

## STOP THE HERD

### Panthers to corral Thundering Herd at Homecoming game

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The Marshall Thundering Herd will stampede into “The Cage” Saturday, Oct. 18, for the Panther’s annual Homecoming game. Kickoff is set for 6 p.m. from Ocean Bank Field at FIU Stadium and the game will be televised on the American Sports Network.

The Panthers are coming off a heartbreaking loss at the hands of the University of Texas at San Antonio Roadrunners. After leading most of the game, the Panthers gave up two late Roadrunners field goals and fell 16-13. The loss dropped them to 3-4 overall and 2-1 in Conference USA.

Freshman quarterback Alex McGough did not have his best game, throwing for only 141 yards and one touchdown. He

also fumbled once and threw two interceptions but will be under center once again on Saturday.

Freshman running back Alex Gardner also struggled, as he rushed for 65 yards on 27 attempts. His most costly mistake came in a rush in the third quarter where he fumbled on the UTSA one yard line. He was stood up on first down and coughed the ball up while trying to fight for the extra yard. It was one of six Panthers turnovers of the evening.

“Alex did get the ball out,” said Head Coach Ron Turner. “It’s first and goal on the two. Just hold the ball tight and go down. We’ll have second and goal on the one. These were things we hadn’t been doing but we gotta focus every single play. When you turn the ball over six times and drop five passes, you’re not totally tuned in.”

The Thundering Herd comes into Saturday’s game ranked No. 25

in the nation. They are 6-0 overall and 2-0 in C-USA. Their offense is near the top of the leaderboards in every major category; ranked 23 in passing yards per game and 10 in rushing yards per game. The Herd offense is currently No. 2 in the nation with an average of 595 yards per game.

The leader of the juggernaut offense is a Miami native – senior quarterback Rakeem Cato. Cato attended Miami Central High School and since making the move from Miami to West Virginia, he has been one of the most consistent players in all of college football. He has thrown a touchdown pass in 38 straight games and with a touchdown pass on Saturday, Cato would break quarterback Russell Wilson’s record for most consecutive games with a touchdown pass.

“He’s really good. I mean really, really good,” Turner said.

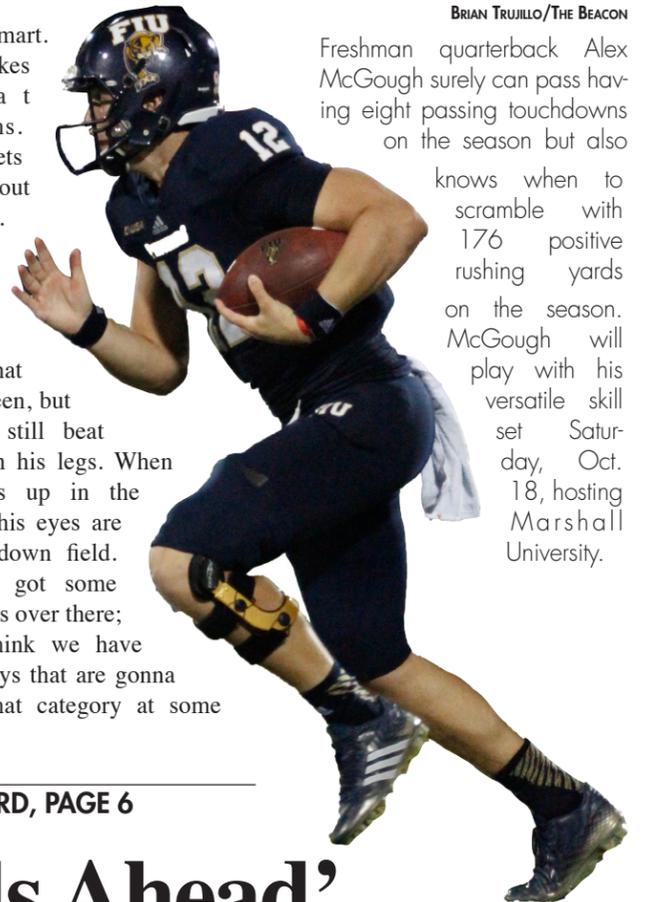
“He’s smart. He makes great decisions. He gets the ball out quick. He may not be the best runner that we’ve seen, but he can still beat you with his legs. When he steps up in the pocket, his eyes are always down field. They’ve got some elite guys over there; but I think we have some guys that are gonna be in that category at some point.”

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BRIAN TRUJILLO/THE BEACON

Freshman quarterback Alex McGough surely can pass having eight passing touchdowns on the season but also

knows when to scramble with 176 positive rushing yards on the season. McGough will play with his versatile skill set Saturday, Oct. 18, hosting Marshall University.



## Student government wants Panthers to ‘give a shirt’

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All over campus, students are decked out in college apparel from T-shirts to baseball caps and sweaters, but these displays of school spirit are not for the University.

There are Gators shirts, Seminoles hats and even a Canes jersey has found its way onto campus, but where are the Panthers?

This is exactly the thought that Mary Corbin, chief of staff of the Student Government Association at the Modesto A. Maidique campus, had in regards to this on-going issue.

In response, she created the I Give a Shirt About FIU event.

At this event, students can go to the Graham Center Pit from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday Oct. 17 and get a limited edition FIU shirt if they bring in either a T-shirt or a sweater in good condition from another university to give away.

The clothing brought in will then be donated to the H.A. and Mary K. Chapman

Charitable Trust, a foundation geared towards assisting homeless men, women and children.

“I thought it would be awesome and be just as effective,” she said, as it would kill two birds with one stone to promote Panther spirit across campus while also giving to those in need.

Besides the exchanging process, various booths will be set up for different groups, such as the Student Alumni Association and the FIU Athletics Department.

Roary and the FIU cheerleaders will make an appearance and student government will unveil their spirit video: a homage to FIU pride and all Panthers alike.

Some students agreed that it is a good idea to address the general reality about students endorsing other universities.

“[The event] is a great idea because it’s true that a lot of people walk around campus in shirts from other universities,” said Chris Gonzalez, a sophomore majoring in music and business.

While students are thrilled for the event, others remain

“It is a nice idea, but collegiate sweaters are already super expensive — I don’t want to donate a \$40 sweater just to get a free T-shirt.”

Michael Shelton  
Sophomore  
Accounting Major

hesitant to participate.

“It is a nice idea, but collegiate sweaters are already super expensive. I don’t want to donate a \$40 sweater just to get a free T-shirt,” said Michael Shelton, a sophomore accounting major.

Corbin still maintains her view on this subject and hopes her event will boost Panther pride among students.

At the same time, she respects people’s choices.

“Although I believe that everyone should wear whatever they want, they should be representing their school and showing their Panther pride,” she said.

## ‘Worlds Ahead’ outlook lands FIU 24th in the nation for service

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While the University is still relatively new, it has taken strides big enough to rank among some of the older and more established universities in the country for its contributions to the public good.

The University ranked No. 24 out of 277 institutions that contribute to the public good, according to Washington Monthly’s 2014 rankings. This is a huge jump, given that the University was ranked No. 177 in 2009.

The rankings were based on three areas: social mobility, focusing on recruiting and graduating low-income students; research, focusing on producing cutting-edge scholarship and doctoral graduates; and service, focusing on encouraging students to give back to their country.

In the last year, 52 percent of students at the University received Pell Grants, \$113 million went into faculty-led research and thousands of students and hundreds of faculty and staff have contributed more than 550,000 service hours of service to the community.

Irma Becerra-Fernandez, vice president of the Office of Engagement said that the additions and improvements the University has made to these categories since 2009 are significant to the community. The University’s engagement with the community is an important source of economic development and innovation for the region.

According to Amy Ellis, assistant

director of Marketing and Public Relations, there are two major partnerships the University has established since 2009 that the Office of Engagement highlights as game-changers for all involved.

The Miami-Dade County Public Schools partnership in 2010 created the Achieving Community Collaboration in Education and Student Success program.

In 2011, the program called “Education Effect” was launched at Miami Northwestern Senior High School and Liberty City.

These two partnerships were formed to improve student success in public schools by connecting the students, parents and community with University resources and research-based programs in order to increase high school graduation rates as well as to promote a transition into higher education.

Other major community projects include Fostering Panther Pride, Green Family Foundation NeighborhoodHELP and work with the Center for Children and Families.

Washington Monthly ranked FIU as No. 16 for community service participation and hours served.

Another way that the University gives back to the public is through its Global Learning courses and activities, and its partnership with the Peace Corps.

Hilary Landorf, director of the Office of Global Learning Initiatives and a Peace Corps volunteer herself, said that programs like the Peace Corps Prep at FIU and the Global Learning Medallion are service-oriented academic programs in which

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## NATION & WORLD BRIEFS

### White House offers help for long-term jobless

The Obama administration on Wednesday will announce the expansion of its efforts to aid the long-term unemployed with grants to help get the jobless back into the workplace.

President Barack Obama in January launched an effort to remove obstacles for the long-term unemployed, getting major corporations to adopt “best practices” in human-resources departments designed to ensure the long-time jobless aren’t screened out of the possibility of face-to-face employment interviews.

On Wednesday, the Labor Department will announce 23 grants given to 20 states and Puerto Rico to attack the problem of long-term unemployed, which numbered 3 million through September, the latest reading.

### New report says more effort needed to help combat ocean acidification

The federal government needs to pay more attention to what is often referred to as “the other carbon dioxide problem” — the acidification of the oceans — to help stave off widespread damage to seafood, tourism and storm protection, according to a new federal report.

The report from the Government Accountability Office, Congress’ watchdog, concluded that federal officials have made some progress implementing a 2009 law on acidification. But they haven’t done enough.

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# FIU Health offer flu shots

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To battle the flu, the University’s health resources offer flu shots on campus.

Student Health Services, which will be merging with the FIU Health from the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, is usually the only one advertising flu shots to students during the season.

This year, however, the College of Medicine’s faculty practice, FIU Health, put out a flyer to offer flu shots to anyone in the community, with or without insurance.

The shots are covered by most insurance plans and those without insurance will pay \$20 to get vaccinated.

The flu can be spread by coughing, sneezing or nasal secretions,

according to the Department of Health and Human Services.

FIU Health is administering shots at Parking Garage 5 at the MMC from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Mondays, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays.

For more information, students can call 305-348-3627. Vaccines are available while in stock.

# Voters can cast early ballots at University location

## FIUSM STAFF

The University will be an early voting location for the November 2014 election.

Members of the community will cast ballots between Monday, Oct. 20, and Sunday, Nov. 2, for the general election at the Stadium Club, located on the south side of the Ocean Bank Field at FIU Stadium, 11310 SW 17 St., in the Modesto A. Maidique Campus.

The general election day is on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

The University has a lot riding on this election, since the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners put the voters to decide what to do about the fairgrounds: whether the land will go to the University for expansion,

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11310 SW 17th St.

or if Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition, Inc. will stay for the remainder of its 99-year lease.

# Panthers comes together for Homecoming game day

## FIUSM STAFF

The University community has been anticipating the Homecoming game day on Saturday to see the Panthers match up against the Thundering Herd. The day is an all-out celebration with the Homecoming Day Parade and Tailgate that various University groups set up for the day.

The Homecoming Parade this year will feature various University organizations, floats, the marching band and the FIU Golden Dazzlers.

This year’s parade Grand Marshall is disc jockey Irie, a University alumni. The parade begins at 1:45 p.m. in Lot 9 and will end in Tamiami Park, where the tailgate village is set up.

The tailgate village will be set up by noon and open as soon as the Homecoming Parade ends.

Most University groups and organizations are planning to put up their own tailgate within the village.

For more information, students can go to [hc.fiu.edu](http://hc.fiu.edu).

# University ranked among older schools for serving the public

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students complete global learning courses and engage with the local or global community in substantial and meaningful ways.

Fernandez adds that these programs, as well as the ROTC program, are essential for student success in the University.

“When students are engaged with their university, they have a higher chance of persisting to graduation and higher GPAs,” she said. “That’s why we also promote internships and service learning. Internships provide the added benefit that students are twice as likely to get a job upon graduation.”

The University has built a foundation over the years with its increased internship opportunities and community outreach programs.

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Office of Engagement

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According to Washington Monthly, the percentage of students receiving support through Federal Pell Grants raised from 34 percent in 2009 to 52 percent in 2014.

The University has serviced many students from different backgrounds. Most of the students are the first in their families to attend college, many of them carry full loads in

school and at work, and many have overcome significant hurdles such as homelessness.

“We want to make sure that as FIU continues to improve in terms of our admission standards, students from our community are not excluded from the opportunity of a better life through education,” Fernandez said.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR RE: POLICE MILITARIZATION

Dear editor,

I have to say that, basically, we have to trust the police. We need to also take into account their side of the story. They put their lives on the line, and when they assume a person has a weapon, they are human beings who become afraid and react accordingly.

I'm not saying that all [police actions] are justified, but take the shooting of John Crawford III into account. Although he was carrying a BB gun, it looks like a real gun. Police seemed to think, I am guessing, that he wasn't obeying orders. Also, seriously, it is common sense. Why would you be carrying a BB gun which is not in its package?

There is the saying, "Don't let the actions of a few determine the way you feel about an entire group." I have met both good cops and bad.

The simplest thing you could do is to pay attention when you are being pulled over. You have to remember they have the power— not you, unfortunately. That is why the courts exist. Justice is blind. It is usually about race when it comes to these news.

Have you ever heard about Dillon Taylor, a white male shot by a black police officer? Most likely, there had been something that provoked the police to respond, just like in most of these cases. I am not saying that there was no hate crime behind these shootings. There probably was.

There is a video of a former South Carolina state trooper, Sean Groubert, asking a man for his license during a routine traffic stop, he ends up shooting the unarmed driver. This driver starts walking to the car without saying that he doesn't have his license on his person and has to get it from inside his car. Here, the officers feared for his life. He felt threaten and shot.

If you've ever seen a "thin blue line" license plate, here is its significance. The bottom black line represents the criminals while the top black line represents the civilians. The blue line in between represents the police force. The police have to distinguish between the criminals and civilians; it's funny how, on that plate, both criminals and civilians are represented the same way.

It is the police officer who has to distinguish between both. And if you don't give him the time, things get out of control.

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## Peruvians: 'something is missing'

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On Wednesday, Oct. 5, Peruvians elected about 1,800 mayors and 25 regional presidents in an election without the ability to distinguish the degree of morals and ethics each authority must possess to hold office.

In the case of the municipal election in Lima, over 50 percent of the city's residents have elected a former mayor, Luis Castañeda Lossio, who was accused of embezzlement and money laundering. Voters recognize his greatest quality as being that he "steals but does the job."

Peruvian citizens have chosen a governor who is currently imprisoned for influence peddling, which is the practice of using one's influence to receive special treatment, under the premise that both he

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and his voters would be working toward his freedom. This kind of promise, and the fact that citizens believe in it, demonstrate that something is missing as to their moral standards in respect to the type of authorities they choose to have.

Unfortunately, Peruvian citizens are accepting as normal the "steals, but does the job" idea, given that they ask for more public works without taking into consideration corruption or ethics in regards to public expenses. This is regrettable, since it creates a moral crisis in a society whose democratic system is in evolution.

Ethics and efficiency should never be separate in order to effectively evaluate a candidate given that, in a democracy, the authorities are the reflection of their society. Sadly, there are many emblematic cases in Latin America such as Pablo Escobar's, in which his supporters accepted his delinquent practices and had a lot of popularity.

If a consensus is not reached on that the legality of public function should be based on the ethics of its service, there won't be a true fight against corruption.

## Healthy and delicious meals enrich your body and your life

MCT STAFF

Serving food to students is what we do. As the Urban School Food Alliance, we represent six of the largest school districts in the nation (New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, Miami, Dallas and Orlando), feeding more than 3 million elementary, middle school and high school students every school day.

Our mission is more than just supplying healthy meals for our children. We believe that school breakfast and lunch are integral to a student's education. This is why we believe that meals need to be healthy and tasty, why we believe meals need to be accessible to all students and why we believe that mealtime needs to be viewed as part of the educational day.

The USFA strongly supports the vision of the first lady and backs the larger goals of the 2010 Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act. The recent and ongoing debate in Washington on whether school food standards should be rolled back misses what we believe is the whole point of important nutritional standards: to bring healthier food onto our students' plates and into their lives. And yes, we need to get them to eat it too.

Our districts have had success in exposing students to and having them eat

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meals under these new standards. Our districts have developed creative menus and innovative ways of providing lean proteins, whole wheat, low-fat dairy, and fresh fruits and vegetables. We can and should demonstrate actionable leadership in this debate.

These healthy and delicious meals need to be accessible to all students. And we need to get away from the attitude that school meals are only for the kids who can't afford to bring lunch from home. The new approach to serving American children should mean offering free lunches to all students regardless of a family's financial need. This would not only directly benefit the children and their families, but it would also cut through the current bureaucracy and enable American companies to sell more of their healthy products to our cafeterias. We need to

acknowledge that this would benefit American workers in American companies providing food to American children in American schools. It is money invested in us.

To that end, there should also be more funding allotted to the commodity food program. Doing so will allow districts to make their food-purchasing dollars go further and to remain focused on bringing healthier food into our cafeterias. The USFA can and should lead the way in setting standards and recipes that all districts, even the smaller ones, can use.

Eating is part of the educational day and mealtime needs to be treated as such. Students should be given enough time to eat so that they are not rushed or forced to skip meals altogether because of dwindling meal periods. Just like math and science, food and eating should be thought of

as part of, and not an intrusion upon, the educational day. Eating well is learning well.

This is also why the debate arising from the issue of plate waste and of "healthy trash cans full of fruit" misses the point. Exposure to healthy and wholesome food takes time and has long-term value. Children should grow up knowing that fruits and vegetables are indeed part of their meal experience.

We challenge our teachers, our administrators, and our state and government officials to look at the school breakfast and lunch not just as a meal program but also as what they were originally intended to be: enrichment programs. School meals enrich students' developmental growth. They enrich healthy eating habits for life. More importantly, they enrich student success in school.

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## PANTHER REGGAE FEST: JAMS AND JUICE



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**Top:** Samantha Sotomayor, a junior in marketing, gets coconut water at Reggae Fest.

**Right:** Kes Dieffenthaler, lead vocalist of reggae band Kes, sings at Reggae Fest on Tuesday, Oct. 14.



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## The Fashion District: An ever-changing landscape of Miami's wholesale haven

### FASHION & STYLE



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Miami's Fashion District, running from 29th Street and Fifth Avenue to 23rd Street, tinsel with shops flaunting vivid gowns and glitzy jewelry is not to be confused with Manhattan's ritzy Fifth Avenue.

"Everything is under a \$100.00. All of the Miami boutique owners shop here," says 23-year-old Simonett Pereira, owner of StyleMafia, a line mostly dealing in wholesale but has a retail shop on 23rd street.

Pereira estimates some 13,000 boutiques buy their merchandise from wholesale distributors that call this Fashion District home.

"There's a mixture of Miami boutique owners pulling up in their Range Rovers and little fat ladies with huge garbage bags that are buying in bulk for South America," Pereira says.

But just because these are wholesale distributors doesn't mean you need to be buying for a boutique to shop there. Most places allow individual sale of items, or, if you bring friends, you can pay wholesale price.

Pereira has known about the Fashion District since she was little, when it used to be located on 20th Street and 20th Avenue.

"My mom used to take me and say, 'Oh, let's buy this cheap stuff here because it's the same stuff that the boutiques have, but half the price.'"

For Korean-born Brazilian-raised Hie K. Blinder, 53, the Fashion District has always been on Fifth Avenue.

Blinder came here from Brazil in the 1990s. Her shop, Hannah Bella, stands on a corner painted black and spray-painted with white birds; a trick that she says keeps the graffiti artists from tagging her building.

"Fashion has always been in my family. I grew up in this business in Brazil. I was 10-years-old, helping them with their manufacturing business. I went to college and studied



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**Top:** The window display of a store in the Fashion District boasts its current season's looks.

**Bottom:** Simonett Pereira poses inside StyleMafia, her high-end wholesale retail shop.



money coming in. I think the Fashion District is not going to be the Fashion District anymore," Blinder says of the change. "I think we will be moving this district somewhere else. I think they want to turn this into a Midtown

civil engineering, but, when I moved to Miami, I got back into working with fashion."

Mass migrations of South Koreans seeking job opportunities in 192 Brazil created a thriving Korean presence in Rem Retiro and Bras, the two huge Fashion Districts in Sao Paulo, Brazil. (Blinder's family still owns multiple businesses there, while Blinder has been in business in Miami for over 14 years.) In fact, many Miami Fashion District shop owners are Korean.

"A lot of things are happening around this area, which is great," Blinder says about the buildup going on just a few blocks east, in Wynwood.

But the change has not all been for the best. Renewed interest in this area that was once filled with abandoned warehouses and graffiti, has caused a lot of investment and development. One of the biggest developers in the area is Moises Mana, also known as Mana Wynwood.

"They are very picky about who they have as tenants now," Pereira says, citing a fellow wholesale business next to StyleMafia whose lease was not renewed.

For Blinder and her shop Hannah Bella, the initial lease was six years with an automatic renewal every three years. However, as of last month, her original landlord sold to someone in New York.

"I see big developers and big

full of art, industry, and restaurants."

Although it is ugly now, Blinder plans to move in a few years, to 20th St. in Allapattah—the same street Pereira used to shop with her mother at.

"It has potential to be the new Fashion District. It is how this area used to be."

Beyond changing physical locations, Blinder says the dynamics of her business are changing as well. "My biggest customers now like selling all of their clothing online. Those that aren't are disappearing."

The average age has changed, too. Blinder used to work with men and women in their 40s and 50s, but now, her best clients are in their 20s. She believes technology is making it easier for young people to own their own businesses.

"There is so much business through the social network. It is a different era."

Pereira, however, has no plans to leave the Fashion District on Fifth Avenue. She hopes that one day it will become like Manhattan's meatpacking district.

"Nothing ever dies, it just changes into something else. It is transforming into a new area. I feel like it's becoming trendy and I think we [StyleMafia] are one of the pioneers."

## "Kill the Messenger," a film about honest morality

### REEL TO REEL



RAFAEL ABREU

Telling the story of reporter Gary Webb and the government secret he uncovered in 1996, "Kill the Messenger," is a drama that isn't quite a thriller, and isn't necessarily great, but keeps audiences intrigued.

Actor and producer Jeremy Renner stars as Webb. He goes from one source to another, uncovering the government's involvement in selling of cocaine as a way to fund Nicaraguan rebels in the Iran-Contra affairs.

Director Michael Cuesta makes good use of his anamorphic widescreen, giving vast, vivid looks of different locations, as well as characters.

Renner's stellar performance that keeps the film afloat. While everyone else in the film does fine, no matter how small their part, his character is the focus.

As the reporter, Renner never slows down as a relatable man who only wants to tell the truth.

As the film progresses, and as his situation becomes more dangerous, we see him tested and battered, yet he never defeated.

"Kill the Messenger" definitely leans towards drama – and occasional comedy – so it would be erroneous to assume the film is also a thriller.

While there are moments of tension, these are few and far between, and not the film's main objective.

What the film really wants to do, is show a man spied upon for discovering a secret and become blackballed for it.

As prompted by his famous exposé, "Dark Alliance," the tumult from 'acclaimed' to 'dismissed' was fast and harsh.

When it comes to films that deal with facts, I focus on what the film wants me to feel rather than believe, since inaccuracies are commonplace.

While I can't exactly say which parts of the film are completely true and which are completely bogus without giving away the plot, I can say that the film presents a fine portrait of a man who was punished for doing the right thing.

It's too bad that "Kill the Messenger," while extremely good, doesn't achieve true greatness.

While I could say that it is great, the film never really does anything that makes it truly special, nor inherently wrong.

The strongest part of this film is Jeremy Renner coupled with a good, moral story. If you are a fan of Renner (as well as political conspiracies), I see no reason why you should not see "Kill the Messenger." For all I know, you'll like it more than I did.



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Jeremy Renner stars in "Kill the Messenger," an American drama thriller film directed by Michael Cuesta and written by Peter Landesman. The film is based on the book of the same name by Nick Schou and the book "Dark Alliance" by Gary Webb.

## DREAMS OF DAVENPORT: Student songwriter moves across the state, but doesn't forget her roots

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natural environment I was raised in."

But this small-town girl is no longer living in a lonely world.

She's channelled these

The sky seemed eternal, but life did not.

Surrounded by the smell of sea, cares lost within grains of sand, Hanah Davenport watched the stars gleam. She thought of her place in the world, how miniscule she felt compared to the universe that lay overhead. But, like each freckle of light offering beautiful pieces of life, she would, too.

Living in Navarre, Florida—a town about 45 minutes east of Pensacola—gave Davenport a new sense of self and allowed her to explore her creative abilities.

"It was very humbling to me—the environment that surrounded me, forced me to get in touch with deep-seated emotions I had learned to disconnect from my day-to-day life, and ultimately set my tone as a writer," said Davenport, a music business transfer student.

Davenport says her work was largely influenced by these concepts because they seemed "organic."

"A lot of my earlier music has lyrics that compare processes and objects in nature to human ordeals like love, happiness, and death," she said. "Although now, I've moved away from that kind of writing. Getting out of tune with my emotions when I write will never be an option for me, and I do mostly credit that to the



childhood impacts and passions into what will shape the rest of her life, her career.

"I always loved music wholly, and I loved singing around the house and everything, but I never really thought of it as something I could pour my soul into," she said.

While she started singing for choirs at just nine-years-old, it wasn't until Davenport was 14 that she found her passion in writing lyrics and playing guitar.

Her brother, two years older, played a key role in her move towards music.

"I didn't think I could

write music until he started doing it," she said.

The musician also mentions being inspired by strong female artists like Sarah Bareillies, Kimbra,

Davenport said. She tells the story of how during high school, classmates who read some of her work compared her to Taylor Swift, an artist notorious for the rawness of

whatever field of music she ends up dwelling in, she knows she will be happy.

"I lose myself, usually," which she proved by losing her train of thought just talking about it. She couldn't hide the excitement in her voice as it rose above the hubbub of Starbucks.

"It was always something that I could go to, even if I would just pick up a guitar and play some chords and improv some lyrics to it that



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After living in Navarre, Florida, for almost 10 years, transfer student and music business major Hanah Davenport moved to South Florida, taking her guitar and dreams with her. The singer-songwriter is ready to make music her career.

were stupid, and it wasn't a good song. You're tapping into something buried under what you usually show. It makes me feel all kinds of things, but it's definitely raw emotion."

Davenport's eyes gleamed with nostalgic passion. During high school, she and about thirty other musicians would get together and play shows at the park. Nonetheless, she found herself questioning her talents.

"I was nervous about playing my music for anyone

because it was always like, 'Oh, it's probably not that good, they're probably not gonna like it.' It was also me being really shy about it," Davenport said. "With music, you can't really see it that way; even if someone doesn't like it, someone else will. And even disregarding that completely, the point of making music is to share it—at least, for me it is."

The songwriters says she's still conflicted about the idea of starting a band, however.

"Everything up to this point, I've played by myself," Davenport said. "Just me and my guitar."

Initially, she wasn't interested in the "whole-band sound," but after a certain performance, she may be thinking about using other instruments to revamp her style.

"We have a quorum [at the pool] every Friday, and the other day, I sang one of my originals and had



someone play drums and an acoustic bass behind me. It was weird because I had never done it before, but it added such a cool element. It still felt like it was my style, it just felt like it had a little more volume to it; it was more decorative."

Either way, Davenport is taking piano classes as part of her major, having only

been able to play it by ear prior to them.

"I can't play scales to save my life," she laughs. "Voice is my main instrument. Besides that, I could play, like, you know, the tambourine." She comments on how these choices, although they may have seemed small at the time, have affected her deeply.

One of the strongest aspects of Hanah Davenport's personality is her resilience and openness to growth. Before choosing to take music on as a career, she studied Archeology at the University of Florida. Despite this, she knew the importance of her musical passion was not to be abandoned.

"I always had the idea that, even if I didn't pursue it as my main goal in life, or my career, there was always something on the side that I could do. I never felt like I had the choice of giving up, it was never an option for me."

And since she chose to become a Panther and follow her dreams, Davenport knows that the rest of the road only goes up from there.

"[Music] didn't seem like it could be a possibility for me to make a living in, but now that I looked more into it and really committed to it, it's one of the best decisions I've ever made."

## FOOTBALL

# Defense ready to settle down Marshall

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On Saturday, Cato will face his toughest test of the season thus far. He'll be going up against a Panthers defense that has the most takeaways (24) of any team in the nation. They're also towards the top of the nation in points against; holding opponents to under 20 points per game.

Junior cornerback Richard Leonard leads a talented Panthers secondary with four interceptions on the year, two of which were returned for touchdowns.

Senior safety Demarkus Perkins is also having a solid season in the secondary. He leads the team with 50 tackles and has one of FIU's eight interceptions on the year.

Juniors Michael Wakefield and Denzell Perine lead the Panthers up front. Both are tied for the team lead with 5.5 sacks. Wakefield leads the Panthers with 9 tackles for a loss. It will be important for them to get pressure up front if the Panthers hope to contain Cato.

The Panthers have already had some experience containing a high-powered offense. In week five, they visited a University of Alabama at Birmingham team that was averaging over 40 points a game. The Panthers held them to just 20.

"UAB has a really good offense," Turner said. "They put up 56 last week on North Texas. These guys [Marshall] are better because they're more talented at all



VICENTE CARDENAS / THE PAISANO

Quarterback Alex McGough avoids rush of University of Texas at San Antonio defensive end Codie Brooks during the Saturday, Oct. 11, game in San Antonio.

positions. They have a better offensive line. Their receivers are better, even

though UAB's receivers are really good. And their quarterback is definitely better, even though UAB's quarterback is good. It's not a knock on those guys but [Marshall] has no weakness. They have speed, they have strength, they have size and they've got power. Most importantly, they have a great quarterback. You can be very marginal at every other position but if you have a great quarterback you'll always have a

chance to win."

The Panthers have lost three homecoming games in a row. Their last homecoming win was a 42-35 double-overtime victory against Louisiana-Monroe.

A victory against the 25th ranked Herd would be huge for both the football program and the fans.

"They [the players] know the importance of the homecoming game," Turner said. "But they know their importance of

every game. We've got 12 opportunities. They know the importance of every one of them. It's not like basketball where you have 82 chances or baseball where you have 162. You've got 12. But homecoming is very important. We've got a lot of people coming back and there's a lot of school pride. We wanna go out there, play well and put on a good show."

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Football

## SOCCER

# Owls and Mean Green on the Miami horizon for women's soccer 'family'

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A conference game and another delay last weekend, Oct. 10-12, provided an up-and-down ride for FIU's women's soccer team. The match against the University of Alabama at Birmingham is rescheduled for a later date in November, a game that Head Coach Thomas Chestnutt expected to play before next week.

The reason for the delay was reports of tornadoes in the area. Against Middle Tennessee State University, Oct. 12, a whirlwind of two early goals by the Blue Raiders gave the Panthers their sixth loss on the year.

But all of that noise is put into the rear-view mirror.

The most difficult weekend for Chestnutt and his team is on the horizon with two of the top three Conference USA opponents waltzing into Miami. North Texas University (10-3-1, 4-0-1) and Rice University (7-2-3, 3-1-1) are controlling the C-USA with confidence.

Ever since C-USA play began on Sept. 26 for North Texas, they've gone 4-0-1 in five games. Their ability to score goals is profound, as they've outscored opponents 22-7, holding opponents to 43 percent shooting.

Ten Mean Green ladies have scored at least one goal this season, displaying their ability to have threats at

every angle.

Chances for NTU will come frequently if their previous games are any sort of indicator.

The Mean Green are first in C-USA with 285 shots, averaging 20 per game. Their shutout total is tallying nine on the season (first in C-USA), with the Panthers not far behind with six (fourth in C-USA).

For North Texas, Head Coach John Hedlund has helped his team become the most dominant in C-USA to this point and presents a tough obstacle for the Panthers to overcome.

Before seeing the Mean Green on Sunday, Oct. 19, the Panthers face Rice University on Friday, Oct. 17. Rice and the Panthers have seen each other only once and a 5-2 victory for Chestnutt and his team became the result.

The same success will be harder to come by, though, as Rice is only allowing eight goals on the season (outscored opponents 24-8), a common trend for the top-tier of the C-USA.

If the Panthers want to defeat the Owls, they must change the narrative of goals allowed (allowing 13 this season).

Rice has struggled just a tad on the road this season, going 3-2-1. The Panthers can exploit the Owls' defense in the first half by grabbing an early lead.

Both losses by Rice this season came in overtime, so

if the Panthers play a close game, a victory is sure to follow.

Top goalscorers this weekend for all sides will be Panthers redshirt senior forward Chelsea Leiva (seven), Mean Green Karla Pineda (six) and Owl Holly Hargreaves (eight).

Defense will be key during the eventful weekend. Freshman goalkeeper Nevena Stojakovic has 33 saves on the season and will look to add to that total.

The "iron-core" of the Panther defense comes at the feet of redshirt juniors Sara Stewart, Nikki Rios and seniors Marie Egan and Caroline Hernandez. They will be busy stifling the different shot attempts that they're used to seeing.

An early test of what competition may be seen if the Panthers can make the C-USA Tournament is ahead.

On Friday, Oct. 17, kick-off is at 7 p.m., while North Texas finds its way into FIU Soccer Stadium 1 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 19.

There is one aspect of this Panther team that cannot be statistically recorded, though; one factor that separates the ladies from the rest of the herd.

"I think this team is more like family," said Stojakovic. A family bond should help in victory.

## TENNIS

# Panthers look to serve it up at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Southeast Regionals

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This upcoming weekend, Oct. 18 to 20, the women's tennis team will travel to Atlanta and take part in the 2014 Intercollegiate Tennis Association Southeast Regional Tournament. The host school this year will be Georgia Tech University and the tournament will be held at the Byers Tennis Complex.

The Panthers are entering this tournament after a lackluster effort at the Bedford Cup in Jacksonville last weekend. The team finished the tournament 5-7 in singles play and 4-3 in doubles. Even though they played some tough competition, the Panthers know they will have to play better than they did last weekend to come out on top.

Last weekend, junior Carlotta Orlando went 0-2, but faced tough competition

with Peggy Porter of the University of Florida, who ended up winning her draw.

Freshman Nerma Caluk, on the other side, played fairly well, going 2-1 and reaching the semis in her draw before falling 6-2 and 6-4, to the eventual champion Gabby Castaneda from Florida State University.

Sophomore Nina Nagode went 1-2 for the weekend and reached the semifinals of the consolation portion of her draw, where she lost 3-6, 6-4, 7-5, against Daniela Schippert from FSU.

Sophomore Kaitlin Brozovich went 2-2 and reached the final of the consolation portion of her draw. Brozovich fell to Luise Intert from the host school, University of North Florida, with a score of 7-5 and 6-3.

In doubles play, Caluk and Nagode went for an overall 3-1 and won the consolation finals of their draw against Yukako Noi and Lana Rush from FSU.

The tandem of Orlando and Brozovich

did not do as well. They went 1-2 for the weekend in doubles play and lost in the first round against the eventual doubles champions from the University of Miami, Sinead Lohan and Wendy Zhang.

Last year's Intercollegiate Tennis Association Southeast Regional singles winner was junior Silvia Garcia from the University of Georgia. Garcia defeated Alex Cercone from the UF.

In doubles, the champions at last year's tournament were Kendal Woodard and Megan Kurey from GTU. They defeated Lauren Herring and Maho Kowase from UGA in the final.

This weekend, the Panthers face opposition mainly from Florida and Georgia as they compete against the UF, FSU, GTU, UM, Florida Gulf Coast University and more.

The Panthers will have to play their hearts out this weekend, as this region is one of the toughest in the nation and

produces very competitive talent.

For example, the UG has produced All-SEC players in the past four years. Garcia will be someone the Panthers will have to face with caution, given her experience in last year's tournament.

The team will need to depend on experience from veteran players, such as Orlando, as they confront difficult situations in a hostile environment. A problem with the Panthers this year, continuing from the beginning of last year, has been squandered leads late in sets and failure to close-out games.

In order for them to be successful this week, they will need poise and leadership, and someone has to step up.

The Panthers are looking forward to impress other schools at this weekend's tournament. Results will be available at the conclusion of the tournament.

## VOLLEYBALL

# Quest to conquer in conference competition

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By achieving two big conference wins on the road against University of North Carolina at Charlotte and Louisiana Tech University last weekend, the volleyball team is now riding a three-game winning streak into this weekend's matches. The volleyball team looks to continue that streak when they go up against conference rivals Middle Tennessee State University and University of Southern Mississippi.

With two-thirds of the season already done, every conference game gets more and more important. FIU sits in seventh place in the Conference USA standings with a solid 3-3 record. These two matches can change the tide for the team, as it can either put them above .500 and go up in the standings or lower them to a losing record and could hurt their chance to make the conference tournament.

This Friday, Oct. 17, at 6 p.m. at FIU U.S. Century Bank Arena, the Panthers will face their first opponent: Middle Tennessee, who has a conference record of 2-4 which has them, at the time of press, ninth in the C-USA standings. Coming into Friday's match, the Blue Raiders have lost their last three games, which is why they put their conference record below .500. The Blue Raiders

have had trouble playing outside of home, as they have a 1-4 away record.

This is something the Panthers have to take advantage of, since they have shown in the past games that they can beat other teams that struggle playing away. From a statistical standpoint, MTSU has been outscored 1005 points to 917 and has struggled on the defensive end as well only recording 971 digs while their opponents have recorded 1017 digs.

The key for FIU to win this match is to score consistently and early because MTSU has shown to be a bad team when playing from behind. They have a record of 1-7 when playing three-set matches. A sweep is the ideal scenario for the Panthers to win this match.

For the Blue Raiders, to get out of this losing streak they are going to rely on junior outside hitter Chelsea Ross. With an overall record of 6-14, she is going to be heavily involved in the offense and defense to try to turn their season around. Ross has started every match and she leads the team in kills with 327 and blocks with 79. She is also second on her team in digs with 191. It is obvious that she leads the offensive attack and anchors the defense as well.

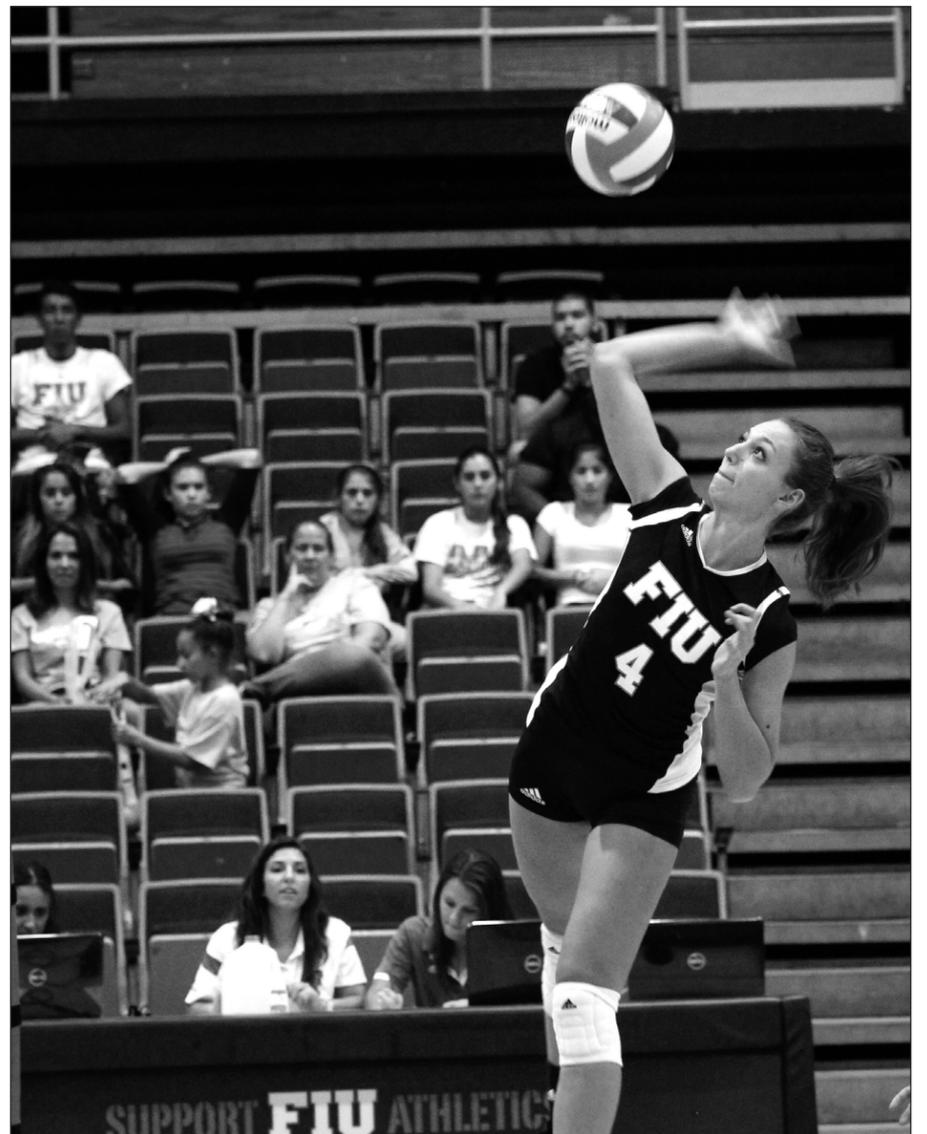
FIU does the same to a certain extent with their own junior outside hitter Lucia Castro. Recently, with some lineup changes

the coaching staff has put Castro more to the front so she can focus more on offense. Even though their game styles are slightly different, it is going to be a great matchup between Castro and Ross.

The following game is against University of Southern Mississippi on Sunday, Oct. 19, at 1 p.m. They have a conference record of 4-2 and sit two spots ahead of FIU in fifth place in the standings. Compared to MTSU on a three-game losing streak, the Golden Eagles have won their past three games and they will be riding that momentum into the match against the Panthers.

Southern Mississippi has an impressive overall record of 15-8 and they play well on the road as they have a solid 4-4 away record. As a team, the Golden Eagles have performed at a high rate compared to their opponents. They have outscored their opponents by a large margin of 1133 to 870. On the defensive side, they have recorded more digs with 1192 compared to 956 recorded by their opponents.

The Golden Eagles commit very little errors. Without many errors and a strong defense, it leads other teams to commit errors USM takes advantage of. The Golden Eagles so far have had their opponents commit 97 errors. For FIU to come out on top, they must limit the amount of mistakes they do and set the tone of the



BRIAN TRUJILLO/ THE BEACON

Freshman middle blocker Gloria Levorin spikes the ball at the game against Western Kentucky University. FIU will play Middle Tennessee on Friday, Oct. 17.

match early to keep USM off their game. This task can be difficult for the Panthers due to having a lot of youth in the starting lineup and with youth, mistakes are expected to happen.

Expect this game to have many players heavily

involved for FIU as every game from here on out is practically a must win game. If they win, they gain ground to be one spot closer to Southern Mississippi and possibly pass them. If the Panthers are victorious in the next two home matches, they

will be in a very good position as top five in the Conference USA standings. Top eight teams make it to the tournament so things are finally looking bright for the team as they spent the first half of the season constantly losing.

## SGC-BBC appoint new positions and budgets

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Earlier this week, the Student Government Council appointed new positions and budgets for upcoming events.

The SGC at the Biscayne Bay Campus named a new press secretary and graduate senator after discussing upcoming events during their meeting on Monday, Oct. 13.

SGC-BBC is planning an event for Student Government Association alumni to network with current members before the LXV Lounge Homecoming Dance, taking place Friday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m.

They mentioned the Homecoming Parade at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus on Saturday, Oct. 18 will have T-shirts, sunglasses and beach balls as giveaways.

SGC-BBC also approved a \$1,200 budget for catering at the Meet Your Dean event on Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 2 p.m. in the Wolfe University Center Ballrooms, which will include vegetarian options.

Jeffrey Berson, president of the Kiwanis Club of North Miami Beach, proposed an alignment with the SGA to recruit students to form a Circle K International club at the University.

The CKI club will have students meet and attend district conventions throughout the year.

Members will get an opportunity to engage with elementary, middle and high school students in paired reading sessions and to distribute school supplies to those in need.

"It's about leadership. It's about giving back to the community," Berson said. "It's about networking, because you never know who you're going to meet in the future."

## CRAFTING CULTURE



NATALIE REYES/THE BEACON

Oscar Ramirez, a senior in secondary education, and Rojihanne Avin English, a junior studying education, paint crafts at the Día de la Artesanía on Monday, Oct. 6.

Candidates were interviewed for the council positions of press secretary and graduate senator.

The council asked candidates for press secretary on their experience in the fields of social media and advertising.

Valeria Ocampo, junior biology student and now press secretary, said student input is not often heard by SGA, but is key in changing the asso-

ciation's reach. "I think it's important to not only create links, but also interact with others," Ocampo said.

SGA-BBC asked graduate senator candidates on their availability and what their future goals for the association's involvement are.

Kai Chen, international graduate student and elected graduate senator, thinks working with SGA is essential in the development of leadership

skills.

Chen was also appointed as a member of the finance committee.

"The SGA is a young and passionate team," said Chen. "It's the ideal place to build my confidence and have an opportunity to work with current student leaders."

Meetings are held on Mondays at 3:30 p.m. in WUC 221.

## Tamiami Pool to host alumni meet for Panthers

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The Women's Swimming and Diving team will be hosting their alumni meet at the Tamiami Pool Saturday, Oct. 18, at 11 a.m.

The Homecoming Alumni Intrasquad meet will consist of friendly competition for the Panthers who will be swimming against former students.

The undergraduate swimming team will aim for strong results.

Two teams from the undergraduate roster, made weeks prior to the event, were determined by their abilities.

Based on their expertise they were distributed to either team, having someone of similar skill being placed on the

opposite team.

This may not have been aimed for fairness, but to gain a true sense of competition.

Alumni will also have another chance to swim and dive in the pool they trained in.

The Intrasquad meet goes hand-in-hand with Homecoming festivities, falling between the Homecoming Parade on Saturday Oct. 18 at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus and stiff competition at the Homecoming football game following the parade.

The event, previously held at Biscayne Bay Campus Aquatics Center, will be hosted at Tamiami Pool near MMC.

The next competition is Saturday, Oct. 25 in Lakeland, Florida against Florida Southern College. A starting time has not been determined.



JEFFERY PIERRE/THE BEACON

Freshman Skye Carey lines up for the 200 backstroke during the season opener against Florida Atlantic University on Saturday, Oct. 4.

## Panther forecasts upcoming costume climate

### FASHION & STYLE



REBEKAH KEIDA

Andy Batista, a junior majoring in Physics wants to paint his body gold for Halloween.

"I would call myself 'Golden Boy' or 'The Statue of David,' perhaps," Batista said.

As Halloween rears its horrifying head upon us, it seems appropriate to ask: what will you do for Halloween?

I took to the Biscayne Bay Campus to find out.

Freshman Addina Hibbert hopes to show off her costume on campus.

"I was actually planning on being a cat," Hibbert said. "I was going to paint my face and have a little pink nose and whiskers. I also want to make cat ears."

A surprising majority of students named Party City and Michaels as their Halloween

go-to costume stores.

Sophia Sanchez, a senior studying public relations and marketing, seemed unfazed about the upcoming holiday.

"I'm in a sorority so a lot of the Greeks throw different parties each night. I will probably be a vampire, like every year, put some contacts in, two fangs and call it a day."

Sanchez said she is glad that Halloween has gotten away from the gore, at least for the students that she knows. It has actually become more humorous, less horror show.

"It's in style to dress up like a loofah," Sanchez said sarcastically. "I have a feeling my friends are going to do that."

The "loofah" Sanchez is referring to, is the bright colored shower accessory that many depend on for exfoliation. This is not to be confused with "luffa" which is a sponge used for the same purpose but of a natural color and not nearly as exciting to dress up as.

That being said, modern day Halloween represents a rare opportunity to use fashion to express an alter ego without facing ridicule or judgment from society.

Miami Beach's Joey Rolon is a king of costumes. Store Owner, fashion designer, and stylist to the stars, Rolon has around 150 custom orders for this Halloween. He says the rock 'n' roll look is the most coveted for Friday, Oct. 31.

"They want to be a rock star for the night," Rolon said. He also said his shop, Funky Sexy Couture, specializes in the look.

"What the artists are wearing right now in videos is exactly what my clients order. They want to look like Katy Perry or they want to look like Britney Spears. They want to replicate different artists' most iconic looks."

Rolon admits that he is too exhausted by the end of the Halloween rush to even dress up. He credits his training in merchandising and styling for his good taste and ability to create cool

ensembles for those lacking his talents.

"I always tell them what direction to focus in and guide them towards a specific style."

Rolon says the second most requested costume from Funky Sexy Couture is Lady Gaga. Think big glasses that cover the face, space costumes and the egg outfit. He said it can get as weird as the client is willing to push it—and he loves that.

"What's cool about what we do is you don't need to spend a million dollars to have a cool look. Just a single accessory can create a costume that is unique."

For Rolon, the scariest part about Halloween night is bumping into someone that is wearing the same costume. To avoid this, he suggests getting creative and shopping beyond the Halloween superstores.

"I refuse to buy the bag costumes. School girl is so corny."