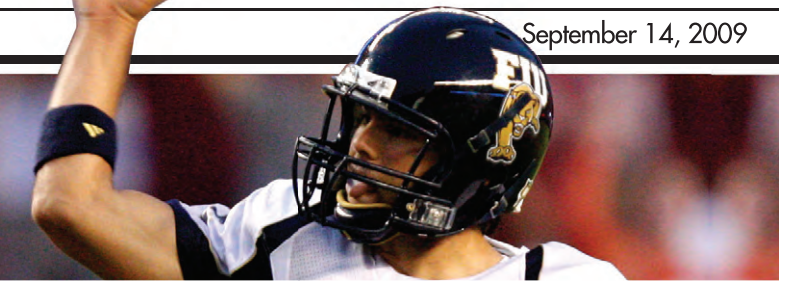


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French Club, Sept. 15, 3:30 p.m. Enjoy a movie by the very unique film makers of France. Event will be held in GC 140 and is free.

Shelly Berg Trio, Sept. 16, 9 p.m. Enjoy a performance by the world-renowned performers. Event will be held at Van Dyke Cafe and is free.

New Comics on the Block, Sept. 17, 8:30 p.m. Laugh your worries away with this night of comedy.

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Rosenberg addresses key issues

In his first board address, president details goals

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In his first address to the Board of Trustees, University President Mark B. Rosenberg reiterated the need to become more engaged with the local community, as well

as becoming a student-centered university.

Rosenberg, the University's fifth president, addressed the 13-member council and audience members inside the Football Stadium Club at a BOT meeting on Sept. 11.

The newly-installed

president called for FIU students to be ready to compete in a global economy.

"We are recognizing as we go forward that our students have to compete in a knowledge economy that is characterized by extreme competition," Rosenberg said. "We must be ready to compete both globally and locally."

Rosenberg then gave a Powerpoint presentation,

detailing the three areas he plans to focus on during his presidency: access, quality and sustainability, an issue he says "continually challenges us."

Rosenberg's contract calls for an annual goal setting course for his administration prior to Oct. 15.

Since there will not be a board meeting in October, Rosenberg is scheduled to

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New bus shelters generate revenue

MEENA RUPANI
Staff Writer

Amid budget reductions, another change came to the University in an effort to generate revenue.

New bus shelters are being built and since they offer space for businesses to advertise, the University will generate some profit from this change.

The bus shelters are a result of a partnership between the University and MSSmedia.

"FIU's growing transportation system in combination with budget constraints led the University to explore its options with MSSmedia," said Amy Sherman, the marketing coordinator at MSSmedia.

The Office of Business Services managed the negotiations with MSSmedia. The person in charge was Gregory Bryant, assistant director for business services.

There have been two new bus shelters added to the Modesto Maidique Campus and one to the Engineering Center.

"Plans for two FIU branded bus shelters at the Biscayne Bay Campus are pending construction for this fiscal year," Bryant said.

According to Bryant, MSSmedia had the experience that FIU needed when it came to improving the University's transportation.

Currently, MSSmedia has contracts with twelve universities in the United States.

In Florida, FIU will be the second

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WELCOME TO MIAMI



ALEX GARCIA/THE BEACON

I'M IN FIU ... TRICK: Chart topping artist LMFAO performed to more than 1,000 people outside the FIJ House on Sept. 9.

SGA

Effectiveness of special elections still debated

FRANCISCO MARADIAGA
Staff Writer

The University Wide Council created the Proud Panther Program Award and set new deadlines for revisions in the finance codes and the constitution.

The Sept. 9 meeting marked the second time the Biscayne Bay and Modesto Maidique campuses' student governments have come together after canceling their August meeting.

One issue that was left over from the last UWC meeting was the status of the elections committee.

Created in July, the committee was entrusted with studying the effectiveness of special elections held in the Spring semester.

It had been suggested by student government members and advisors in the last meeting that special elections should be done away with because the lack of student participation did

“Special elections are coming upon us ... I motion that we force [the senates] to create special elections committees.”

Anthony Rionda
President, SGC-MMC

not justify the money and time put into running the elections.

Senate leaders from both campuses informed the UWC

that not much had been done with this initiative.

"Special elections are coming upon us," Student Government Council-MMC

President Anthony Rionda reminded the council. "I motion that we force [the senates] to create special elections committees."

The motion was passed unanimously. Rionda told Student Media that the motion was done out of "motivation" to the senates and not as a condemnation.

SGC-MMC Senate Speaker Pro-Tempore Daniela Gonzalez told

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NEWS FLASH

FIU

Structures and Construction Laboratory receives donation from Titan America

Titan America LLC, a prominent manufacturer of concrete and building materials, presented the University with a \$250,000 donation for the Structures and Construction Laboratory. The money will ultimately amount to \$500,000 with state matching funds.

According to a release by the college, the laboratory, a part of the University's College of Engineering and Computing, tests large-scale construction materials to measure their code compliance and product development.

The University will rename the laboratory the Titan America Structures and Construction Testing Laboratory as a result.

LOCAL

Cell phone use banned on school zones

During a meeting regarding the budget, commissioners passed a bill banning text messaging in Miami's school zones.

The bill, which passed on Sept. 10, will prohibit the use of cell phones and smart phones while driving through school zones.

According to *The Miami Herald*, it is the first such ban in the state.

– Compiled by Jorge Valens

CORRECTIONS

On the Sept. 11 issue, in the article titled "Campus Life fair showcases clubs to get students involved," Elvia Brazil is not the president of On Point Poetry, she is the SOC representative of that club; the president is Ana Pierre-Louis.

The Beacon will gladly change any errors. Call our MMC office at 305-348-2709 or BBC at 305-919-4722.

MSSmedia alleviates budget cuts

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university; the other one is the University of Central Florida, in Orlando.

"With the help of FIU business services and parking and transportation, MSSmedia designed, manufactured, delivered and installed 5 free, customized bus shelters for FIU," Sherman said.

FIU will participate in the company's revenue sharing program, which allocates a percentage of the advertising profits each quarter directly to the University.

Since the bus shelters allow businesses to advertise on all sides, the University will receive 5 percent of the ad revenue.

According to the MSSmedia Web site, the revenue sharing program is certain to alleviate the budgetary concerns of a university.



CHRIS GREEN/THE BEACON

NEW ON CAMPUS: There are new bus shelter at both Modesto Maidique Campus and the Engineering Center. New ones for Biscayne Bay Campus are on the way.

"Business services will coordinate the build-out of the shelters and manage the contract as a whole," Bryant said.

According to Sherman

and Bryant, FIU's partnership with MSSmedia is currently contracted to last five years but the contract can be renewed at any time, if need be.

"For now, future shelters beyond those additions have not been scheduled," Bryant said.

Programs get spared from being cut

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deliver his goals in the next full board meeting on Nov. 20.

Rosenberg told Student Media his goals will be consistent with the three areas of focus he's mentioned repeatedly.

"These goals will focus on the financial issues, the academic issues, research and creative engagement issues, so they're going to pivot around what you've seen in "Hit the Ground Running" [Rosenberg's Acceptance Speech]," said Rosenberg in an interview with Student Media.

"It's very important we

enhance our private fundraising; it's very important that we improve our student graduation rates; it's very important we link out student activities to local interests. And it's very important to engage our local community," he added.

Rosenberg added that Provost Douglas Wartzok is in the process of working with faculty to produce position papers dealing with these issues.

The reports will be ready on Sept. 17.

In his first address to the board, new Chief Financial Officer Ken Jessel gave a bleak picture of Florida's economy and its effect on the University.

"When you are talking about budgets, sometimes you are talking about reductions, sometimes you are talking about advancement and there is never enough to do the things that we would like to do, that we need to do," he said. "But we are committed within the budget constraints to do the best job we can for the students, faculty, staff and community."

According to Jessel, the operating budget for 2009-2010, which was approved by the BOT in June, included \$28 million in reductions.

This was not the only reduction the University has faced in the past 5 years.

"It seems as if we have had more reduction years than advancement years," Jessel said.

Jessel, who earned a Ph.D. in finance from Florida State University, also talked about the decreasing state general revenue, which ultimately determines if the state will have enough money to fund public universities.

Factors such as decreasing population growth, unemployment that is higher than the U.S. average and less consumer confidence affect the state's general revenue.

Yet, Rosenberg was undeterred.

"We've been through this before, those of us who love Florida understand that it goes through these 'booms and bust' cycles and we are going through one of those," Rosenberg said in an interview with Student Media. "Out of these cycles come great opportunities."

"Jessel understands this financial situation; he and I have spent a lot of time in Tallahassee understanding this financial situation," said Rosenberg, who before becoming president was head of the Florida Public University System.

Rosenberg also said more money will be spent on infrastructure for the University in order to better serve the student body.

"We currently have \$220 million dollars reserved over the next four years in new infrastructure spending, so you'll be seeing a lot more development soon," he said. "But our student needs are insatiable and we know we have to do better ... particularly in the area of service to our students, that's very important."

While the operating budget was discussed, the board did not discuss the future of four popular degree programs which were spared from being cut during the last full board meeting.

During the June 12 meeting, the trustees unanimously voted to allow the administration, until the next board meeting, to present an

alternative budget that would allow the programs to survive, as well as give former President Modesto Maidique and Rosenberg time to look for donors for the programs.

The four programs that were saved were:

Recreational Sport Management, B.S.

Recreational Sport Management, M.S.

Athletic Training Education, M.S.

Religious Studies Program, B.A.

According to Elizabeth Perez, a spokesperson for the Religious Studies Department, the program will have enough funding for the 2009-2010 school year, but next fall the programs will be put up to vote once again.

"It all depends on our fundraising effort," Perez said.

The department is looking for an important boost from the Dalai Lama, who will be visiting FIU in the spring to raise funds for the program.

Back in June, the Tibetan spiritual leader donated \$100,000 to the department and even wrote a letter to then-President Maidique to keep the program.

So far, the board has not received a response on the fate of the four programs.

"The administration is still working on those programs," said new BOT Chairman Albert Dotson. "We have not gotten a definitive answer on those yet ... they are still being looked at by the administration and when they bring something to us, we will take a look at it."

According to Dotson, he is not sure when the report by administration will be ready.

Dotson replaced former Chairman David Parker.

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New program rewards student involvement

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Student Media that she also did not see the motion as a lambasting of the senate's effort.

Pressed on the senate's delay of the initiative, Gonzalez said that sometimes in the senate an issue is resolved fast, and sometimes not so much.

The Proud Panther Program Committee was created in the UWC meeting. Envisioned by Rionda as a way of rewarding involvement, the committee will reward student participation as well as faculty and staff cooperation.

Both senates will be given the power to give out "certificates or pins" in recognition of service. A more detailed vision is surely to come when the committee is actually formulated.

One of the goals of the Rionda administration has been to foster student involvement.

The UWC also passed a

motion that would change the date the judicial branch must give recommendations to the UWC on changes and improvements to the Student Government Association constitution.

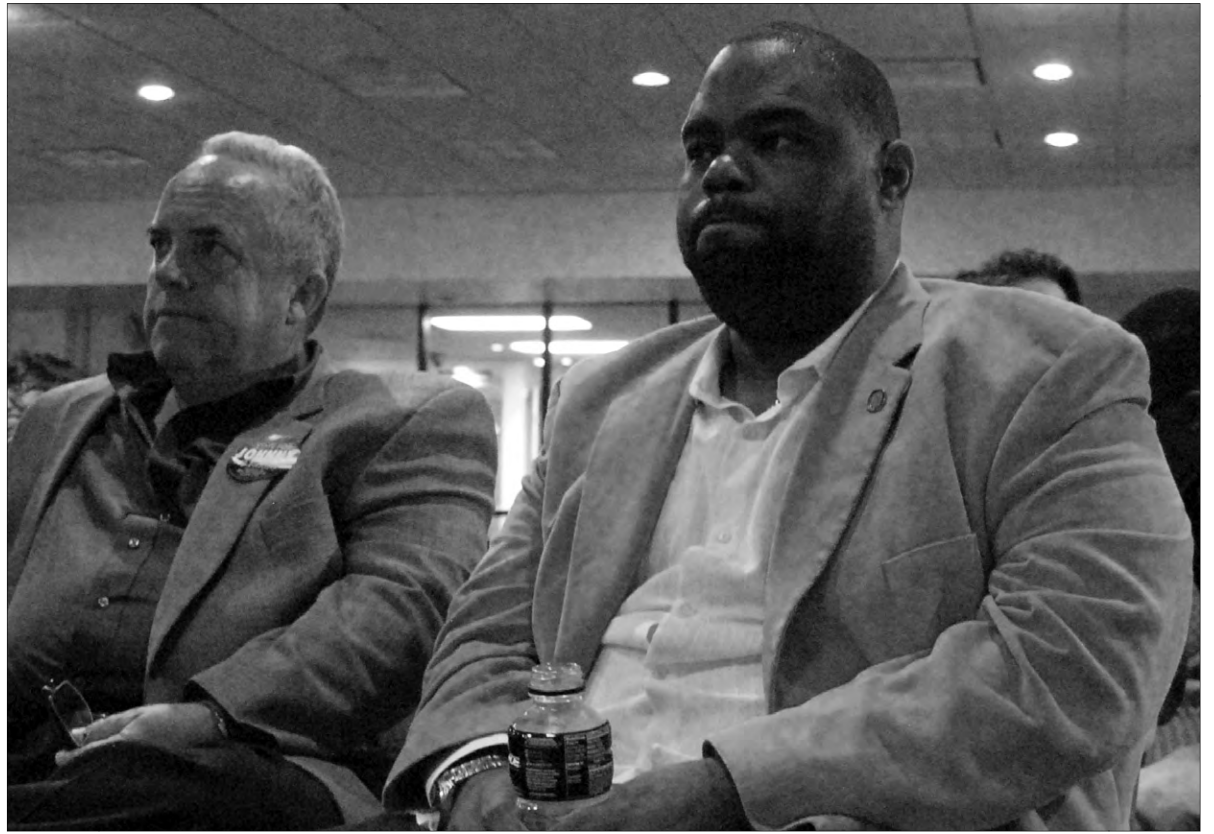
"FIU Constitution Day," as the constitution declared it, was to be held on Sept. 17. However, it will be pushed back to January. No date was specified as the new "FIU Constitution Day" was "deferred by one semester."

The recommendation for this move was proposed by the judicial branch from both campuses.

"A couple of weeks is not enough time," said SGC-MMC Chief Justice Juan Gil. The process would involve combing the entire document for mistakes or inefficiencies, come up with recommended fixes and then present them.

The judicial branch has already found no reference to Robert's Rules of Order, a set of procedural guides, in the current constitution.

EVERYONE'S WATCHING



ALEX GARCIA/THE BEACON

FOCUSED: Carlos Alvarez (left) and Dwight Bullard, Florida House Representative (right) attended a watch party to listen President Obama's address to Congress in the Graham Center hosted by the College Democrats on Sept 9.

The previous version of the constitution explicitly mentioned Robert's Rules of Order in Article Two, Section C. It mentioned any issues of parliamentary procedure not specifically addressed within the SGA constitution or the SGC bylaws would defer to

the RRO as the authority.

The chief justices from both campuses told Student Media that there is no real problem with not having RRO mentioned, but that it helps with how efficiently meetings run.

As of printing time, the

old constitution is up on the SGA Web site in its form section instead of the current version.

Sholom Neistein, SGC-BBC president, was not available for comment despite several attempts.

A deadline, set for next

month's UWC meeting, was passed to have the University Wide Finance Code ready. The finance codes are procedures SGA must follow in the implementing of Activities and Services fee funds.

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SILENT PRAYER



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REMEMBRANCE: The Rev. Danny Loffredo from the Miami Shores Presbyterian Church leads students and faculty in a moment of silence and prayer for the victims of 9/11. The vigil was part of Involvement Week's Festival of Faith in Panther Square on Sept. 11.

Health Center open house offers freebies to students

STEPHANY ESQUENAZI
Contributing Writer

The Health Care Center is lost - that's because most students don't know where to find it. But the center will host an open house to let them know where it's located and what services it offers.

According to Pamela McGuinness, a registered nurse at the clinic, an ongoing outreach program indicated that a lot of students didn't know where the clinic was, which is why the center hosts an open house at this time each year.

The open house will take place Sept. 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Wellness Center at the Biscayne Bay Campus.

There will be giveaways, such as tampons and tooth brushes. Free pizza and salad will also be served.

More than 100 students, faculty, staff and campus visitors attend the event every year, McGuinness said. The center's goal is to increase that number and encourage students to use their free services, which include high blood pressure screenings, preventative health examinations, family-planning consultations, and medical exams for illnesses and injuries.

Though the event has been held for the past nine years, McGuinness said, no matter how many freebies are given, the turnout is the same each year.

"There's always been the question of 'should we do it?'" McGuinness said, referring to the unchanging turnout despite efforts to attract more students.

The services at the fair will be offered by the University, participating hospitals and local universities, such as Barry University, which will bring a podiatrist from its School of Podiatric Medicine.

The Aventura Hospital will provide a nutritionist and give students personal-diet consultations.

Everyone on campus will be able to

take advantage of free massages, which are also offered throughout the semester at the BBC Fitness Center. The massages will be given by Shari Little, a certified massage therapist at the Wellness Center.

The free massages will be offered on a first come, first served basis, so students need to sign up as soon as they get there. Each student will receive 10 minutes of complete relaxation.

There will also be a session for diagnosing computer fatigue. According to Elvira Velez, director of health administration at the clinic, a nurse practitioner will go through a series of procedures, like measuring how close students sit to a computer screen. The nurse practitioner will also assess if students are sitting with proper postures, and will provide them with suggestions to improve their conditions, if any.

Even though the event has been advertised with posters and pamphlets highlighting the center's services, some people don't feel the need to attend.

"I always feel like it is such a long walk," said Skyler Wolland, a senior psychology major.

But some students who are new to the University feel that visiting the center will be beneficial.

"It's awesome that they do this," said Aldo Perez, an undecided freshman major. "The fact that the Health and Wellness Center is on campus makes it really convenient, especially because I will learn a lot of information."

Everyone from the center will be at the event, so students will have plenty of people to talk to about their health concerns, McGuinness said.

"[The students] will find out where we are, so in case they really need us, they'll know where to go," she said.

Schools offer financial help

Students encouraged to apply for scholarships

JULIAN PINHEIRO
Staff Writer

As a result of economic hard times, many students at the University are in desperate need of financial help. Fortunately, there are plenty of scholarship opportunities available.

According to the University's scholarship Web site, students must meet the following requirements for all scholarships:

- Full admission to the University
- Have and maintain a 3.0 GPA
- Be full-time undergraduate students taking at least 12 credits, or graduate students taking nine credits
- Write a personal essay about educational goals and how the scholarship would help meet those goals
- Two letters of recommendation, one from a professor and another from an employer, supervisor or professional that can affirm the student's academic abilities

For students in the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, there are many scholarships to choose from, including a financial award for participating in the South Beach Wine and Food Festival, held every spring.

The South Beach Wine and Food Festival, an event that showcases the culinary and hospitality skills of HM students and invites celebrity chefs, has generated more than \$3,500 in scholarship money, according to Jessica Siskind, senior director of development at HM.

"The amount of money [dispersed] is based on the amount of hours they [students] worked and how much they are involved in the festival," said Mohammad A. Qureshi, the assistant dean of facilities and administration.

HM's main priority is to financially assist their students.

"Providing scholarships is very important to the school," Siskind said.

Those interested in applying for scholarships within the school must submit their applications by the first week of the semester, according to Virginia R. Rogers, budget manager in HM.

Students in the School of Nursing and Health Science can apply for the Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Florida Nursing Scholarship. To be eligible, applicants must be graduate nursing students with at least a 3.0 GPA.

Nursing students can also apply for the Hedy Blanchard Nursing Scholarship. To be eligible, applicants must be undergraduate students, demonstrate economic need and have at least a 3.0 GPA.

The deadlines for all the nursing scholarships are sometime in January, according to Luis Bohorquez, secretary for admissions and student services for the School of Nursing and Health Sciences.

All scholarships in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication have been awarded for the fall and spring semesters, except for the Castor Advertising Corporation Scholarship.

According to its applica-

tion, students must: be enrolled full-time, be fully-admitted advertising majors during the award period, U.S. citizens or permanent residents, juniors or seniors with a cumulative GPA of 3.0, demonstrate financial need, and submit a five-page type-written essay on "Advertising and the Hispanic Market." The scholarship will provide \$2,500 for the academic year, and the deadline to apply is Sept. 18.

To date, no one has applied for the scholarship.

"We were really surprised by the low number of applicants," said Sarah Anderson, senior secretary for the office of student services at the SJMC. "It's strange, with the need of today for funds, that not enough people are applying."

There are also scholarships available for undergraduate and graduate students in the College of Business Administration.

One scholarship is the Business Ethics Scholarship. Applicants must be undergraduate students, U.S. citizens or permanent residents, and have documented community service hours.

The scholarship will award \$5000, and students are able to apply throughout the whole year.

Additional business scholarships will be available sometime this January. Students can apply for all the scholarships, but will only be awarded one.

"Students need to be involved, read their e-mails and get familiar with the [scholarship] Web site," said Anezka Martinez-Rios, coordinator for administrative services at the College of Business Administration.

For more information, visit the schools' Web sites, or www.fiu.edu/scholarships

STUDENT LIFE

BISCAYNE BAY CAMPUS

"Erasing Hate" discussion on campus

The Office of Campus Life and Orientation will present "Erasing Hate: A Community Discussion," on Sept. 15 from 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in room 155 at the Wolfe University Center.

The lecture is free to students, and lunch will be provided.

For more information, call 305.919.5804

Mega Career Week

The Office of Career Services will host a Mega Career Week, from Sept. 14 to Sept. 18. Informational sessions will take place everyday, with topics such as resume writing, interviewing skills and job search strategies.

Lectures will be held in WUC 255 at BBC, room 230 at the Graham Center at MMC, and room 2780 at the Engineering Center.

For more information, call 305.919.5770 (BBC), 305.348.2423 (MMC), or 305.348.1281 (EC).

Networking Mixer

The Student Organizations Council will host its first annual networking mixer, "Mix n Mingle," Sept. 15 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in WUC Ballroom A. Students should wear business casual attire for a meet-and-greet with members from different clubs and organizations on campus. It is free to students, and snacks and refreshments will be provided.

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THE BEACON | Editorial *Students should remain aware of FIU's hazing policy before going Greek*

For many students, membership in a Greek organization can be a highly rewarding experience. Members often point to the bonds they form in such groups such as lifelong friendships and they consider membership an important part of the college experience.

However, as incoming freshmen go through the recruitment process, which begins for fraternities this week and began for sororities two weeks ago, it is important that they consider both the benefits and drawbacks of membership in such organizations. More importantly, it is vital that they understand both University rules and state law regarding the practice of hazing.

While every fraternity, sorority or other student organization is required to sign a form declaring that their group will not haze, it is still important that students remain aware that the practice is strictly prohibited. After all, while both underage drinking and driving over the speed limit are illegal, some college students have been known to engage in such unsavory activities.

So it sometimes is with hazing. In Nebraska, for instance, a student was convicted Sept. 11 for hazing prospective members of his fraternity at the University of Nebraska. The person allegedly assisted in forcing underage students to drink a noxious mixture of Tobasco sauce and vodka, causing them to vomit.

Sadly, there have been other incidents in the past, some of which have resulted in deaths. Thankfully, FIU has largely avoided such tragedies. However, students must remain aware of the rules to ensure that this trend of largely avoiding hazing scandals continues.

According to FIU rules, organizations may not degrade, demean, physically or verbally abuse their members. The hazing rules include specifics as well; no student may be forced to consume any substance or perform any physical activity, nor may they be forced to run other members' personal errands.

Embarrassing or demeaning nicknames are also forbidden. Overall, the rules state that students may not be forced to do anything they feel uncomfortable with.

Since Greek organizations encourage a quasi-familial bond, students may sometimes feel pressured to do things they might not otherwise do. After all, most people would do anything for their "brother" or "sister." According to University rules, however, the lure of creating such a potential bond does not allow any representative of a student organization, Greek or otherwise, to exert undue pressure on any student.

Students who experience such improper treatment should report such behavior immediately and or cease spending time with the group in question.

At FIU, students who undergo the recruitment process should feel confident that the University and its organizations have all taken a public position against and fully prohibit hazing.

Nevertheless, students should be aware of their rights as well.

Concurrently, officers of all student organizations need to remain committed to ensuring that events like those at the University of Nebraska never occur at FIU.

The fine line between stereotypes and racism Assumptions aren't always bad

GANAVYA DORAISWAMY
Contributing Writer

"You people segregate yourself," said my psychology professor. As much as I respect the fact that said educator must have had to intensely observe the human condition for a long time to get tenure, I'm going to have to question the validity of this statement when the entire Asian race was referred to as "you people" (coupled with an exasperated expression).

I don't think my "people" – Indians – ever had time to give a decent counter-argument to this, considering the fact that we're far too busy performing yogic headstands, sacrificing goats, worshipping cows, solving calculus problems for fun, being valedictorians, being socially awkward, being oppressed, being terrorists, crying over A-minuses, charming snakes and planning the arranged marriages we're forced into.

We don't all sound like Jackie Chan and we don't all work at Kwik-E-Marts or have a Ph.D. like Apu Nahasapeemapetilan from "The Simpsons." Our names might be just as hard to spell, though.

Stereotyping is defined as an oversimplification of a culture, race or class. Even

though there's a negative connotation attached to it, it's not always bad. We just have to know the difference between being offensive and considerate.

FIU takes pride in being one of the most diverse schools in the nation. Don't

Stereotyping isn't being racist until the stereotype becomes an obstacle in someone's life.

you think it's good practice to become tolerant of all sides of the human psyche now, before you unintentionally insult your bisexual immigrant CEO?

Stereotyping isn't being racist until the stereotype becomes an obstacle in someone's life.

I don't think your friend would be offended if you assumed they danced well because they're Hispanic, but they probably wouldn't be as happy when you asked them if they're an illegal immigrant who just learned English.

Obama's address to students invokes controversy

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It was around 15 minutes of captivity for the children.

Students of our country, who have yet to find their skills, their passions and their personalities were welcomed back to school through a nationally broadcast speech spoken by the president himself.

From that high school gymnasium, President Obama spoke to everyone: from the young kindergartners to the seniors sitting on the cusp of adulthood and every student in between.

And the students listened, nodded and giggled toward the suggestion of not spending "every waking hour in front of the TV or with that Xbox."

The speech was a plea for the children to find their skills, talents and loves. And throughout the duration of the president's speech no children threw shoes at the television set, nor did any high-schooler disrupt the assembly to shout, "You lie!"

But there's another side to the story – the outrage that a man standing as a political foe would

go after the thing most near and dear to them: their children.

Some parents saw this as an act of tyranny encroaching the harmony of their household: President Obama meeting with their children in the classroom – the one place their parents can't protect them from.

Several members of the

nation of the youth. Greer said, "As the father of four children, I am absolutely appalled that taxpayer dollars are being used to spread President Obama's socialist ideology."

So if Obama is guilty of pulling a *Clockwork Orange* on the young and impressionable souls of our school system, what

"I don't see what's wrong with him coming and talking to the kids, trying to give them responsibility and direct them in the right way," said an 11-year-old attending Pines Middle School.

In fact, some students found more political divisiveness in the criticism than they did with the speech.

"I don't think it was politics," a senior at Miami Beach Senior High told *The Miami Herald*. "It was something positive. It was him talking from his heart."

President Obama was not political in his speech. The children did not see politics. I didn't really see it, either.

Unless you think it's wrong for the President to say, "I expect you to put your best effort into everything you do. I expect great things from each of you. So don't let us down – don't let your family or your country or yourself down" – then that's your problem.

Did the children learn something? Maybe they did, maybe not. Regardless I think it's time we look at our children; maybe it's time we Americans learn something from them.

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Miami-Dade School Board like Marta Perez felt the president had gone too far.

"To force students to sit in a classroom where it's easy to get students because they're in school, because it's a captive audience, and to even send out lesson plans – it's reminiscent of totalitarian governments like Castro," Perez said.

Florida GOP Chairman Jim Greer also released a statement against Obama using yours and my taxpayer dollars for indoctrina-

tion about when Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush addressed school children during their presidential terms?

I didn't see anything wrong with what they said, so how does Obama telling kids to challenge themselves in the classroom make it any different? It doesn't.

Mr. Greer and Mrs. Perez, you have some explaining to do.

But let's talk about the children.

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WINNER/LOSER



President Obama, in an oratorical feat, spoke for 25 minutes on the merit of a public health option. The president gave pause only to breathe and to make sure the House of Representatives was still awake.



S.C. Rep. Joe Wilson made a name for himself during President Obama's healthcare speech when Wilson shouted "You lie!" Wilson has since apologized to the president, but not to his mother, because she raised him better than that.

OPINIONPIECE

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The current national poverty rate in the U.S., a .7 percent increase from 2008.

FISTFULS OF TECH

BECAUSE I CAN

Netflix's online streaming service struggles to deliver quality titles

I hear the phrase “just because you can, doesn’t mean you should” pretty often and I try to apply that to as many things as I can, particularly my diet.

However, no matter how hard I try, I can’t seem to apply it to Netflix’s online video streaming service.

The service has been around for a while and had its humble beginnings, much like any other great piece of software, as a beta program for the Windows operating system.

Since the service went mainstream in 2008, it has expanded from a small program to something much more. Netflix’s “Watch Instantly” feature has become the go-to argument for those who think physical media, like Sony’s Blu-Ray technology, will be trampled by high definition video streaming

services and, to an extent, this is true.

As of now, the service is out of beta for both Windows and Mac, and is now available on a handful of Blu-Ray players.

One of its most notable accolades occurred recently, when the company signed on with Microsoft to exclusively support the Xbox 360 gaming console, a move that looks to use HD streaming as a way to compete with Sony’s Playstation 3 and its excellent Blu-Ray support.

As far as the technology is involved, Netflix’s online service is great. Depending on your internet speed, the service will stream any of its available titles straight to your TV in high definition.

There is a catch though: most of those titles are complete garbage.

Currently the service fails to maintain a consistent library of good content. Popular TV shows like “Heroes” and some movies are usually available to stream instantly – but only for a limited time.

Netflix is much like a \$3.99 buffet located in the tail end of an aging strip mall.

It doesn’t cost that much, and you’re likely to find a few tasty dishes, but, in the end, you’ll leave feeling bloated and wonder why you ate there in the first place. The only difference is you’ll be back for more.

Though the service is littered with terrible content (like low-budget documentaries and the entire catalog of “Larry the Cable Guy”) that hasn’t stopped me from exploring Netflix’s online content. It’s this “simply because I can” attitude that has led me to loving every bit of this service no matter how shockingly awful some of the

movies on it are.

The idea behind this whole system outweighs the terrible movies that currently reside on it. Netflix has shown us that the concept of streaming high definition content on demand anywhere with an internet connection can happen, and it can work well.

The idea of not having any physical media is a daunting one, and a few years ago I couldn’t see myself thinking that my endless DVD collection would be replaced by some set-top box and an internet connection. But, as Bob Dylan wisely said, “the times they are a-changin’.”

Some argue that the Blu-Ray format is the ultimate in sound and video quality. But, as the amount of bandwidth that end users have access to increases, there is no reason HD content can’t catch up to that quality.

Depending on the internet

speed, HD videos are currently being streamed at “slightly better than DVD quality” according to a review of the service written by the popular tech blog, Gizmodo.

One thing to note is that Netflix is expanding its instant view library daily. It has secured the rights to stream content aired on premium cable movie channels like Starz, and continues to add great movies – both old and new.

The revolution of streaming content began with YouTube and will ultimately end with 100 percent of all television and film content being available for instant viewing over the internet.

A few years from now when our TVs are connected to internet modems rather than satellite dishes or cable boxes, we will be looking at Netflix as one of the pioneers behind our new TV experience.

COLUMNIST



JORGE VALENS

INTERVIEW

Comedian Minhaj helps welcome students back to campus

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Contributing Writer

When Mohammed Oosman, director for the Student Programming Council, saw online videos of Los Angeles based comedian Hasan Minhaj, he knew that the act would be successful in the agenda of FIU’s Week of Welcome program. A two-time finalist for NBC’s “Standup for Diversity,” Minhaj will be performing at FIU, among other universities, as part of NBC’s prestigious National College Touring Company.

After ending the three-hour-long performance in front of a full house, Minhaj was interviewed over dinner at FIU’s Fresh Foods by Student Media staff. The 2008 Sierra Mist’s “Best Comic Standing” winner was surprisingly warm and unintimidating.

“He’s only around our age,” Oosman said. “But he seems very mature and easy to talk to.”

Q: Did you always want to be a stand-up comedian?

A: I wanted to grow up and be an NBA player. Not kidding. That’s all I wanted, more than anything in the world.

Q: When did you decide comedy was your career path?

A: Hoop dreams died when, well,

when I couldn’t make the high school basketball team, and was cut year after year. A friend of mine showed me a Chris Rock DVD called *Never Scared*, and that’s when I knew I wanted to try standup. I started doing open mics. I kept writing and it just grew from there.

Q: When was your big break?

A: It was gradual. I think it was when I first started getting paid to work at major clubs at San Francisco. That’s when I realized that I could maybe start doing comedy full time, and really transition it into being a full-time comedian.

Q: Is there anything you have to say to our aspiring comedians here at FIU?

A: Write and perform, as much as you can. That’s it. Nothing else can replace stage time. Watch the comedians you like and figure out what it is that you like about them.

Try to see what gives them their unique voice and perspective, and then focus on your unique voice and perspective. Stand-ups do well when the audience – even if they don’t agree with you – respects what you’re saying.

Q: We’re a very diverse population here at FIU. How do you deal

with being politically correct, both on and off stage?

A: I try not to say or tweet anything racist. If that does slip out and it offends anyone, I just defriend them on Twitter.

Q: How did your experiences at your university affect you?

A: I actually didn’t get to spend that much time at my university. My goal was to graduate as quickly as possible, and do stand-up as much as I can.

Q: Anything you’d like to say to your FIU audience?

A: You guys were awesome – such an amazing audience.

Q: How did the organizers treat you?

A: They were super cool. Every picture they took of me was tagged in Facebook, as promised.

Q: What was your favorite moment at FIU?

A: It was watching those two girls [senior Sarah Usman and freshman Sabeena Usman] walk out on the show during my OfficeMax joke.

Q: Do you guys plan on coming back to FIU?

A: If you guys bring me back, I’ll be there!



LINDA LEE/THE BEACON

Multicultural groups share core values

AMANDA BATCHELOR
Staff Writer

If you missed Pan-hellenic sorority recruitment or are not interested in the opportunities offered by the Interfraternal Council's fraternity rush week, you still have a chance to go Greek this year. The members of the National Pan-hellenic Council and the Multicultural Greek Council recruit members all year long.

While all of these organizations were founded upon a certain ethnicity, you do not have to be of that particular race or ethnicity to join, but rather share the same values as the members of the organization. In fact, many students join these organizations because of this reason primarily.

"Alpha Phi Alpha is a fraternity of excellence, and the same morals that I was raised on are what the aims of the fraternity are which are manly deeds, scholarship and love for all mankind. I wanted to surround myself with men that were looking to make a difference in the community and would hold me accountable if I would fall astray," said Ricardo Ramirez, who is Hispanic and a brother of Alpha Phi Alpha, Fraternity Inc.

While many may feel apprehensive about joining an organization where they feel everyone is different than them, many of those who have joined in that circumstance have stated that they actually have benefited from it.

"I actually have not ever felt like I was an outcast, all my brothers and graduate brothers have treated me just like any other. I would say that I'm a little more under the microscope than a regular member but if anything I have gotten more positive attention because I stand out when I do work. Alpha Phi Alpha became interracial in 1954 so there has been 50-plus years of non-African American men joining," Ramirez said.

On the other hand, Estrella Morejon, a senior and journalism major feels like she wouldn't go Greek for the simple reason that she doesn't feel she would have enough time for school and a normal social life while having to be active in any sorority. However, as a Hispanic she feels there may be some benefit from joining a Hispanic sorority.

"I think joining a Hispanic sorority for me would be something positive because I would have people who understand me and have similar issues, and it would work well as a support system," Morejon said.

If you are interested in joining or learning more about one of these organizations, most of them have information sessions or "informationals" coming up at the end of the month.

Both MGC and NPHC want those interested to approach them and come out to their events, support their causes and make an attempt to get to know the current members of their organizations.

Several organizations stated that they let people know about upcoming informationals usually by word of mouth when a student shows interest in their organization.

"I've always been skeptical about joining a fraternity. In the past few years while attending Miami-Dade College, I considered the possibility of going greek once I got to FIU, but I didn't have a clear understanding of what a fraternity is all about. I am going to an informational at the end of the month – I won't say which one – and I've looked a little bit into other fraternities as well, so maybe I will go to another organization's informational at some point and see what they're all about," said Kevin Rojas, a junior and criminal justice major.

"At the end of the day, I'm looking for a fraternity where I can do some good and maybe make a difference. Stay tuned."

Longtime art professor holds colleagues, students in high regard

NATALIE LEVY
Staff Writer

Anyone who has ever managed to wander out to the sculpture and ceramics compound across the street from the baseball stadium probably knows who R.F. Buckley is. Standing at 6 feet 5 inches tall, he's very hard to miss. He has been teaching and sculpting at FIU for 32 years.



BUCKLEY

After teaching for seven years at Washington University in St. Louis, he came to FIU and hasn't left since.

"It was a totally different place. We worked on the ol' buddy system, everybody knew everybody. And everybody was new and young and excited. On the other hand, we didn't have anything. We were working on shoestrings," he said.

Down at the sculpture building, which was originally built by the CIA, Professor Buckley is constantly building, experimenting, working

with aluminum, plaster and glass. It's no surprise when talking to him that he went into one of the most physically demanding fields in the art world, that his inclination toward sculpting came in part from his upbringing.

There was a "tendency in the family," said Buckley. He grew up with two older brothers involved in art, one who graduated from art school. His grandfather was a blacksmith, his father a machinist.

"Genetically, what kind of choices did I have? I'm a very tactile person. I relate to materials."

What might strike you most when talking with Buckley isn't his height, it isn't the increasingly straightforward manner about him, or even the cut-in-half sneaker he's taken to wearing while healing from foot surgery, it's what he says – about his job, his art, his students and his school.

"I've just had a great time. I've been here a long while and it's

been nice because the University has supported my creativity, it's not always like that. They respect my time, like the whole art department has been respected. That's why so many of us are still here."

By most people's standards, Prof. Buckley is not the cuddliest man in the world.

In interviews and in the classroom, he doesn't sugar coat his criticisms. Yet his blunt nature shouldn't be mistaken for discontent. He is a man who truly loves his job.

"There are too many people who are just miserable with their jobs and, boy, that has never been the case for me. I could have fallen into some real snake pits, hell on wheels, but I feel really blessed that I got the opportunity to make my art here with a bunch of people who are just enjoyable to work with. I don't think there's anyone on the art faculty that doesn't enjoy coming here in the morning. They've taken good care of me here, I'll try to take good care of them," Buckley said.



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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

MONDAY, SEPT. 14

PREKSHA MEDITATION



Get centered with this club meeting!

WHEN: 4 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 314

BAHAMIAN STUDENT ORGANIZATION

Bahamian culture is the name of the game.

WHEN: 3 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 340

MUSLIM STUDENTS ASSOC.



Celebrate Ramadan with friends!
WHEN: 6 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC Cafeteria

CARIBBEAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Network with fellow students by playing Speed Friends at this event!

WHEN: 7 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 243

COLLEGE DEMOCRATS



The topic of politics is not off-limits at this meeting.

WHEN: 7 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 314

MARY JANE MONDAYS

Mellow out with music and ambience.

WHEN: 10 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: Jazid

TUESDAY, SEPT. 15

FRENCH CLUB



Enjoy a movie by the very unique film makers of France

WHEN: 3:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 140

FINE ARTS STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Find peers that express themselves through the arts!

WHEN: 3:45 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 305

BLACK STUDENT UNION

Where pride and friendship collide!

WHEN: 8 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC Ballroom

CAMPUS BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Show your devotion and socialize

WHEN: 7:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 1235

AFROBETA SESSIONS



Catch this electro-funk duo at this event!

WHEN: 11 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: Jazid

STUDENT OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Suffering from burn-out? Come here to regroup.

WHEN: 12 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 314

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16

GSA GENERAL MEETING



Graduate students discuss success with this meeting.

WHEN: 1 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 150

ALPHA PHI ALPHA BLOOD DRIVE

Donate and save a life at this blood drive.

WHEN: All Day
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: Outside GC

FREE CUBA FOUNDATION RECRUITMENT

Sign up and make a change!

WHEN: 10 a.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC Table 36

UNICEF @ FIU

Be a part of a charitable cause at this meeting!

WHEN: 5 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 314

BLACK GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOC.

Come here to discuss opportunities for advancement

WHEN: 12:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 140

SHELLY BERG TRIO



Enjoy a performance by the world-renowned performers.

WHEN: 9 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: Van Dyke Cafe

THURSDAY, SEPT. 17

DANCE MARATHON



Movin' and groovin' for a good cause.

WHEN: 2:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 314

ITALIAN CLUB GENERAL MEETING

Meet other colorful personalities at this event!

WHEN: 3 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 340

NO BRANER



Join these DJs for an early start to the weekend!

WHEN: 10 p.m.
HOW MUCH: \$5
WHERE: PS 14

NATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE CLUB

Trade places with your peers.

WHEN: 3:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 140

NEW COMICS ON THE BLOCK



Laugh your worries away tonight!

WHEN: 8:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: Miami Improv

COLOMBIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION

WHEN: 7 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 316

-Mariana Ochoa

To have your event featured, e-mail mariana.ochoa@fiusm.com

Bevy of activities planned for rush week

AMANDA BATCHELOR
Staff Writer

If you are a male student looking for some fun, while also gaining or extending leadership, athletic and other skills, joining a fraternity might be a perfect fit for you.

The Interfraternity Council's rush week will start Sept. 14 and end Sept. 18.

Each day, these fraternities will have separate events, some on and some off campus.

You may choose which events you would like to go to, and you can go to as many different fraternities' events as you would like. Choose wisely because many of the events are around the same time.

The previous week these fraternities will be tabling in the Graham Center and passing out fliers of their events for the week.

The fraternities in IFC are Beta Theta Pi, Lambda Chi Alpha, Delta Lambda Phi, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Sigma Kappa, Pi Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Alpha Mu, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and Tau Kappa Epsilon. They hold rush week in the fall, spring and summer.

Some of the fraternity events are Pi Kappa Alpha's Pig Roast on Sept. 14 at 8 p.m., which will be held at the PIKE house.

"This is a great opportunity to meet our gentlemen in a casual atmosphere as well as take a tour of the house," said Daniel Ybanez, vice president of recruitment for Pi Kappa Alpha.

Beta Theta Pi will host a barbecue Sept. 14 in the Betty Chapman Plaza from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. They will also have a laser tag event Sept. 15 from 9 p.m. to 12 p.m. in front of the GC Ballrooms.

Each fraternity will have events similar to these throughout the week up until Friday.

Lambda Chi Alpha will be hosting a Niteglow Paint Party from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Housing Quad. On Tuesday they will be hosting a chili cook-off at the same time in the same location.

Most fraternities suggest coming to as many events as possible for the one fraternity that you are especially interested in, so more brothers are able to meet you.

This way you will be more likely to receive a bid into becoming a pledge for that fraternity and, eventually, get initiated after learning more about the brotherhood and participating in things such as community service events.

As a pledge you will also participate in fun activities, like sorority mixers.

There are also fraternities who are members of the Multicultural Greek Council and National Pan-Hellenic Council.

Most of these organizations recruit members all year long, and they will also be tabling the first few weeks of school, so you will be able to talk with brothers in person.

If you are interested in learning more about any of these fraternities or any others that are members of IFC, MGC, or NPHC, visit www.fiu.edu/~greeks where you can read a little bit about each fraternity, view pictures and get linked to their local Web site and see what they're all about.

Disclaimer: The Beacon does not endorse any Greek organization and the aforementioned events were chosen by the author.

FIU ARTS PREVIEW

Upcoming preview to showcase University's premiere arts events

NATALIE LEVY
Staff Writer

On Sept. 23, *The Beacon* will release its Fall arts preview. Here is a brief rundown of a few of the events you can read about in that issue, and attend later this semester.

SONIA FLEW

A play by Melinda Lopez, directed by Jennifer Smith, *Sonia Flew* will run Sept. 24 until Oct. 4 at 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and at 2 p.m. on Sundays.

"Sonia has been hiding a secret while living quietly as a wife and mother in a Midwestern suburb until her son suddenly triggers the memories of her past and her painful recollections are forced to resurface.

"Sonia has spent her life trying to forget what her parents did to her, holding on to an unforgiving resentment against them. Now as a parent, Sonia can begin to understand why they did what they did," according to the theater department.

The play stars Victoria Collado as Sonia and David Gallegos as Daniel. Tickets are \$12 for general admission and \$8 for seniors, FIU faculty, staff, alumni and students.

CMENC BENEFIT CONCERT (OCT. 2)

This concert for "The Grant for Music in Need" was created by the students of the Collegiate Music Educators National Conference.

The FIU chapter has been named a Chapter of Excellence in a conference that consists of 130,000 members. The FIU chapter is one of three to be given such a title.

The concert will play at the Wertheim

Performing Arts Center Concert Hall at 8 p.m. So far, CMENC has given away about \$2,500 for instruments to local elementary schools.

THE 23RD ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE TREES (NOV. 12)

This year's Festival of the Trees, presented by FIU Interior Design, will be held in the Coverings Showroom, north of the Miami Design District at 6:30 p.m. The festival features various creatively designed holiday trees by several different artists.

The Festival of the Trees attracts hundreds of guests every year, who, in addition to bidding in a silent auction for trees, have the opportunity to vote on the winning entry.

Tickets will be \$45 and go on sale Sept. 1. For more information on the Festival of the Trees call (305) 348-0496.

MASTER'S MYSTERY ART SHOW (DEC. 3)

Presented by the FIU College of Architecture and the Arts, this year's MMAS will take place at the Ritz-Carlton South Beach and features more than 1,500 original postcards created by hundreds of artists from around the world.

Each 6-by-9 card is sold at \$50 a piece, regardless of who the artist is and it is not until the end of the event that the artist is revealed. Organized to benefit the Master of Fine Arts in Visual Arts program at FIU, the MMAS first took place in 2004 with 1,000 pieces by more than 500 artists and celebrities and raised \$20,000.

The 2009 edition promises to be bigger and better. For more information call (305) 348-0496 or visit www.mastersmystery.com.

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BREAKING AWAY: Steven Jair Cabas controls the ball and runs passed defenders.

MEN'S SOCCER: STETSON 3, FIU 2

First half goals put team in hole; comeback falls short

ANA DIAZ
Contributing Writer

Entering this season, the Golden Panthers men's soccer team had 10 new players added to the roster. But before their matchup vs. the Stetson Hatters, Coach Munga Eketebi had to make some unexpected changes to the roster.

"What did not help were the injuries," Eketebi said. "We had to change the lineup right before kick off."

He set up the lineup with only two substitutions at bench.

"We are in a tough situation, we are realistically playing with 12 healthy players, we have guys that are hurt that have to play because they don't have a choice," Eketebi said.

The Golden Panthers have been losing starting players and it has created chaos for the team. With a thin roster, Stetson defeated FIU 3-2 on Sept. 11 at FIU Stadium.

Right before the game, defender Anthony Hobbs suffered an injury leaving the team to make last minute changes in their lineup.

During the first half, Stetson's senior forward Griffin Gilstrap scored in the first seven minutes of the game.

The Hatters had a 2-0 at the half. In the 64th minute, Sebastian Frings put the Golden Panthers on the board with an unassisted goal. Stetson then followed it up with a goal a minute after to make the score 3-1.

"We had guys in different positions, we weren't able to cope with the change at first. We stepped it up during the second half after the half time speech," Frings said. "We woke up and stepped it up, and we decided to put more pressure as comparison to the first half. We were pressuring back and a bit lost. Then we got more confidence and pushed more on their side of the half and we then counter-attacked and got some goals."

With just eight minutes left in the game, defender Marcos Deoliveira made the score 3-2 with a header which came his way after a missed penalty kick by Diego Tamburus.

"Once they gave me space I just took advantage of it. I just met the ball and put it in the net," Deoliveira said.

He and the rest of the Golden Panthers adjusted rapidly to changes with the last-minute lineup in the second half.

"We picked up once we were able to do a quick one, two in the middle, regardless of their speed against us."

Frings tried hard to set a positive outlook on the scoreboard for his team.

"I tried to change the results to win the game in the end, at least tie. As a team we wanted to do something, but we just didn't watch the other team, we were watching ourselves and if you do not watch the other team then you will get scored on."

Regardless of Hobbs' unexpected injury, Frings believes that the team could have attacked more.

"Anthony Hobbs is a very important player to us, when he's not there it just does not feel as safe in the defense. It is not just defense that makes the team, it's everyone," he said.

Even though the team is going through multiple obstacles, the Golden Panthers as a team pulled it together in the second half by scoring two goals against the Hatters.

In the last 10 minutes, multiple shots on goals were made by Christian Dominguez and the Golden Panthers had 10 saves.

"But, hey, at the end of the day we have to learn how to deal with it; that is part of the game," Eketebi said. "I just hope they get healthy soon."

Season opener vs. Alabama serves as confidence booster

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Perry's first carry of the season. The realists looked like genius.

But then things started to turn around a bit.

On third and 21, Paul McCall hit a streaking Greg Ellingson for a 46-yard first down.

You started to see a little bit of why Alabama head coach Nick Saban said he wasn't confident coming into this week. FIU went three and out upon coming back from the timeout, but you saw some chinks in the No. 4 team's armor.

CONFIDENCE

Football is a game where confidence plays a big part. You have to be confident that the guy next to you will hit his gap, stay on his assignment, or hold his block, because if you can't be confident in that, there's no point in doing your job, because you are going to get embarrassed by the guy across from you anyway.

But once confidence starts building, it perpetuates itself. The guy next to you picks you up on a play you miss, and you start to truly believe in your team. No amount of pre-game film studying or fiery speeches can compare to the confidence of knowing you can hold your own against anyone.

When the Crimson Tide went down the field again and scored on their next possession, FIU's main playmaker did what he does best. T.Y. Hilton told his teammates, "Don't worry, this one's on me" and then proceeded to take the ensuing kick off to the house for the second kickoff return touchdown of his career. A player like T.Y. can help a team build confidence in a hurry.

Even though Alabama scored again on its third drive, the defense once again stood up in the red zone and kept them to three. Now FIU had a chance to take the lead against one of the best teams in the country.

In front of 92,012 screaming Bear Bryant disciples, quarterback Paul McCall calmly took

his team down the field showing poise in the face of a massive pass rush from Alabama's equally massive defensive line. McCall took his shots and completed five passes on the drive, capped by a 9-yard touchdown pass to Ellingson, his third in his last five games dating back to last season.

At a time when FIU should have been falling apart, they came together to take a stunning 14-13 lead, helped in part by a costly third down pass interference by Alabama.

Remember what a realist you were before the game?

That went completely out of the window. You started to believe maybe FIU could pull off easily the biggest win in program history and one of the biggest upsets in recent college football history.

SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO

Of course, FIU ended up losing by 26 points, and was pretty much completely dominated from the beginning of the second half on. The realist in you was right, of course. But confidence doesn't stop building just because your opponent started to impose its massive will.

FIU wasn't going to win this game, but to be able to come out in the first half and give all Alabama could handle for 30 minutes is a huge confidence booster.

Coach Mario Cristobal might not believe in paying lip service to moral victories, but every single player on the FIU sidelines saw before their eyes that they could play in one of the toughest environments in college football against one of the best teams and more than hold their own.

That has to count for something. Going into next week's matchup against Rutgers, FIU will be ready to walk into the newly renovated Rutgers Stadium and give another BCS team all it can handle. Maybe this time a more confident FIU will be able to pull off the upset they flirted ever so briefly with in Tuscaloosa.

No matter what happens, this realist's view of this team is starting to change for the better.

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Louisiana-Lafayette	-	2-0	1.000	W2
Arkansas State	-	1-1	.500	L1
North Texas	-	1-1	.500	L1
Middle Tennessee	-	1-1	.500	W1
ULM	-	1-1	.500	L1
FIU	-	0-1	.000	L1
FAU	-	0-1	.000	L1
Troy	-	0-2	.000	L2
Western Kentucky	-	0-2	.000	L2

*All records up to date as of Sept. 13

BOXSCORE

	FIU	ALABAMA
First Downs	13	26
Rushes-Yards	26-1	42-275
Passing	213	241
Comp-Att-Int	18-38-1	18-24-0
Return Yards	185	30
Punts Avg.	8-47.4	3-43.0
Penalties-Yards	8-54	7-65
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	28:22	31:38

RUSHING — FIU: Mallary 3-13, Younger 2-12, Perry 9-5, Hilton 1-0 **ASU:** Richardson 15-118, Grant 6-69, Ingram 10-56, Goode 4-24

PASSING — FIU: McCall 16-32-0-189, Younger 2-6-1-24 **ULL:** McElroy 18-24-0-241

RECEIVING — FIU: Ellingson 5-92, Hilton 5-40, Perry 3-14, Frierson 2-22, Anderson 1-23 **ULL:** McCoy 5-100, Ingram 4-47, Richardson 2-23, Earl Alexander 2-20

Hilton sparks team with return; Ellingson makes key receptions

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led by Trent Richardson, who finished with 119 yards on 15 carries. Richardson was helped by Ingram, Terry Grant, Demetrius Goode and Roy Upchurch, a group of backs who helped Alabama finish with an average of 6.5 yards per carry.

Alabama quarterback Greg McElroy passed for 241 yards and a touchdown and at one point had 14 straight completions, a Crimson Tide record. Golden Panthers' quarterback Paul McCall threw for 189 yards and a touchdown, but relentless pressure from the Crimson Tide defense helped hold the FIU offense scoreless in the second half.

"It's nice to put up point against a defense like that," McCall said. "Three quarters of a game is not going to do it. You don't get to many opportunities to play the No. 4 team in the nation and actually get shots like they gave us tonight."

After Alabama kicked a field goal and McElroy hit Mike McCoy on a 24-yard touchdown reception on consecutive possessions to start the game, the Golden Panthers scored for the first time

this season with the player that scored the first touchdown in 2008.

T.Y. Hilton took a Leigh Tiffin kickoff 96 yards for a score after being touched only once as he sped down the field to silence the 92,012 fans at Bryant-Denny. The return set the stage for a solid second quarter in which the Golden Panthers controlled the time of possession (9:37) and even took a 14-13 lead over No. 4 Alabama.

To start the second quarter, FIU engineered an eight-play, 60-yard drive to take a 14-13 lead after a 9-yard touchdown toss from McCall to Greg Ellingson. McCall was 8-for-13 in the quarter. In the key drive, McCall hit Hilton on a screen that went 25 yards on a crucial third down.

Alabama responded quickly, however.

Another long strike to McCoy set up a goal line push by Ingram for a touchdown as the Crimson Tide took a 20-14 lead.

It was the second half when the Tide began to roll and FIU could no longer move the ball on offense.

PRESSURE

McCall was sacked five times on the game and hurried many others.

In the second half, the Crimson Tide relied on defensive tackles Terrance Cody, Marcell Dareus, and Lorenzo Washington to step up their pressure on the FIU signal caller.

"That's my fault, my eyes came down from the coverage and I was looking at things I didn't need to look at," McCall said. "That's inexcusable, and it hurt the team tonight."

McCall also noted that the push was more intense from Alabama's defensive line, one that FIU coach Mario Cristobal said came out in the second half playing a lot better.

"They were doing a better job getting to him," Cristobal said. "They were doing a good job at bringing an extra guy underneath in the box and playing the run game as well."

The Golden Panthers had just 56 rushing yards on offense, and could not regain the momentum they attained in the second period.

"We can play with the big dogs," wide receiver Greg Ellingson said. "But today they executed better than we did."

No. 22 FSU hands FIU only loss during home opener

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two of her team-best 17 kills to give the Golden Panthers another 26-24 set victory.

The third set saw the Golden Panthers begin to break away from the Hurricanes.

Things were going well until midway through the set, when Rosa injured her hand and had to sit out the rest of the game.

Despite her absence, the rest of the team pushed forward and went on to seal a 25-17 third set victory to complete the sweep of the Hurricanes.

"We stepped up because we decided to play for her," said setter Natalia Valentin, who led the team with 49 assists. "It's hard not to have that in mind on the court, because she's the heart of this team, but our team stepped up."

FIU 3, ALBANY 1

The Golden Panthers remained undefeated at home with a four-set win over the Albany Great Danes Friday to improve their record to 7-1 on Sept. 11 at the U.S. Century Bank Arena.

FIU got off to a fast start

and never looked back on their way to a 25-17 first set win.

The Great Danes came out firing in the second set and were able to gain an early edge in the set after a flat start by FIU.

"I think we could have beat them in three," said outside hitter Isadora Rangel. "I think we were too comfortable and in the second set they came back."

Tomic tried to get her team back in the game and not let them become complacent.

"I told them 'I expect you to come and play like you played the first set,'" Tomic said. "We relaxed and we can't do that."

The Great Danes competed for a while, but FIU proved to be too much as they rolled to a crucial 25-14 third set victory.

Both FIU and Albany kept the fourth set close early, but the Golden Panthers manufactured a sizable lead as the set wore on and the Great Danes were unable to recover.

FSU 3, FIU 1

The Golden Panthers (7-2) ended their otherwise successful weekend on a sour note on Sept. 12 night at

We made so many unforced errors. You can't beat teams like FSU making so many unforced errors, starting with serving.

Danijela Tomic, Coach
Volleyball

home, falling 3-1 in four sets to the No. 22 Florida State Seminoles.

"We lost to a better team tonight. FSU is the better team right now," Tomic said after the loss. "No matter who you play, you can compete and I don't think we did."

Both teams got off to solid starts, but as the first set moved into the later stages, it was the Golden Panthers who held a slight advantage over the Seminoles.

FSU rallied to take the lead late in the set, but the Golden Panthers were able to recover and win the set 26-24 on a kill by Andrea Lakovic.

The Seminoles evened the match with a 25-21 second set victory. FIU couldn't find an answer for Mira Djuric, who led the Seminoles with 16 kills.

In the third set, the Seminoles managed to break through and build an 18-10 lead. The Seminoles stifled

any attempt by FIU to mount a comeback, and took the third set 25-17.

"We showed in the first set that we can beat this team," Valentin said. "You have to play every single point, and we didn't do that tonight."

The Golden Panthers struggled to find a rhythm as the fourth set began and the Seminoles took advantage, jumping out to a 14-5 lead. FIU was never able to recover and dropped the final set 25-12 as Florida State snapped the Golden Panthers' five-game winning streak.

According to Tomic, one of the main issues for the team was the number of errors made throughout the match, including 11 service errors and 25 attack errors.

"We made so many unforced errors," Tomic said. "You can't beat teams like FSU making so many unforced errors, starting with serving."



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STRONG HIT: Outside hitter Olga Vergun attempts a kill against UM. With Yarimar Rosa out of the line-up, Vergun was the team's biggest offensive threat.

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ROLLING RUMBLE: Paul McCall (12) bobbles the first snap against Alabama on Sept. 12 at Tuscaloosa, Ala. He gained 189 yards in the air with one touchdown.

Despite first half lead, Alabama rolls to victory

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Tuscaloosa, Ala. - Alabama running back Mark Ingram endured flu-like symptoms all week leading up to Saturday's matchup against FIU. The reigning Southeastern Conference player of the week could not start the game due to the illness, leaving Alabama without one of its

main explosive offensive players.

The Crimson Tide compensated by turning to a five-man rotation at the position, and ran for nearly 300 yards en route to defeating the Golden Panthers 40-14 on Sept. 12 at Bryant-Denny Stadium.

The punishing attack was

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RUNNING WILD: Trent Richardson runs pass the Golden Panthers defense. Alabama recorded 275 rushing yards.

Golden Panthers give fans hope for strong season

At 6:59 you were a realist. It was too much for a team made up of so many young players to do the impossible.

As Alabama was marching down the field, you knew you were right. The Crimson Tide was imposing its will on a smaller FIU.

And when FIU managed to

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hold them to just a field goal on their first drive, all you thought was, "Well, it's better than a touchdown."

And then came the fumbled snap that pushed the Golden Panthers to their own five. And then there

was a two-yard loss on Darriet

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VOLLEYBALL

Golden Panthers win two out of three; star player injured

JOEL DELGADO
Staff Writer

As soon as the Golden Panthers' volleyball team got their three-time All-American back from a leg injury, Yarimar Rosa dislocated her pinky in the third set of the home opener.

FIU still managed to win two of three games during the FIU/UM Invitational from Sept. 10-12. No. 22 FSU was the only team to defeat FIU during the FIU/UM Invitational.

FIU 3, UM 0

Coach Danijela Tomic had a bittersweet birthday.

The bitter occurred when Tomic's star player, Yarimar Rosa, hurt her pinky in the third set and did not return to the match.

She was escorted off the court with a towel wrapped around her hand.

The sweet came in the form of a 3-0 sweep over cross-town rival UM in front of an announced crowd of 857 fans at the U.S.

Century Bank Arena on Sept. 12.

"I feel sorry for her," Tomic said. "She just came back from her quad injury and started playing, but it's a part of the sport, I guess. What do you say?"

Despite the sweep, the Golden Panthers started off the match struggling as UM jumped out to a 9-3 lead.

"At the beginning it was really stressful for the whole team," senior Olga Vergun said. "It was a big crowd and we were kind of stressed. But then as the game went on we relaxed."

The team fought back, but the Hurricanes managed to hang on to a slim lead for most of the first set.

That changed late in the match when a kill by Vergun put the Golden Panthers ahead 24-23.

Although UM managed to tie, FIU took the first set 26-24.

Rosa, making her first appearance of the season, came up big for FIU and slammed

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