FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attacks that killed at least 129 people across Paris on Friday, issuing both written and audio statements promising that the violence was only the “first of the storm.”

If confirmed as genuine, the statements would make Friday’s coordinated violence the first major operation conducted by the group outside an area where it has a significant presence.

The Islamic State claim came as French authorities struggled to put together what officials said was a terrorist plot, according to a Syrian passport found near the bodies of two suicide bombers who had been recorded as entering Europe through the island of Leros as a refugee. The minister noted that it was not clear that the passport belonged to an attacker.

“The claim of responsibility was released on an encrypted online channel previously used by the group, and the banners and accompanying Quranic verses confirmed with the group’s previous announcement of a major attack in Tunisia,” said at least one American student died.

The logo referred to the group as the Islamic State of France. The statement was released in French and said the attacks were revenge for French military participation in the U.S.-led anti-Islamic State coalition and perceived insults to the Prophet Mohammed; a reference to January’s attack on a French satirical magazine pro-vee mocking Islam by gunmen from the group’s rival jihadists, al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, or AQAP.

“Eight brothers carrying explosive belts and guns targeted areas in the heart of the French capital that were specifically chosen in advance: the Stade de France during a match against Germany which imbecile Francois Hollande was attending; the Bataclan where hundreds of idolaters were together in a party of perversity as well as...”

Terrorist attacks in Paris generate call to action

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Environmental issues impacting South Florida are raising concerns about tourism throughout Miami’s beaches and the Everglades.

Recent worries from environmental scientists about beach erosion and sea level rise, as well as pollution and water diversion, predict consequences to Florida’s main economic source of tourism in the future, particularly Miami.

Miami hosted roughly 14.3 million visitors in 2014, which is the largest amount of tourists to date, and gained $23.7 billion from tourist spending, according to a Miami Herald article.

“We are lucky that, today, people can walk along the streets,” said Hammer.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection already be what it is today,” said Nicole Hernandez Hammer, southeast climate change advocate for the Union of Concerned Scientists, a nonprofit science advocacy organization based in the United States.

Hammer referred to last week’s King Tide Day on Indian Creek Road, a day when the tides are highest.

There were sandbag barriers holding back the canal water, threatening to spill out onto Indian Creek Drive in Miami Beach.

Hammer believes the barriers are just a band-aid that will not be sufficient for the King Tides, as they become more severe as time passes.

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**NATION & WORLD BRIEFS**

**French warplanes attack Islamic State in Syria**

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**Hebron remains flashpoint, 2 Israelis killed in West Bank**

A Palestinian gunman killed an Israeli father and son driving through the southern West Bank on Friday, continuing a two-month wave of violence. Israeli police spokeswoman Luba Samri said the two victims were driving with their family south of their home in Hebron, a Jewish settlement adjacent to the city of Hebron. Friday’s attack highlighted the role of Hebron, the only city in the West Bank where Israelis live alongside Palestinians, as a flashpoint in the current bloodshed.

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**Military leaders go on Russia tour after West Bank killing**

Military leaders said Saturday that a U.S. bomb mission had killed the head of the Islamic State in Libya. It was the first known American strike against the militant group outside Iraq or Syria. The reported death of Wissam Najm Al Abi, al Qa’ida, the Syrian branch of the al Qa’ida organization, is significant because it marks the first time a top leader has been killed in Libya.

**Islamic State claims terrorist attacks in Paris**

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France and those who follow its path must know that they remain the principal targets of the Islamic State,” Hollande said.

The statement also referred to the French capital as a “capital of prostitution and obscenity,” and directly targeted entertainment and nightlife venues.

**Tribune Information**

**Residential halls begin swipe entry**

Students who live on campus must now remember to bring their University OneCard with them when leaving their dorms.

FLU Housing and Residential Life has made a change from the use of regular key entry for residential dormitories to students using their student ID for swipe entry access.

Andrew Naylor, Housing associate director, explained that plans to switch to swipe entry access had been in the works since before he became associate director in 2014.

The change was necessary for various reasons, according to Naylor. Naylor said it provides more security because detailed records of students entering and exiting the buildings are viewed.

Naylor also said that universities across the country are already using methods for building swipe entry. FLU Housing also made the change in order for students to have easier access to their rooms.

The Scion Group, a company with advisors for student housing, performed a study and surveyed on-campus students to narrow down likes, dislikes and preferences in housing.

The study highlights that more than 40 percent of students prefer swipe entry. Along with other specific amenities, the use of a regular key is not among a preference for students.

According to Naylor, Housing makes effective changes for the students.

“Although costs were associated with this change, we look at this as another way to improve our buildings for the students. We are always investing in residence halls,” Naylor said.

Parking residents express their feelings about the change.

“I don’t like the change. It’s not easier entry for me personally. I have to fight for the bag to find my ID to swipe in and, naturally, I usually already have my keys in my hand,” said Malcolm Jones, a senior psychology major.

“I just don’t like that I wasn’t informed. No one told me anything. I pay enough money each semester to be better informed about changes that are affecting me and my living situation,” said Jessica Wyndham, a senior biology major. “I usually don’t even carry my ID because I don’t want to lose it.”

All of the residential halls on campus except for University Apartments will now use an ID swipe entry.

University Apartments is the one exception because that dormitory has single door entry in comparison to the dormitories on campus that have buildings with one main entry for all students.

The change for Parkview Hall went into effect Tuesday, Oct. 13, with the other buildings to follow.

“I like the idea; however, someone should have told me this was happening before it did,” said Melissa Williams, a sophomore psychology major.
Paris terror strikes impact FIU students

According to CNN, 132 people have been confirmed dead, 352 injured and 99 critically wounded after a series of violent attacks across six locations in Paris Friday evening. ISIS has claimed responsibility in an online statement.

These attacks were "carried out by three teams of coordinated attackers, including one team that detonated on a Syrian passport along with the flow of migrants," as mentioned in the NY Times.

One of the terrorists has also been identified as a French national already known by police. There is belief that the raids in Belgium are linked to the Paris attacks.

France is now in a national state of emergency with 1,500 French soldiers on patrol around the country. Schools, museums, libraries, gyms, swimming pools, grocery stores and any public area will be closed all weekend for a fear of new waves of attacks.

Residents have been advised to stay inside and the border has been sealed. President Francois Hollande spoke passionately after the incident, saying "terrorists capable to carry out such atrocities must know that they will face a France that is determined and united."

Watching idly as a witness to this bloodshed angered me. This people played no part in this war. They did not seek out destruction, nor did they desire to torment any individual. They were merely reveling at the vastness of life when their existence was taken by an unforeseen enemy.

We as Americans have crossed this obscure path before, blinded by hatred and struck down by malice. Nevertheless, we no longer see ourselves as victims, but as survivors who built a new foundation for America.

An ally has come under siege, and just as President Obama stated, "this is an attack not just on Paris. It’s not just an attack on the city of lights. It’s an attack on our values and our universal values we share."

This massacre has resonated with students in the FIU community. Victoria Varela is the Social Media Ambassador of Pi Delta Phi, which is the French Honor Society here on campus. She spoke candidly about her connection to France and how this incident impacted her personally.

"One of my best friends is living in Paris now and she wasn’t too far off from one of the attacks," she says. "I’ve never felt so helpless while watching something in real time and seeing deaths being tallied and hostages held. It made me feel sick to my stomach and worried for all my loved ones and anyone else there. It’s not fair. My heart has been attacked by this. These attacks are happening too often. First Charlie Hebdo and now this."

"Thankfully, her loved ones are safe and sound and she has been notified of their status. The President of Pi Delta Phi, Griffin Dudley, also shared her sentiments on this tragic incident."

"We are shocked and saddened by the horrific events that occurred in Paris on November 13th. Our thoughts and hearts are with our French brothers and sisters as well as the families of those affected," she says. "Le Cercle Francés, the French Honor Society Pi Delta Phi, [Residence Hall Association] and [National Residence Hall Honorary] will be holding a candlelight vigil in the Housing Quad on Wednesday, November 18th at 8:00 p.m. for all students who wish to show support for those affected."

"As well as mourning this tragedy, it is important to note that we when we adhere to these senseless acts of violence, we merge as one. These vicious occurrences vowed to honor God are essentially stances of cowardice."

"Gruesome plots of terror have encountered France once again, attempting to dismantle democratic principles for which they stand for. These extremist endeavors won’t stand because this event is the eviction of the tireless war we wage to end terrorism."

"As the World Trade Center gleams in blue, white and red, it solidifies the idea of unity in the face of adversity. The city of lights went dark tonight, but it will illuminate again."

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Pre-medical fraternity Phi Delta Epsilon hosted its fourth annual Anatomy Fashion Show to help raise money for the Children’s Miracle Network this past Sunday.

All proceeds from ticket sales, concessions, donations and silent auctions went directly to Nicklaus Children’s Hospital.

“It’s our main event of the year,” said Stephanie Olaya, vice president of finance, “We spend months putting the show together and recruiting different people from all over campus to help us out.”

This is not the typical fashion show. The Anatomy Fashion show showcases models not wearing clothing, but different systems of the human body.

The model’s bodies are canvases on which FIU artists and talented members from the fraternity paint detailed depictions of what lays beneath the skin. 

“It takes us about seven hours to get all the participants ready for the runway,” said Aysha Supplice, event chair and producer of the show, “We started at noon and the show doesn’t start until 7 p.m.”

All the artwork was done using different colored latex; creating a three dimensional and textural look. Each system was featured by a male and a female model from different fraternities and sororities on campus to display the differences in gender.

While some models are assigned less intricate parts, such as the reproductive system and its organs, other models were subject to full body painting such as the muscular system.

“It’s a weird sensation,” said Phi Mu’s Kristy Aguirre who was covered in latex from the neck down replicating the muscular system, “But it looks amazing.”

The painters, such as Alexa Collazo who created the skeletal system on Kateleen Lopez from Phi Sigma Sigma student Kateleen Lopez.

The show included a performance from local singer Christopher Rojas, who sang “You’ll Be in my Heart,” and three special video presentations telling the stories of three children who each fought a different disease with the help of Nicklaus Children’s Hospital.

At the beginning of the night, every audience member received a wristband with either a yellow, purple or green sticker, each representing a different child.

Purple stood for Melanie, a younger girl suffering from cancer; a yellow sticker represented Emiliano, a boy diagnosed with aplastic anemia; and green was for Ralphie, a five year old who spent the first few weeks of his life in the ICU at Nicklaus Children’s.

“We want to motivate people to donate in every way that we can,” said Juan Bedoya, shadowing chair from PhiDE, “We have auctions, we are selling bracelets and this year we have a competition for all the models to walk around and collect as much money as they can.”

This competition was a first for the Anatomy Fashion Show and was called Mr. and Mrs. Body. The female and male model who collected the most money were given the titles at the end of the night.

Andrew Bowyer, modeling the circulatory system from Beta Theta Pi, and Kristy Aguirre, modeling the muscular system, were crowned the winners.

Phi Delta Epsilon is currently in the process of calculating the amount of money raised at the event, but in the past they have been known to raised up to $2,700. Oyala hopes they were as successful this year.
Eating healthy: go back to the basics

SDA Health

Starting a new semester can be a very exciting time as we are faced with changes to our daily lives. Not only do we have to find our new classes, meet with our new groups for assignments and study for exams, but we also need to balance out our personal lives in order to have a successful semester.

One important aspect of this stability relates to the foods we eat and the way they make us feel. Yet many times we forget about the importance of healthy eating in the craziness of a new semester and we get stuck in a cycle that becomes very hard to break.

Research has shown that college students tend to change their eating patterns when they start school. According to a study conducted by the East Tennessee State University, “College students are demonstrating other unhealthy behaviors such as poor fruit and vegetables intake and other unhealthy behaviors such as ‘College students are demonstrating other unhealthy behaviors such as poor fruit and vegetables intake and other unhealthy behaviors such as’.”

A smart way to avoid this is to plan ahead and if we become familiar with our weekly schedules ahead of time, we can certainly help ourselves by getting organized when it comes to eating; allowing us to pack a healthy lunchbox.

If we understand what our days are going to look like, we have the option to leave something packed the night before and ready to grab and go as we leave for class the next day. Also, if we know that we won’t be able to eat anything until lunch, then packing a snack is an excellent choice to avoid cravings and low blood sugar levels.

As an apple, a granola bar and even a handful of natural almonds or pistachios can make a huge difference in our efforts to eat healthy and balance our nutrition. So next time you step out the door, remember to grab a fruit, a handful or bag of your favorite nuts or even a yogurt and be ready to feel the goodness of those healthy foods.

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Get your Cuban food fix at Islas Canarias

BEACON BITS

Miami, sometimes known as “No to Cuba,” is inundated with Cuban food. From comer bodegas serving pastelitos or the family owned bakeseries making fresh Cuban bread, it’s hard to find a go-to place, with so many options.

Look no further, I’ve found heaven on earth. Islas Canarias, open since 1977, has served homestyle Cuban food for residents and tourists alike.

From oxtail to croquetas, Islas Canarias has it all. As I walked in, I immediately noticed the smelling smell of Cuban bread. With waiters bustling around the restaurant while holding colorful plates, the atmosphere was perfect.

As I sat down, I was greeted with a smile and I ordered the vaca frita with rice and beans, which was ready to be devoured. The shredded skirt steak was juicy and fried to perfection. With the crispy exterior and soft interior, the dish was far from dry and the warm, chewy and salty flavor that complimented the sweetness of the plantains.

The waiter came and greeted me with a smile and I ordered the vaca frita with tomatoes and fufi. Looking around, I could feel the rich Hispanic theme throughout the restaurant. Murals covered the walls with colorful profiles of famous Hispanic artists like Celia Cruz and Emilio Estefan.

As I listened to Marlen Anthony songs playing softly in the background and sipping a wooden dining chair that somewhat resembled my grandmother’s, the restaurant felt like I was at home and it made me never want to leave. The food arrived on a steaming plate that was ready to be devoured.

The shredded skirt steak was juicy and fried to perfection. With the crispy exterior and soft interior, the dish was far from dry and the warm, chewy and salty flavor was delicious.

The tomatoes were cold and ripe. Combined with the vaca frita, it cooled down the meal and made it more satisfying. The fufi was also savory and slightly crunchy. Consisting of mashed plantains, it was sweet and soft, but with small pieces of chicharrones (fried pork rinds), added a crunchy and salty flavor that complemented the sweetness of the plantains.

The meal could have easily fed two people. I was full half of the meal was still on my plate.

Overall, Islas Canarias is a great place to get your Cuban food fix. With its welcoming atmosphere and homestyle Cuban food, it’s definitely a place you may want to visit.

Fun fact: They are known to have the best ham croquetas in Miami, but let let you be the judge of that.

Beacon Bits is a weekly column about food for the college student on the weekends. Gabby Arzola was not given free food, she paid for it. For suggestions concerning nearby restaurants, please email Gabby at gabbyarzola.com.
Panthers defeat Marshall in C-USA title game

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The men’s soccer team (12-6-1) captured their first ever Conference USA title Sunday, Nov. 16 in a 1-0 victory over Marshall University. In addition to earning their first conference title since 2004, the victory guaranteed the Panthers’ a chance to compete for a national title in the NCAA tournament.

Both Florida International University and Marshall University were unlikely participants in the C-USA championship. FIU’s 3-4-1 regular season conference record earned them the No. 5 seed in the tournament. The Panthers fought their way to the title game by way of a magnificent 4-2 victory over No. 4 Old Dominion University in the quarterfinals and an upset of No. 1 University of Kentucky in the semifinals. Although FIU had defeated ODU once during the regular season when they were ranked the No. 9 team nationally, no team in C-USA had beaten the Wildcats this season prior to their loss to the Panthers.

If FIU fought against the odds to reach the title game, then one would consider Marshall’s appearance a near miracle. Marshall snuck into the tournament as the No. 7 seed with a 2-5-1 regular season conference record. In the tournament, however, the Herd rallied behind goalkeeper Dominik Reining and played excellent defense, taking down the tournament’s 13-year history, FIU has been on the losing end of quite a few lopsided games. However, the Panthers had avoided being blown out in 2015, as they at least had a fighting chance in just about every one of their losses this season.

That all ended Saturday, Nov. 14. The Panthers (5-3-4) travelled to Marshall University (9-2-6) over the weekend with hopes to win their sixth game of the season and become bowl eligible for the first time since 2011. Instead, a motivated Thundering Herd team dominated in their final home game of the season, shutting out the Panthers 52-0.

Before I discuss everything that went wrong for FIU, you have to give credit where credit is due. Marshall is a fantastic football team who is one victory away from winning the Conference USA East Division and it would’ve been very difficult for the Panthers to win this one even if they brought their A-game. Plus, the Herd were playing with the extra motivation to honor the players, coaches, boosters, etc, who were killed exactly 45 years ago. So, there’s no excuse for a player as talented as McGough to only complete 11 of 25 passes for 98 yards with zero touchdowns and an interception. Hopefully the Panthers’ coaching staff allows McGough to throw the ball deep more in the regular season finale, because clearly running a bubble screen every other play isn’t fooling anybody.

Another key player for FIU who looked like he didn’t make the trip up to Huntington, W.Va. this weekend was sophomore running back Alex Gardner. A big part of his struggles against Marshall were due to the offensive line not being able to block Marshall’s defenders and create running lanes, but Gardner had just 14 rushing yards on nine carries and only caught one pass for one yard.

Gardner is by far the best option FIU has in their backfield and he’s played very well all season long. In the future, however, he’s going to need to learn how to make something out of nothing and run effectively against good defenses. Gardner certainly has the potential to be a great running back, but great backs are able to shine even when their offensive line lets them down. There’s not much I can say about the FIU defense that I haven’t said before. This group just doesn’t look even close to their dominating form of 2014 despite returning most of their key starters. Injuries happen and missing Michael Wakefield in the first half of the Marshall game certainly didn’t help FIU’s cause. But losing 52-0? Allowing a true freshman quarterback to pick apart your defense like a savvy veteran? That just didn’t happen all that often when Josh Conklin was in charge of this defense, so it’s hard not to think that a lot of the blame has to fall on new defensive coordinator Matt House.

After getting demolished by the Thundering Herd, time is running out for FIU and their chances at becoming bowl eligible. This loss to Marshall leaves them with only one more chance to reach six wins. The Panthers will return home for their final game of the season in what’s sure to be a very difficult contest against the Western Kentucky University Hilltoppers. Kickoff is set for 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21.

“Jakes’ Takes” offers commentary on the University football team with predictions or recaps of gameplay. For commentary, email Jacob at jacob.spioad@fiusm.com.
Great bench play instigates home opener win

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Women’s Basketball

In the bowels of the Century Bank Arena, there is a small, well lit room with a long desk and eight chairs or so in front of it. At the desk was a grinning Janka Hegedus and perhaps the only person happier than her, new FIU women’s head coach Martin Chin. The Panthers had just finished trashing Florida A&M (81-65) in their season opener and there was an optimism uncommon for the women’s basketball team.

“I am happy. It was a lot of fun and felt really good to play. I am so happy, I am still in the game,” said Hegedus who had a team leading 25 points and seven rebounds.

It was a huge win considering that this FIU team had not won since December of 2014, and the first victory for coach Chin.

“I couldn’t be more proud of our ladies. They played hard”, said Chin following the game. “We wanted to score 80 points a game, we pushed the tempo.”

FIU pushed the pace all game and managed to force 22 Florida A&M turnovers, allowed for fast break and open court opportunities. The Panthers scored ten fast break points and got 27 points of Florida A&M turnovers.

Junior guard Taylor Shade may not have had a great statistical game, but her ball handling was key in the Panthers victory. Not only going coast to coast off rebounds, but as a primary ball handler getting FIU into their offense early as well as moving the ball. FIU had 21 assists as a team compared to Florida A&M’s 9. FIU also had five players in double figures, including Shade and the surprise of the game, sophomore Jade Cheek. She had 12 points on eight shots off the bench and shot 2-4 from three, giving the Panthers a floor space to help Shade in her penetration of Florida A&M's paint game.

When asked if Cheek had a green light to shoot Marlin Chin smiled and said “Jade shoots the basketball. If she is open we want her to shoot her.”

Cheek went as far to say that comparisons to herself of reigning MBA MVP Steph Curry. She first played college basketball with 28 minutes in her freshman campaign before she played 12 minutes in the first game of the new season. Cheek was not the only contributor off the bench, as Soraya Page scored 10 points on 4-8 shooting while grabbing six rebounds. Not being a starter she played the second most minutes on the team at 29. Her pick and roll game excelled with Shade’s aggressive play as she was the recipient of a few of Shade’s five assists for the game.

Defensively FIU was dominant in the first half, holding Florida A&M to 20 points on 21 percent shooting. Shade and Page were the most impressive on defense as Page made all the correct rotations and Shade with good perimeter defense. Most notable on Florida A&M starting guard Victoria Nguyen, who Shade defended most of the afternoon. Nguyen shot a woeful 2-6 from the floor and was forced into six turnovers in the game 22 minutes of action.

Even though FIU lead wire to wire and had a lead as large as 31, the second half and most specifically the fourth quarter was a tale of two teams.

The Panthers got 22-10 in the final period and allowed multiple Florida A&M runs. “We have things to work on. We need to take care of the basketball and clean a few things up”, said coach Chin.

Despite all of that, the Panthers took the tightly contested first set. The team finished with a hitting percentage of .533 and was led by senior middle blocker, Gloria Levorin, who tallied five kills.

Defensively, senior liberos, Adriana McLamb, collected nine digs. The Panthers took a 2-0 lead after trailing late in the second set 22-15. Outscoring the 49ers 11-2 in the final stages, the team was able to grind out the victory. Junior middle blocker, Katie Hogan, brought life to the team as she finished the set with six kills and two blocks.

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Defensively, sisters, Adriana and Maria McLamb, combined for 27 digs. The 49ers finished with a hitting percentage of .203, gathering 39 kills and committing 14 errors. The Panthers’ defensive presence was shown, as no Charlotte player finished with double-figure kills.

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FIERCE WIN FOR FIERCE PLAY

Panthers finish regular season with second straight victory

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In the final game of the regular season Saturday, Nov. 14, the Florida International University women’s volleyball team defeated the University of North Carolina Charlotte 49ers in straight sets with a score of 25-20, 26-24 and 25-18.

With this win, the Panthers (15-12, 9-7 in Conference USA) clinched the seventh spot in the C-USA Tournament.

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FOOTBALL

Marshall man handles the Panthers, shut out

PETER HOLLAND

The Panther’s football team was into last week one win away of bowl eligibility for the first time in four years. On Wednesday, Oct. 8, the Panthers fell to the Marshall Thundering Herd in Huntington, W.Va and loss in a 52-0 shut out.

Marshall dominated the entire game from three phases of the ball, which offense, defense, and special teams. Now the Panthers are 5-3 (4-3 in CUSA) and are in a tight spot.

Marshall clearly was the better team and played like they had a lot to prove finishing the game undefeated at home, 9-2 (.6-1 C-USA) record and dominating the Panthers. 45 years ago when the football team, boosters and administrators died in a plane crash in 1970. The Panthers had been outscored 21-0 in the first quarter. One of them came from a 40 yard punt return for a touchdown by Marshall’s punt returner Deandre Reeves. Their starting QB Chase Litton finished the game 16-23 169 yards and three touchdowns.

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The Panthers’ offense had no answer to Marshall’s stout defense, which is No. 2 in Conference USA in sacks coming into this game. The Panthers were without their starting tight end Jonna Smith for the third straight game. Third string tight end Akil Dan-Fodio led the team in receptions, finishing the game with four catches for 45 yards. Sophomore QB Alex McGough finished the game with a season low 11-25 for 98 yards. He has also was sacked three times that game.

With this game finally behind them, they now have to focus on Western Kentucky University (8-2-6 C-USA). This will be the Panthers final game of the season. At 5-6, they are one win away of bowl eligibility and are undereathed at home. The game will be on Saturday, Nov. 21 at 2:30 p.m.

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**THE GROWL**

**ERICA SANTIAGO**

A television show that rings true to life and mirrors the struggles of everyday people can either go widely unknown and fly under the radar, or be a colossal hit worthy of the masses.

"Master of None" is the latter.

Netflix’s latest original series Aziz Ansari as Dev Shah, a thirty-year-old actor living in New York.

Ansari’s portrayal of a first-generation adult navigating the “real world” is ripe with dry humor and “I know the feeling” moments that are sure to have audiences anxiously awaiting the next season.

"Master of None" premiered on Nov. 6, without much promotion or announcement.

In fact, I only found the show because I was looking for a Netflix original to review in this column.

I’m glad that I found the show, as it’s definitely on my top 10 list for A-1 shows to watch.

The show begins awkwardly, I won’t lie - the first scene of the pilot episode had me wondering if I’d somehow skipped to a middle scene. The subsequent introduction credits made me think it was a series of shorts.

But I promise, if you power through the first few minutes of awkwardness, it’s totally worth it.

The thing is, Dev deals with issues that any average Joe can understand - the awkwardness of growing up, the sacrifices of your parents, even dealing with problems that make the show worthwhile.

Another shining feature of the show is the great commentary delivered through dry humor and relatable stories. Ten out of ten would recommend.

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