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Student recounts take down, arrest on Oct. 11

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Beacon Staff

An FIU student said an FIU Athletics employee struck him on his head during the University's last home football game against Middle Tennessee University on Oct. 11.

Gregory Mineau, 21, was arrested by Public Safety after running onto the field during the final moments of the game in celebration of FIU's victory, according to the police report.

"A couple of us got fairly excited. A student had run out onto the field and I followed him, running out onto the field. I

Mineau claims that an Athletics employee, who has yet to be identified, dealt him several blows.

Up until publication, the Athletics Department has yet to confirm or deny that an Athletics employee was involved.

"We're investigating the whole situation, not just one incident, from the time the game ended to when the stadium was cleared of what happened," Athletic Director Pete Garcia told *The Beacon* on Monday, Oct. 13.

WHAT HAPPENED ON THE FIELD?



Visit FIUSM.com for video of the incident after the MTSU game.

That same Monday, Senior Associate Athletic Director Julie Berg addressed students during a Panther Rage meeting. She had been invited to attend by Panther Rage President Michael Halpert.

During the meeting, Berg answered questions from Student Media Online Director Rick Martinez: "How did you become aware of the situation with the accusations of an Athletics employee assaulting a student?" "It was seen. Most of us saw something going on. We didn't see exactly how the whole thing started, but we saw it," Berg said. She said Athletics was directing

was taken down by a [Contemporary Services Corporation] employee and a couple of people tackled me from behind, which I assumed were policemen. They took me to the ground. As I was lying on the ground, I felt two hits to the back of my head," Mineau said.

CSC is the company in charge of crowd control at FIU games and events.



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STOPPED: A spectator at the Middle Tennessee State University vs. FIU football game is arrested by police officers after jumping the railing from the student section onto the field on Oct. 11.

an internal investigation.

"Ultimately the decision maker in Athletics is Pete Garcia, but I am working with Bill King, so Bill and I will be doing the investigation for the most part," Berg said.

Public Safety officers are not in-

vestigating the incident on their own.

"There is no official investigation happening being handled by Public Safety. We have people looking into the incident but it's just way too premature to make a statement about the incident," said Lieutenant Ricardo

Torres of Public Safety.

Chief of Police Bill King referred all questions to Torres.

"The incidents that happened at the end of the game are being thor-

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Sen. John McCain holds rally before crowded arena

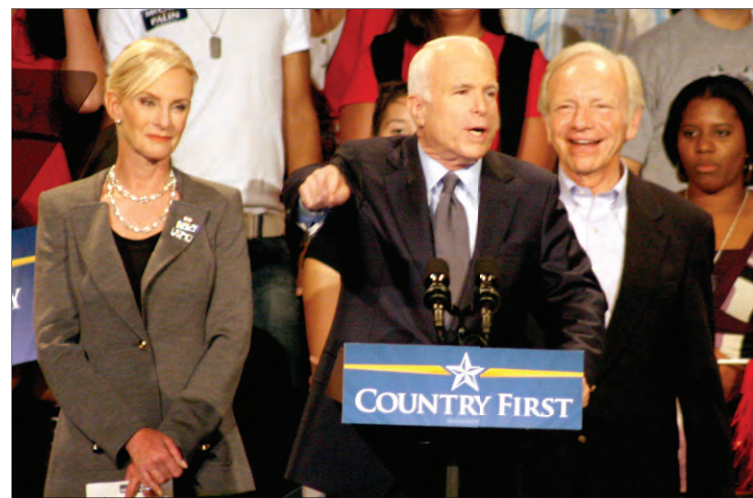
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"John McCain! John McCain!" the crowd cheered during the Republican rally held at the Panther Arena last Friday, Oct. 17.

Although many might have thought the rally was not going to be much of a success after Barack Obama's rally at the University of Miami on Sept. 19, the almost 5,000 seats that occupy the arena weren't nearly enough to accommodate the thousands of people that attended.

"I have never been more proud of Florida than I am now," said Charlie Christ, the governor of Florida, during his opening speech. "We didn't think it was going to be this good of a turnout."

Republicans, Independents, and even Democrats attended the convention in hopes that McCain would leave a lasting impact on Florida, while others went with an open mind



VICTORIA LYNCH/THE BEACON

THE MAVERICK: Sen. John McCain speaks to thousands of supporters at the rally held at FIU Arena on Friday Oct. 17.

to listen to what McCain had to offer as the Republican nominee for president.

"It's going to make it or break it for me, I don't know who to vote

for," said Katherine Bernardoni, a student at FIU. "I really like McCain but I want to make sure I'm making

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Campus groups get students to polls

ELSIE PUIG
Staff writer

Since the beginning of the election season, the atmosphere in the University has been charged with the excitement of the upcoming presidential election.

But after efforts from Republican and Democratic student groups on campus to get students registered to vote by Oct. 6, the focus of each organization has shifted to getting students mobilized to the polling stations for their particular party, sometimes literally.

"We are trying to work out a plan where we drive students to the polling stations," said President of FIU College Democrats Chris Cabral.

Cabral hopes to charter buses to get students to the polling stations. He is also pushing for students who volunteer their vans to drive other students to the stations to be reimbursed with a gas card. However,

specifics of these plans have not been discussed.

"The logistics and the technical issues have not been vetted out as of yet," said Hector Suco, member of FIU Students for Obama, who also wanted to transport students to the early voting polls.

The College Republicans and FIU Students for McCain have adopted similar initiatives to ensure that students vote during the early voting period from Oct. 20 until Nov. 4.

"We hope to provide transportation and carpool students to the polls. It's great since it saves people gas," said Daniel O'Quinn, a member of College Republicans and FIU Students for McCain.

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Protesters bash, both candidates

CHARLIE GRAU
Editor in Chief

Republican and Democratic supporters protested outside of the Recreation Center while Republican presidential nominee John McCain spoke at rally inside the FIU Arena.

Protesters waved signs and screamed chants supporting McCain or Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama.

Protesters held signs that read, "Abortion: baby killer," "Michaelwarns.com: Blacks against Obama, "FIU bleeds blue" and "Florida for Obama." Along with the bold signage, supports began cursing and using racial slurs at one another.

The tipping point came when an Obama supporter went face-to-face with a McCain supporter to confront him over some feisty words that were directed at him.

Public Safety officers separated the two, but both parties continued to throw verbal jabs at each other.

Rosario Caratala, a 46-year-old McCain supporter, said she was concerned

that young people are not familiar with the issues and are making a mistake by supporting Obama.

She believes that people are only voting for Obama because they're mad at President Bush and believe that McCain is the right candidate to lead the country during tough economic times.

"You young people are going to pay very hard if Obama is elected president," Caratala said. "I'm not voting for him because he's black or a Democrat, I'm not voting for him because he's a communist and a socialist." Why do you think [Fidel] Castro and [Hugo] Chavez want him to be president?"

"Eighty percent of the faculty are Democrats and is not a Republican campus," junior Franco Caliz said.

Members from both camps did agree that it was good to see people getting involved in the election and showing their passion for the race.

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McCain speaks amid supporters

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the right decision."

Among the crowd were politicians, including Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman, Sen. Mel Martinez and Mario Diaz-Balart.

"Now you can say whatever you want about my brother but if there's one thing I can say about him is that he's kept you safe," Jeb Bush commented during his turn on the floor.

The crowd was ready with red and blue pom-poms and chants such as "U.S.A! U.S.A!" to welcome Sen. John McCain and his wife Cindy as they entered the arena alongside Lieberman.

"My husband may not be

the man for all times, but he's certainly the man for these times," Cindy McCain said before presenting her husband.

"This is the moment we've all been waiting for. I hope people aren't stupid enough to miss what [McCain] says. All those people voting for Obama are ignorant communists who are being brainwashed by Obama's radical words," said student Carolina Suarez before McCain began speaking.

"Obama said he wanted to spread your wealth around," McCain said during his speech. "If I were you I'd hold on to your pockets."

He explained that if he were elected president, he would set



GIOVANNI GUADARRAMA/THE BEACON

COUNTRY FIRST: Republican presidential nominee Sen. John McCain greets the crowd at FIU Arena on Oct. 17.

the government on a budget and cut government programs he believed were doing nothing for the American people. He also stated that he would create more jobs by opening free trade with allied countries such as Colombia.

"I come from a long line of McCains who believe that to love America is to fight for it and that's what I intend to do," McCain said.

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Case pending investigation, employee involvement uncertain

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oroughly investigated and when we come up with our findings, the appropriate actions will be taken," Garcia said.

More than one student was involved in the incident, according to Mineau and two of his friends.

Alongside Mineau, Seth Tatum and Jonathan Berney ran onto the field.

Tatum was tackled by police on the five-yard line while Berney claims he was tackled on the stadium pavement before he could reach the field, leaving his face cut and bloodied.

Tatum and Berney were ejected from the game and

face disciplinary action from the University. Neither of them were arrested that night.

Mineau, however, was arrested and transferred to Turner Guilford Knight Correctional Center and charged on three counts: disorderly conduct, resisting arrest without violence and trespassing after being warned.

According to the police report on the incident, Mineau had been warned by police and told not to run onto the field earlier during the game.

The report charges that he had been inciting a crowd of more than 20 to rush the football field. Mineau denied this, saying that he was just follow-

ing the crowd.

"Mineau was redirected to the ground and subsequently placed under arrest," said the police report, written at 10:20 p.m. that night, some 30 minutes after the incident. There was no mention of an Athletic employee or any CSC employee being involved during the incident in the report.

"I was singled out and treated very differently from the other students. Where they had nothing really happen to them, I was arrested and charged with several offenses when I did no more than any of the other students who ran on the field had done," Mineau said.

Garcia says that he wishes

things will "run smoothly in the future. Again, my first priority is the students' safety, and everyone on that field's safety and so we will investigate the whole situation, come up and reinforce our policies and procedure and educate everybody on how it's supposed to be done and make sure what happened Saturday night after the game doesn't ever happen again."

Multiple attempts to contact Vice President of Student Affairs Rosa Jones, whose division oversees Public Safety, to comment on the incident were not answered.

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POLICE NOTES

Oct. 11 through Oct. 13, 2008

- Oct. 11: Following the football game, around 10:30 that night, two officers detained an FIU student after he incited a crowd of five people and began yelling obscenities at one of the officers. After being warned by both officers, he continued and was then placed under arrest.
- Oct. 11: An FIU student was ejected from the stadium after smoking in the stadium. He then began a verbal altercation with the staff members at the gate of the stadium and refused to leave the area. He was arrested and taken to Dade County Jail.
- Oct. 11: An FIU employee reported that a golf cart was seriously vandalized at the loading zone of the FIU arena by unknown suspect(s).

-Compiled by David A. Barrios

Provost talks about upcoming changes including international curriculum

As a follow-up to my first column in *The Beacon* two weeks ago, I'd like to describe another way in which FIU is changing and adapting to make your experience here more positive and your degree more valuable. We are working on an innovative initiative to weave international concepts throughout our curriculum, our student life and the very fabric of our University.

In 2010, FIU will be reviewed for reaffirmation of accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. This is a process that all accredited universities undergo every 10 years. Accreditation is important for many reasons, but one of the most relevant

to students is that federal financial aid is only available to students at accredited universities. Given the importance of this project, everyone at the

University is or will be involved in some way, including students. The accreditation report is being prepared by a team more than 50 strong, who will eventually produce some six gigs of material – hundreds of thousands of pages – for the accreditation committee.

For the first time, the accreditation process requires a Quality Enhancement Plan. After months of discussion, including solicitation of pro-

posals and open forums with students and faculty, we have settled on our QEP – an initiative to honor the "international" in our name.

In many ways, FIU already is one of the most international campuses anywhere in the country. Close to 60 percent of our students identify themselves as Hispanic and all FIU students already are required to take two semesters of a foreign language or show equivalent knowledge. More than 2,000 of our students come from nearly 120 countries around the world. Our QEP will take our diversity to the next level by providing all students with courses that provide knowledge about global issues.

It is still somewhat premature to talk about the specifi-

ics of our QEP because much work lies ahead of us. The first pilot courses will make their debut next spring. However, the QEP is not just about taking a class. We will work to infuse the entire curriculum with a world view. As a new FIU alum, you will be able to sit across the table from a prospective employer and tell her you have insight into global issues as they relate to your area of expertise.

The economic news of the past few weeks has illustrated beyond any doubt that we live in a globalized society. FIU is embracing the challenge through our QEP to prepare you to be the best possible citizen of the world.

Send your comments to ProvostBerkman@provoff@fiu.edu

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SNEAKY SNAKE



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SAVED: Mayra Delgado relocates a local snake from the ACII hallways back into the wild, near the parking lot.

Multiculturalism celebrated

JULIA CARDENUTO
BBC Managing Editor

For the ninth consecutive year, FIU will be celebrating South Florida's multiculturalism with Diversity Day, an event sponsored by BBC Student Government Council.

This annual event is open to all students, faculty and staff, and will be held Oct. 21 in the Wolfe University Center.

Diversity Day will feature a range of different events throughout the day.

Starting at 9 a.m., coffee and Cuban pastries will be served in Panther Square.

Michael Fosberg, designated keynote speaker, will perform "Incognito," a solo act, at the Mary Ann Wolfe Theater at 10:45 a.m.

"Incognito" is an one-hour, autobiographical presentation, where Fosberg relates his story of believing he was white, then discovering he is actually black.

After the performance, the audience will have the chance to question Fosberg about the issues raised during his performance. After Fosberg's act, professor Stephen Neal's students from the Department of Theatre

will be performing a scene from the play "Spring's Awakening," which will start at the University Park Campus on Nov. 6.

The scene will focus on issues faced by the homosexual community. The actors will portray two friends who fall in love, said Neal, who is the director for the play and will lead a discussion with the audience right after the performance.

"It's an interactive show, which will hopefully awaken something in [the audience] to talk about," Neal said.

A free Caribbean-themed lunch will be served in the WUC ballrooms right after the play. A discussion about the proposed Amendment 2 to the Florida Constitution will take place after lunch.

Amendment 2 is a proposed state constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage in Florida. It will appear on the Nov. 4 ballot and needs to receive 60 percent of the votes cast in order to pass.

"Both sides of the issue will be presented," Cunningham said. "It is the first occasion that [the speakers] will meet in person."

Heddy Pena will be representing Florida Red & Blue, a nonpartisan campaign dedicated to defeating

Amendment 2.

On the other side, Paul Carbalha will be representing Yes2Mariage, the official group campaigning for Amendment 2.

The speakers will have 10 minutes to present their views on the amendment issue, followed by a question-and-answer session with audience.

The winners of the public speaking contest that occurred Oct. 10 will be giving two to three minute speeches about the theme "My perception of my reception."

After the speeches, the movie "Diversity Face to Face" will be shown, followed by a discussion about diversity in the workplace led by Diann Newman, an assistant professor in the Hospitality Management department.

Diversity Day will come to an end at 3 p.m. with "diversity circles," which will provide an opportunity for everybody to share their experiences with diversity, according to Cunningham.

"The purpose is for the community at large to have a space where they can engage and embrace the diversity of each other and of themselves," Almodovar said.

For more information go to wuc.fiu.edu.

Lecture examines Everglades destruction, ecological issues

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Contributing Writer

A discussion concentrating on the impact of urbanization, metropolitan sprawl and expansion into the Everglades were among the topics addressed in "An Alligator Eating its Own Tail: Florida in the 21st Century."

The lecture, the second in the series "The South Florida Coast: New Horizons in Science and the Humanities," addressed ecological issues affecting South Florida. It took place on Oct. 16 and was presented by Alan Farago.

As president of the Everglades Defense Council, co-chairman of the Everglades Committee Sierra Club, and board member of the Everglades Foundation, Inc., Farago has dedicated his life to the restoration of the Everglades.

The dialogue explored private citizens' right to challenge corporations and incite the local government to take action to protect and restore the surrounding environment.

Other topics discussed were the pace of development in Florida and how it exceeds the natural ecological growth and restoration efforts currently taking place in the Everglades.

Many restoration projects are 20 years behind schedule. Such projects include cleanings of the Kissimmee Basin and Florida Bay. But the government is not flexible and knowledgeable enough on the key issues to meet the environmental needs, according to Farago.

One of the most hotly debated topics of the night was the Biscayne Landings project, a high-end condo and shopping project that is rising atop the old Munisport landfill, formerly on the list of the nation's most polluted places for 17 years. Now, the first trickle of a projected 15,000 people are moving into what ranks as one of the largest residential projects ever planned on a former Superfund site.

The audience for the lecture was mostly composed of environmental activists and professors, and Farago wished more students had attended the lecture to help push for an expansion of the environmental studies program at the University.

"I wish there had been more students here because I think the subject of my talk was really about the economic crisis, and I think that it is very important for students to pay attention to what is coming down the pipe," Farago said.

The first lecture, "Losing

it All to Sprawl," presented by Emmy Award-winning documentary filmmaker and nature writer Bill Belleville, debated the effects of development on community, neighborliness and Florida's unique environment.

The third lecture, scheduled for Nov. 13, is titled "Spirituality Goes Green: Scientific and Spiritual Approaches to Global Warming". It will include a multi-disciplinary panel of experts exploring the connection between spirituality and the environment. The panel will focus on ethical responsibility for addressing climate change.

On Dec. 4, the series will conclude with "Earthly Meditations," where poets Robert Wrigley and Campbell McGrath will lead a discussion on the connection between nature, community, and a sense of place in the context of South Florida, focusing on literature as a means of shaping attitudes toward the environment.

All lectures in the series, which is being co-sponsored by the City of North Miami, take place at the Kovens Conference Center. This lecture series was made possible by a grant from the Florida Humanities Council, a private non-profit organization.



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Inaction prompts concerns regarding misconduct at last home football game

A student was arrested at the Golden Panthers' home victory against Middle Tennessee on Saturday, Oct. 11.

The student arrested, Gregory Mineau, rushed the field as the game ended and was immediately subdued by Public Safety.

Mineau claimed that, while being detained, he was struck by a University employee.

"As I was lying on the ground, I felt two hits to the back of my head," he said.

Although *The Beacon* does not condone students rushing the field after football victories, under no circumstances should a University employee ever strike a student. Ever.

If this charge is true, it is simply unacceptable.

As of press time, Athletics has not denied or confirmed the involvement of an Athletics employee.

However, if one was involved and other Athletics' employees saw the incident, he should have been arrested immediately by law enforcement on the field, fired and denounced by the University.

At a Panther Rage meeting on Oct. 15, Senior Associate Athletic Director Julie Berg answered questions from students concerned about the events at the game.

Berg was asked, "How did

[Athletics] become aware of the situation with the accusations of an Athletics employee assaulting a student?"

Berg responded, "It was seen. Most of us saw something going on. We didn't see exactly how the whole thing started, but we saw it."

What exactly is "it?" The answer provided by Berg neither confirms nor denies if the person who struck the student is an Athletics employee.

The answer also does not confirm exactly what "most of them" saw.

Additionally, in a video of the incident obtained by Student Media, Mineau can be seen being taken to the ground by Public Safety and then struck by the alleged Athletics employee.

But Athletic Director Pete Garcia has said to Student Media that "the incidents that happened at the end of the game are being thoroughly investigated, and when we come up with our findings, the appropriate actions will be taken."

In not already making some sort of statement, the University further damages its reputation, especially if the person who struck Mineau is an Athletics employee.

Nonetheless, if he was not an employee, some sort of statement should have been made denouncing this behavior.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Abortion issues do matter, will make difference

I am disgusted the article "Bye, Bye, Baby". The title alone is a horrendous phrase for an article about abortion. I am appalled that that title got by the editors and that someone actually came up with that title. As for the article itself, it is an important issue in general and concerning the candidates. George W. Bush nominated three justices. It is very likely that the next president will have to nominate at least one justice during their first term. *Roe v. Wade* hangs in the balance as it is, how can you say it doesn't matter in the upcoming election?

Each candidate's position on abortion has to do with one's character. Abortion is murder. You said that women will get abortions whether or not it's legal or not, so it should be legal. What kind of logic is that? You said, "If a woman wants to get an abortion, she will." You don't think making it illegal would cut down on abortion numbers? Think again. Abortions not only kill babies, they have deep, negative psychological effects on the mother.

Your most horrifying logic comes in the second to last paragraph when you state, "Stop bringing up the topic as 'controversial' or 'debatable', it is neither until the Supreme Court says otherwise." I couldn't believe my eyes. Something isn't controversial or debatable until the Supreme Court says otherwise?

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STRAIGHT TALK

'Keep the government out of it'

ERIC M. FELDMAN
Opinion Editor

"It's a great day to be a Republican in Miami," said Republican Party of Florida chairman Jim Greer, the first official to speak at a packed FIU Arena the afternoon of Oct. 17 for a John McCain rally announced just a couple of days before.

Looking at the amount of people lining the walls of the venue, and the volume of the crowd when notable GOP figures ranging from Gov. Charlie Crist to U.S. Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart, Greer could not appear more correct.

It was a great day for FIU that we were able to provide the venue for this candidate that espouses strong views on issues so important to the surrounding community: national security, promotion of entrepreneurial spirit, a free Cuba and immigration reform.

A University is really an appropriate place to rally around fiscally conservative values. Many students are here to gain skills in order to succeed in a variety of fields and eventually achieve the American dream of being financially secure and owning a home.

The American dream is not capped at \$250,000, and attempts from the left end of the spectrum to redistribute wealth of small business owners and other en-



VICTORIA LYNCH/THE BEACON

MCCANIACS: Sen. John McCain addresses a crowd of supporters and media alongside wife Cindy and Sen. Joe Lieberman.

trepreneurs are an affront to our economy.

Florida's most recent past governor, Jeb Bush, who also happens to be the brother of the current President, outlined four reasons that Sen. McCain is the right choice for America this election.

They were that McCain is a president that would keep the country safe, would not meet unconditionally with dictators, would lessen the partisan divide in Washington, and that he understand that the "greatness of this country lies in dreamers" who want to "pursue dreams as they see fit, and not have the government tell them what to do."

All of this is not to say that the rally was flawless or that the candidate is perfect. It was quite ironic,

for example, to see the same crowd cheer when Jeb Bush proclaimed, "Say what you will about my brother, he has kept our country safe" that also cheered when John McCain distanced himself from Bush by criticizing how the last eight years have been run.

"If Barack Obama wanted to run against George Bush, he should have ran four years ago," McCain said at the rally.

McCain is not the political candidate that I have been most enthusiastic about in my lifetime, but he is the one in this election that will do least to take our nation down the irreversible path of a permanent welfare state.



McCain visit fires up supporters

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51 percent of 765 likely voters said they were more likely to support the Democratic ticket.

McCain has not had a fantastic past two weeks; reception of his performances during the presidential debates has been mixed, especially in regard to the second debate. Calling Obama "that one," *Time magazine* noted, "probably jarred some viewers." Because of Obama's lead, McCain was forced to turn to "aggression and antagonism," a tactic with a clear possibility of backfiring.

McCain is no passive politician. In fact, he addressed his slipping numbers during the rally, and assured his supporters that "we have them where we want them."

His "we're not down and out" attitude impressed me. McCain the Underdog is striving to come back from a visibly difficult campaign slump.

This rally, I think, may have been to many Florida Republicans as movies, games and other distractions are to some – a form of escap-

ism. This was not only about support for McCain and the Republican Party – it was entertainment. It was fun. The crowd celebrated together, as one united group, with hope and laughter to the tunes of country music.

Just as Palin re-energized the GOP base after her nomination on Sept. 4, McCain reached out and electrified Floridians, both young and old. "I'm not afraid of the fight, my friends," McCain declared, followed by a flurry of cheers. "I'm ready for it."

Confidence. I heard confidence in the whistles, the calls, the cheers of excitement. I read it in the signs supporters painted. It displayed on the shirts they wore.

The enthusiasm was refreshing, as I am constantly surrounded by apathy demonstrated by individuals within my age group. As a young voter, I was proud to be surrounded by so many Americans and fellow FIU students who were ready to act for America and strive for change through their ballots.

HEALTHY DIET

Nutritious, affordable food near campus

You are running late for class and with so much to do, you forgot to eat your breakfast. During class, you get hungry and as soon as the clock marks the end of the period, you run out and make the line at Starbucks or Burger King.

This is all very tempting, but once you start making a habit out of it, you might see a decline in your health and the size of your wallet.

Most of us are aware of the dining options that surround us on campus. We are also aware that some may be cheap, but with that, we may be sacrificing our health.

In any case, there's hope if you own a car, bicycle, skates or simply walking shoes.

Around campus, we are surrounded by places to eat that are relatively cheap and are not a terrible burden on our health.

So if you are going to spend money, make sure you spend it on the right things. Consider this list before opening your wallet:

ALMAZAR

This Middle Eastern restaurant combines flavors of the region along with affordable prices.

It is a popular spot for students who enjoy new and exotic savors.

"I personally love the platter with chicken. But if you really want to give your taste buds a rush, try the falafel sandwich," said Patricia Fontaneda, a photography student.

The menu offers some reasonable prices, with most expensive dish being \$10.

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ESSENTIALLY APOTHECARY

For those students who love everything that is organic, there exists Essentially Apothecary, an organic tea house and café that offers all kinds of healthy and affordable foods.

"In the store, we offer veggie wraps, tuna melts, all kinds of teas, alternative medicine, even vitamin drinks. We have happy hour without the hangover. From 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., we serve vitamin martinis and other drinks that are helpful to your health," owner Denise Credle said.

Everything in the store ranges from just \$2 to \$13. The inside of the store is very cozy with a lounge known as the "Shaman Lounge," where students and teachers often take a break from the day's hassles.

Apothecary is located next to Winn Dixie shopping center on 8th St.

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Employers struggle with work habits of Generation-Y

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Staff Writer

Call them what you want – Generation Y, Millennials or Echo Boomers. At the end of the day, however, job recruiters call them “the weakest performers” among the four generations that now make up the work force in the United States.

According to *Jobfox.com*, an Internet career site that makes personal introductions between job candidates and employers, a survey of more than 200 recruiters on their perceptions of job performance across generations saw those very results.

The poll finds that employers have yet to accept the unique work habits of Generation Y-ers, a population that is 28 years old and younger.

Generation-Y employees received a 20 percent job approval while the baby boomer generation, ranging from ages 43 to 62, got a 63 percent job approval from job recruiters. Generation X-ers, ages 29 to 42, earned a 58 percent job approval.

Bob McGovern, CEO of Jobfox, believes that the current problem is the fault of corporate leaders and not the Gen-Y professionals.

“Businesses must shed negative perceptions and learn new ways to

incorporate Gen Y views into the work force,” said McGovern in a press release.

“The companies that succeed over the next two decades will be the ones that can most inspire Gen Y. This is the most educated and technologically savvy generation ever.”

Students at FIU, however, disagree with that poll and feel that it doesn't properly represent the majority of the ‘Millennials’.

“Weak? I think that is completely insane,” said Karin Martinez, a junior hospitality management major. “I work hard and I have friends that have multiple jobs so that they can make ends meet.” Other students at FIU share the same sentiment as Martinez.

“I believe our performance ability is, in some ways, a lot better than other generations,” said Carlos Flores, a junior.

“We are a lot more creative and have an ability to think outside the box, unlike older generations.”

According to McGovern, the newer generations of workers that are making up a large percent of today's work force have some core motivators that employees should keep in mind.

One of the motivators is keeping “flexible schedule hours” because they are highly coveted by younger workers.

Providing them new learning experiences and keeping them in cutting edge is also a plus because it will keep



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TABLE TENNIS: Professor Jean Andrian of the Electrical and Computer Engineering department plays a game of Table Tennis with students at the Engineering Center on Thursday October 16.

Gen-Y workers from seeking other work opportunities that continuously challenge them.

Another important motivator according to McGovern is that new employees in the workforce don't like being called “junior anything.”

A recent survey by JWT, an advertisement agency, states that 60 percent of Gen Y-ers agree that an employee owes loyalty to their employer.

According to a Jobfox press release, the reason behind this is because “Gen Y workers are loyal team players as long as they can balance

work and life goals, gain new learning opportunities and feel a part of company goals.”

“Generation Y lives in a world of ‘code orange’ and constant news alerts crawling across the bottom of their flat screen televisions,” said McGovern in a press release.

“They have a different view of the American dream. I think we'll see major workplace changes in the decades ahead, led by a new generation of leaders and by companies that want to win by attracting and keeping the best people.”

Lend a helping shoe for Haiti's hurricane victims

DIANA GARCIA
Staff Writer

Soles for Haiti, a group of graduate psychology students in Dr. Shepard's Community Psychology class, have started to do something more than collect money and food. They are collecting shoes.

The shoes are being donated to the organization Food for the Poor, Inc. for distribution in Haiti: to the victims of this hurricane season's fierce storms. Soles for Haiti researched and found that church organizations are the best way to ship donations overseas.

“A benefit about this organization is that donors are provided with a detailed follow-up report of the services that were done,” said Sabriana Mendez, a second year masters student in the Mental Health Counseling Psychology Program and outreach coordinator for Soles for Haiti.

Soles for Haiti decided to donate shoes because a pair of them is something often overlooked.

“Many of us take for granted that we are able to have more than one pair of shoes and that is not a stress factor when we think of going to school or work. That, however, is not the case for most people, and we decided to put them in our shoes,” Mendez said.

The organization is collecting new or gently worn shoes of all sizes and styles. There are drop-off boxes located in different places around campus – in the Graham Center across from GC 140, in the

Psychology Department in DM 256, in the dorms of Lake View North and in the education building - where donated shoes can be placed.

People throughout the community have been participating in this drive, from University students and professors to local high school students and faculty. One of the group members, Luane Levy, is a teacher at Ferguson High School.

“Ferguson Senior High School is currently doing a schoolwide drive for Shoes for Haiti. The students have been very successful thus far in donating shoes and every day, the shoes are pouring into my classroom from teachers and students,” Levy said.

Several other public and private schools in the area have been contacted to see if they could lend a hand.

Those interested in donating a pair of shoes must hurry. According to Mendez, the last day to donate shoes will be Oct. 31, but it is the group's vision to keep this project going. They are currently discussing ways to do so.

“Most of our efforts are going to focus on the students of Ferguson High School and with [Levy's] help, we want to make this an ongoing activity with them,” Mendez said.

Mendez also encourages students interested in giving a helping hand to not only donate shoes, but to try and become active within the organization.

“We can be assisted with shoe donations, monetary donations, outreach, manpower, support, anything at all,” she said.

THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

MONDAY • OCTOBER 20

WHAT: Women's Empowerment Week “Health Initiative Day”

WHERE: Betty Chapman Plaza

WHEN: 11:00 a.m.

WHAT: Phi Mu's National Philanthropy Day and Mission Marine Drive

WHERE: Betty Chapman Plaza

WHEN: 10:00 a.m.

WHAT: Students WRITE Organization Meeting

WHERE: GC 314

WHEN: 12:30 p.m.

WHAT: Haitian Student Organization

WHERE: GC 305

WHEN: 6:00 p.m.

WHAT: Future Business Leaders of America Meeting

WHERE: GC 343

WHEN: 8:00 p.m.

WHAT: Panther Rage General Meeting

WHERE: GC 140

WHEN: 4:00 p.m.

TUESDAY • OCTOBER 21

WHAT: StoneWall BBC Meeting

WHERE: WUC - 159

WHEN: 1:00 p.m.

WHAT: Women's Empowerment week “Love Your Body Forum”

WHERE: GC Ballrooms

WHEN: 12:00 p.m.

WHAT: Panhellenic Council Presents “Christine Hassler”

WHERE: GC Ballrooms

WHEN: 7:00 pm

WHAT: Bahamian Student Organization (BSO) Meeting

WHERE: GC 340

WHEN: 12:00 p.m.

WHAT: Italian Club General Meeting

WHERE: GC 241

WHEN: 4:00 p.m.

WHAT: SPC General Meeting

WHERE: GC 305

WHEN: 3:30 p.m.

Compiled By: Rosalyn Delgado

SUN BELT FOOTBALL STANDINGS

TEAM	CONF	OVERALL	PCT	STREAK
Troy	3-0	4-2	.667	W2
Louisiana-Lafayette	3-0	4-3	.571	W3
Arkansas State	2-1	4-3	.571	L1
FIU	2-1	4-3	.571	L1
Louisiana-Monroe	1-2	2-5	.286	W1
Middle Tennessee	1-3	2-5	.286	L2
FAU	0-2	2-5	.286	W1
North Texas	0-3	0-7	.000	L7

*All records up to date as of Oct. 19

INDIVIDUAL SEASON STATISTICS

RUSHING	Att	Net	Avg	TD
A'mod Ned	73	230	3.2	3
Julian Reams	69	206	3.0	4
Daunte Owens	19	94	4.9	1
Paul McCall	56	85	1.5	1
Wayne Younger	16	44	2.8	0
T.Y. Hilton	8	20	2.5	0
Brad Serini	0	3	0.0	0
Jeremy Dickens	2	-11	-5.5	0
TEAM	5	-11	-2.2	0
Carlos Munera	1	-20	-20.0	0
Total	249	640	2.6	9
Opponents	271	1074	4.0	9

PASSING	Cmp-Att-Int	Pct	Yds	TD
Paul McCall	78-151-7	51.7	995	8
Wayne Younger	15-30-0	50.0	181	0
Total	93-182-7	51.1	1176	8
Opponents	163-251-9	64.9	1507	11

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	Avg	TD
T.Y. Hilton	17	482	28.6	4
Junior Mertile	17	101	5.9	1
Greg Ellingson	15	194	12.9	1
Eric Kirchenberg	9	94	10.4	1
A'mod Ned	9	71	7.9	0
Jeremy Dickens	8	106	13.2	1
Marquis Rolle	8	65	8.1	0
Alonzo Phillips	2	28	14.0	0
Daunte Owens	2	21	10.5	0
Jason Frierson	2	6	3.0	0
Julian Reams	2	2	1.0	0
Elliott Dix	1	3	3.0	0
James Rucker	1	3	3.0	0
Total	93	1076	12.6	8
Opponents	163	1507	9.2	11

Loss to Troy reminds FIU it still has a ways away from being contenders

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ken record.

His six catches for 116 yards are all the more impressive when you consider that he had a 20 yard catch nullified by offsetting personal foul penalties in the third quarter, and that Troy's defense was keying in on him, often having two or more defenders around him and laying punishing hits on him to try to make him think again about going up for the ball.

However, among the impressive things, you had some recurring images (some might say nightmares) of the 2006 and 2007 teams that ultimately buried them, with players making the type of mistakes they should have learned not to in Pop Warner ball, as well as some plain bad luck.

In the first quarter, the FIU defense had managed to stop Troy in FIU territory, and Troy Sam Glusman missed his first field goal of the season, a 47-yard attempt.

However, Glusman did a terrific

acting job, flailing his arms and legs and falling on top of an FIU defender drawing a roughing the kicker penalty that setup a 15 yard touchdown from Levi Brown to Cornelius Williams that put Troy up 6-0.

Nobody likes it when people complain about referees, and you really can't put the blame for a loss on them, even on a pretty egregiously bad call.

Some blame can be put, however, on the special teams, which cost the team some valuable field position and a turnover. T.Y. Hilton, who is, apparently mortal, decided to return a punt that he fielded inside the five-yard line, ignoring every single coach he's had since he started playing pee-wee football.

While he tried to make something out of it, he ended up pinning his team back deep, hurting them in the field position battle.

Another play that can be attributed to plain dumb luck was on a punt return, when the ball fell hit an FIU player who wasn't paying attention

and bounced into the waiting arms of a Trojan, giving them the ball at the nine yard line, and leading to their final touchdown of the night.

However if blame has to be assessed, and I suppose it does, you can point squarely to FIU's lines on both sides of the ball being outplayed.

The old adage is the game is won and lost in the trenches, and when the opposing team can push you around on both sides of the ball and have a seven to one sack advantage, you aren't going to win many games.

This had to be expected as FIU has always struggled against teams that can push them around, but it has to be troubling since they take on Louisiana Lafayette next, a team that can dictate the pace of the game with their NCAA leading rushing attack, averaging over 300 yards per game on the ground.

If Mario Cristobal and staff can't shore up the lines, the road to a surprise conference title run will end next week in Lafayette.

Troy defense takes advantage of Golden Panthers O-line injuries

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down run that was set up by a Troy punt that touched FIU defensive end Jonathan Jackson, and was recovered at the FIU 9 by the Trojans.

FIU closed the scoring with

a six-yard scoring strike from McCall to Jeremy Dickens with 9:27 remaining in the contest, and although FIU had three possessions after that one, they could not come up with a score.

Coach Cristobal did see some positives in his team's first loss in 28 days,

"Daunte Owens ran well... he might be a good player for us," Cristobal said.

Owens, who split carries with A'mod Ned, in place of the injured Julian Reams, rushed for 69 yards and a score in his first significant college playing time.

FIU will have a week off before hitting the road for its final game outside of South Florida this season, at conference co-leader Louisiana-Lafayette.

BOX SCORE

	FIU	Troy
First Downs	15	20
Rushes-Yards	36-83	40-137
Passing	266	255
Comp-Att-Int	22-34-1	19-29-0
Return Yards	140	107
Punts Avg.	8-43.6	8-33.8
Penalties-Yards	10-72	11-72
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	29:49	30:11

RUSHING — FIU: Owens 14-69-1, Ned 6-15, McCall 16-0
Troy: Jernigan 10-88, Harris 14-34, Burton 1-8, Moreland 2-7, Parker 4-5-1, Brown 7-0, TEAM 2-(-5)

PASSING — FIU: McCall 22-33-266-1. **Troy:** Brown 18-28-253-0, Jernigan 1-1-2-0

RECEIVING — FIU: Hilton 6-116, Ellingson 6-75, Mertile 3-10-1, Owens 2-21, Kirchenberg 2-15, Phillips 1-16, Ned 1-8, Dickens 1-6-1 **Troy:** Jernigan 5-131-1, Williams 4-50-1, Tate 2-25, Terry, 2-8, Burton 1-19, Davis 1-17, Reeves 1-8, Bray 1-2, Turner 1(-2), Harris 1(-3)

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STREAK SNAPPED

FIU unable to solve Troy, falls 33-23 in conference play

ANDREW JULIAN
Sports Director

The Troy Trojans (4-2, 3-0 Sun Belt) defeated the FIU Golden Panthers (3-4, 2-1) 33-23 to knock the Golden Panthers out of its short stay in a first place tie for the Sun Belt conference lead.

The home victory for the Trojans was their fifth against the Golden Panthers in as many tries over the duration of the six-year series, although FIU has vacated the first three of those losses due to violations of NCAA rules during those seasons.

Despite the loss, the Golden Panthers received the most efficient performance of quarterback Paul McCall's tenure at FIU.

The junior from Hollywood Hills completed 22-of-33 passes for 266 yards and two touchdowns, setting career benchmarks in both yards and completions.

Despite the solid individual numbers, McCall was disappointed in the fact that he lost a fumble and threw an interception.

"In the second half I had two turnovers, and that falls squarely on my shoulders," McCall said. "I have to do a better job of getting the guys set up in the right positions, and managing the game a little better."

Troy helped its own cause by coming out roaring on its first drive, picking up three first downs and getting the ball to the FIU 20 yard line.

A Quentin Newman sack, however was the catalyst for forcing a fourth and 15, when Troy kicker Sam Glusman missed a 47 yard field goal, but FIU was flagged for roughing the kicker, giving the Trojan drive new life, and Troy took advantage getting a Levi Brown touchdown toss two plays later.

That penalty set a negative tone for FIU from there, as the

Golden Panthers were flagged 10 times for 72 yards in the game.

FIU's first possession was a three-and-out, and after a good Carlos Munera punt that pinned Troy inside of its own 20, one of five Munera punts that did so, Troy went right back to work, quickly.

On second-and five from the 14, Jerrel Jernigan caught a slant pass from Brown, at the 20 yard line, and did the rest of the work himself for an 86-yard score, and just minutes into the game, Troy led 13-0.

FIU got its first points after another quality Munera punt left Troy's offense near its own goal line, and reserve center Steven Adams, snapped a shotgun snap over his quarterback and out of the end zone for a safety.

FIU's offense responded with a five play, 62-yard drive capped by a Junior Mertile eight-yard touchdown reception, his first of the season, cutting the lead to 13-9.

Troy was able to add two field goals, to take a 10-point lead with just under four minutes remaining in the first half, before FIU was able to strike again.

This FIU drive was another long one, nine plays and 80 yards, and included a 40-yard T.Y. Hilton reception, which gave the standout freshman five consecutive games with at least one reception of 37 or more yards.

Daunte Owens ended the drive with a one-yard touchdown run, and the Troy half-time lead was just three, at 19-16.

Coming out of the intermission, FIU looked to keep the momentum rolling, but it was short lived, as Paul McCall was sacked by Cameron Sheffield, and fumbled.

Troy recovered at the 16 yard-line, and was able to quickly score, thanks to a Jernigan two-yard pass to Justin Bray.



VICTORIA LYNCH/BEACONFILE PHOTO

TIME OUT: Quarterback Paul McCall completed 22 of 33 passes for 266 yards and one interceptions in the Golden Panthers loss to Trojans.

The pressure was an issue for FIU all evening, which were without two of their regular offensive linemen.

Troy sacked Paul McCall seven times, and hurried him

two others.

"Protection wise, we probably took a little bit of a step back, now, they are a great defensive line. We thought so all week long we thought could

be an issue," said head coach Mario Cristobal.

In FIU's three victories, the FIU offensive line allowed just two sacks.

The Golden Panthers were

not able to get closer than 10 the rest of the way, and Troy opened up a lead as large as 17 points, at 33-16, with a one-yard Dantavious Parker touch-

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Three game win streak caused fans to expect too much

COMMENTARY



CHRIS TOWERS

Over the past month or so, FIU football fans have been riding pretty high, and with good reason.

Three straight convincing wins for a program that hasn't won that many games since 2005 will do that.

Such a sudden turn around has maybe inflated expectations for the rest of the season.

Expectations went from "let's just win 4-5 games" to "let's make a run at the conference title" pretty quickly.

Of course, the Golden Panthers probably

played three of the weakest teams on their schedule in that stretch, so perhaps it might have been wise to temper expectations a bit going into this weekend's first place showdown with the Troy Trojans, who are annually the class of the Sun Belt.

What you saw in Saturday's 33-23 loss to the Trojans was a pretty good indication of where this team is right now: still trying to build off of a shoddy foundation.

There were flashes of brilliance in the game, notably Paul McCall's 22-of-33, 266-yard, two touchdown performance, inarguably the finest of his ca-

reer. McCall showed poise in the pocket amidst a relentless pass rush that tossed his offensive line around and swallowed him for seven sacks.

I've pretty consistently doubted his abilities to lead a Division I football team, despite recent success, but in his first game where the reins were really taken off and he was allowed to throw it more than 15-20 times, he looked fully prepared.

It would also be a crime to forget to mention T.Y. Hilton, though it might begin sounding like a bro-

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