and preparing for the exhibition.

Books and Books welcomes comic book legends

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On Saturday, Sept. 19 Books and Books, an independent bookstore in Coral Gables, brought together authors Brad Meltzer and Judd Winick.

For fans, this was a rare treat as both authors, although college roommates and early collaborators in the comic book field, had not appeared together in over 24 years.

Meltzer, an author from Miami, is best known for his historical mystery novels such as “The Inner Circle,” and “The Book of Fate.” To comic book fans, he is best known for writing the controversial Justice League story, “Identity Crisis.” He also has credits in “Green Arrow,” “Justice League of America” and the world of Buffy the Vampire Slayer.

Winick’s name is known in the comics community for his work with “Batman,” “Green Lantern,” “Green Arrow,” “Justice League,” and “Star Wars.” He also worked on DC Comic’s New 52 series, with runs on “Catwoman” and “Batwing.”

Perhaps his most famous “Batman: Under The Hood.” This storyline is extremely popular among fans, because it resurrected Batman’s dead sidekick Jason Todd, the second Robin, and turned him into a supervillian called The Red Hood.

Winick would later write the screenplay for the 2010 animated adaption of the series, “Batman: Under the Red Hood.”

His other roles in film and TV include being a cast member of MTV’s “The Real World: San Francisco,” head writer on the Hulu animated series, “The Awesomes” and the creator of the Cartoon Network show, “The Life and Times of Juniper Lee.”

Both authors were promoting their latest books, which they had written for their children’s enjoyment.

Meltzer was presenting, “I am Helen Keller,” a picture book biography about the historical figure Helen Keller, which is the latest book in his series of historical picture books.

Winick was promoting his new novel “H.I.L.O: The Boy Who Crashed to Earth,” a humorous/ adventure graphic novel about a mysterious boy who crashed to Earth with strange powers, which he announced was the first in a six book series.

The room was filled to capacity. Both authors complimented each other perfectly, and had the audience roaring with laughter as they revealed their antics during their early writing days when they worked in collaboration.

Meltzer was the first to speak, describing how he had written the Helen Keller book to create a way for young children to read about historical figures. This book is one in a series including other historical figures such as Abraham Lincoln and Lucille Ball. Meltzer also talked about his work in the comic world, expressing his amazement to work with Joss Whedon on “Buffy the Vampire Slayer.”

What captured the hearts of the audience was when he told the story of how he had helped save the life of his teacher from high school by using his Facebook page to locate a kidney donor.

Another truly moving moment was when Meltzer stepped off the stage after introducing Winick, and they embraced in an emotional hug.

When Winick stepped up, he began by recounting his adventures in the comic book world. He also talked about his real world roommate and friend, AIDS activist Pedro Zamora, who would become the subject of highly acclaimed graphic novel “Pedro and Me.”

He then explained how he had been inspired to create the “HILO” series. He had first gotten the idea when his seven-year-old son asked him if he could read one of the comic books that he had written. Winick refused, knowing that the content of the comics was too mature for his son to read. However, that situation was the stimulus for his series, a comic book series for kids.

After the main event, the authors signed books.

“Keep reading those comics, guys. I love stories that you still hold in your hands. Superhero comics have been around for 80 years, and I think they’ll be around for another 80 years, because the characters are strong, the stories are great and there are people who love them. So… keep reading them,” Winnick said.

Meltzer also thanked FIU for the part that it played in changing his life.

“One of my favorite moments of growing up was going to a debate program at FIU right when I got my start. When I was still in high school, there was a program there that changed my life, and I still know the teacher who used to be there. She passed away, but who had an impact on me forever, so I love FIU for that,” he said.

Mitchell Kaplan, owner of Books and Books said, “Having Judd and Brad here was a highlight of our September author events. They were funny, they were touching, they were moving. They gave wonderful information on how you get started in book publishing, and what was also interesting was hearing them talk about comics in a way that was so intricate and so, as they would say, geeky.”
MEN’S SOCCER

Panthers beat in-state rival 7 goals to 2

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The men’s soccer team (5-2-0, 1-0-0 in Conference USA) took care of rival Florida Atlantic University with ease Monday, Sept. 21 in a 7-2 dominating victory.

Junior Luis Betancur (three goals) and senior Daniel Gonzalez (two goals) led the way for FIU as the Panthers put up a season-high seven goals on their first C-USA opponent of the season.

Although Betancur later stole the show with his hat trick, it was sophomore Paul Marie who got things rolling for the Panthers. In the eighth minute, he received an assist from sophomore Brad Fountain to put the ball in the lower left corner of the net. Gonzalez would follow up on a goal off a penalty kick in the 20th minute. Betancur delivered a strike after the ball rebounded to him off of the post in the 35th minute to give the Panthers a 3-0 lead before halftime.

Betancur lead the Panthers attack in the second half, scoring his second goal of the match off of a cross from freshman Stephen Böhm. FAU cut the Panthers’ lead to 4-2 when they scored quick goals at the 74th and 76th minute marks.

FIU responded with immediacy; Betancur completed his hat trick after putting a rebound off of FAU’s keeper in the back of the net in the 77th minute and Gonzalez registered his second goal of the game off a shot from the middle of the box just two minutes later to give FIU a 6-2 lead.

Junior Marvin Hezel topped off the night when he scored off an assist from junior Patrick Lopez in the 82nd minute night when he scored off an assist from senior Patrick Lopez.

FIU improved to 5-2-0, 1-0-0 in Conference USA after defeating North Carolina Central, 7-2, in a game they had a confidence boost.

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FIU’s seven goals were the most from the Panthers since they recorded eight versus Alabama A&M University in 1997. FAU and FIU were originally scheduled for Friday, Sept. 18; the matchup was postponed to Sept. 21.

The University extended its all-time record versus the Owls to 31-5-2 with the victory.

The Panthers return to action this weekend when they attempt to defend their perfect home record against Marshall University on Friday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m.

The Bulldogs opened the season with a 6-2-15 annihilation of the Southern University Jaguars, but dropped their next two contests against conference opponent Western Kentucky University and the undefeated Kansas State Wildcats, who are currently ranked in the AP Poll as the #39 team in the country.

Regardless of the final score, however, Louisiana Tech looked great in each game. They went punch-for-punch with arguably the best offense in C-USA in the Western Kentucky game, and taking a Big 12 power like Kansas State to 3 overtimes was quite a showing from the Bulldogs.

FIU Panthers zero in on the NC Central Eagle on the Sept. 19 game, where Alex McGough scored his 19th touchdown pass. FIU gained a total of 490 yards.

The impressionable victory over NC Central, quarterback Alex McGough gave his quick thoughts on what should be an extremely competitive game this weekend.

“They’re a great team and we’re a great team,” McGough said. “So it should be a heck of a game.”

I agree with McGough completely, as this has the makings to be one of the best Week 4 matchups in all of college football. The contrast of play style will be apparent all game, as FIU is led by their incredible defense, while quarterback Jeff Driskel, running back Kenneth Dixon and the Bulldogs offense is what Louisiana Tech thrives on.

To win this game, FIU’s offense will need to perform better than it has all season. The young offensive line will need to create holes for sophomore running back Alex Gardner to run through and give McGough solid pass protection.

McGough also has to avoid poor decisions that lead to turnovers; FIU lost to Indiana almost entirely because they turned the ball over too much, so they’ll need to hold onto the football all game.

This is a crucial game for both teams, so I expect it to be an extremely hard fought battle. FIU’s defense has once again been solid this year, and if there’s anyone capable of slowing down Louisiana Tech’s up-tempo offense it’s the Panthers. The leaders of the defense (senior cornerback Richard Leonard, senior defensive end Michael Wakefield, sophomore line backer Anthony Wint, etc.) all have to step up and have great
games to give their offense a chance.

Prediction: Louisiana Tech defeats FIU 34-27. I see this being a close game throughout, and it wouldn’t surprise me at all if the Panthers pull off the upset. However, I can’t go on record picking FIU because I don’t think their offense will be able to keep up with the high powered Bulldogs.

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Tennis

ALL’S FAIR IN LOVE AND TENNIS

Panthers miss out on title at Milwaukee Tennis Classic

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The FIU women’s tennis team wraps up the 40th Annual Milwaukee Tennis Classic at The Town Club in Fox Point, Wis. The tournament ran from Friday, Sept. 18 to Sunday, Sept 20.

Day 1

The Panthers started their tournament by playing the University of Cincinnati Bearcats in doubles and FIU won two out of the three matches they played. Cincinnati’s Kelly Poggensee-Wei and Lauren Bellinger defeated FIU’s Mayrna Veksler and Andrea Lazaro 6-3. But FIU answered as Nina Nagode and Carlotta Orlando defeated Katya Bure and Harley Hutchinson 7-5. Then FIU took another as Nerma Caluk and Sandra Honigova (both Panthers) defeated Cincinnati’s Ali Miller and Antonella Bramato 6-0.

Looking to singles action, FIU played the University of Wisconsin Badgers and only managed to win one match out of the six played, which was FIU freshman Sandra Honigova defeating Lauren Burich by a 6-3, 6-2 score line. Ekaterina Stepanova of Wisconsin defeated senior Carlotta Orlando 6-1, 6-3. The only other Panther to take a set off a Wisconsin player outside of Honigova was Nerma Caluk, who was defeated by Sydney Rider 7-6, 4-6, 6-3.

Day 2

FIU started the day by playing the Wisconsin Badgers in doubles. The Panthers fell to Wisconsin in all four double matches played. Even the experience of senior Carlotta Orlando and junior Nina Nagode weren’t enough, as the duo lost 6-4 to Wisconsin’s Sydney Rider and Ekaterina Stepanova.

In singles action, the Panthers nearly had reverse results as compared to day one. FIU picked up five wins and went 5-2 in singles on day 2. Orlando, Nagode, Caluk, Honigova and Veksler all picked up wins as the Panthers had a strong singles day.

Day 3

Sunday was the final day of the Milwaukee classic and the Panthers would take on the Marquette University Golden Eagles in doubles. FIU took two out of the three games played as Carlotta Orlando and Nina Nagode fell for the second day in a row, this time against Golden Eagles Silvia Ambrosio and Erin Gebes to a score line of 7-5. FIU dominated singles only dropping one match in the 6 that were played. All the Panthers got wins except for Andrea Lazaro. The red shirt freshman lost 6-1, 6-2 to Antonella Bramato. Sydney Rider and Ekaterina Stepanova of Wisconsin took home the women’s double crown, while teammates Lauren Burich and Kelsey Grambeau got second place. As for singles, Wisconsin’s Lauren Chypha won the singles titles and another Badger, Kendall Kirsch, was the runner up.

FIU’s next tournament will be the Bedford Cup on October 18-16, in Ft. Myers, Fla.

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**Boxing club weighed down by expenses**

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There are several club sports that FIU has to offer to its students, including the boxing club. They have been representing FIU at National Tournaments for some years now. But being a student athlete doesn’t come easy.

They train four days a week to prepare for tournaments, and, for some students who have joined the club without a mind set to compete, to simply to perfect the art of boxing.

However, in order for the boxers to represent FIU at tournaments they have some extra weight on their shoulders. Relating to the expenses associated with being a competitive college boxer, some of the main expenses for these tournaments are to come out of pocket, such as buying plane tickets, buying most of their gear, and being able to pay to participate in the tournament.

Also, the long distance commute they make three times per week to the 27th Avenue Boxing Center. As college students we all know how tight we can be on money and for these athletes the situation is doubled.

They have the heart and desire to go out and represent our school. But they are still in debt from last year’s tournaments, which makes it difficult for upcoming events. Unfortunately, they do not get as much recognition as FIU teams, simply because they are a club. These athletes have worked hard and have many titles under their belt. After competing in the 2014 USIBA tournament, our boxers ranked the second in the nation.

In 2015, it was no different. Michael Mauvais made it to the semifinals, and Julian Martinez and Valentin Auzanneau disqualified everyone in their division leaving them to go head to head in the finals making our two FIU boxers ranked 1 and 2 in the nation.

Expenses get pretty high and not to mention our boxers are lucky enough to have great coaches who work with them for free, something that is not seen often because most boxers have to pay a monthly gym fee plus pay for a coach to work with them.

The only thing the coaches from 27 Avenue Boxing Center ask for is a once a year $30-$50 donation, so the gym can pay for their annual insurance. The coaches work with the boxers because of their love for the sport and the desire to see their athlete’s grow as fighters in the sport of boxing.

“We have good trainers, good gym and it’s a lot of money. But a big deal is getting people to fund us,” says Martinez.

With Mauvais and Martinez being the captains, they are proud to represent their club and do what it takes to continue to get the respect and necessary funding they need.

They have a boxing page on Facebook which shows their training schedules, pictures and other information regarding the club.

They hope to be able to reach out to other students for some support.

**University to discuss economics of water at panel**

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The University will be present at the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce for a panel discussion about the economics of water at the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce.

Based on the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer department press releases, new updates include a new capital improvement plan, new jobs that will come along and the cost of water in Dade County.

Mozumder states the worthiness of water by comparing the purchase of a water bottle to a monthly utility bill.

“When it comes to a water bottle, the price can be less than $10, depending on the brand. But for a utility bill, the cost is not only charging for the water but also for the cost of conveyance.”

According to the Miami Dade Water and Sewer department website, the plan will provide new upgrades to thousands of miles of pipes, pump stations, water and wastewater treatment plans “to provide high quality drinking water”.

For the next twenty years, the county is also going to invest $13.5 billion for infrastructure upgrades. The improvement will create over 16,000 new jobs generating $24.9 million in economic output, according to the website.

Assefa M. Melesse, professor in the department of Earth and Environment, was invited to participate in the panel but declined because the discussion was focused on the economics of water.

Nevertheless, he continues to stress his view on the capital improvement plan, believing the plan is a great investment to keep water secure.

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