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Afrobeta Sessions, Tuesdays, 11 p.m. Check out this duo every Tuesday night at Jazid. No cover and \$4 kamikazees.

A Night with J.J. Colagrande, September 1, 8 p.m. The Miami native author will read selections from his latest book *Headz*, in his first Miami appearance in Books and Books on 265 Aragon Ave.

Cisco Adler & Schwayze, September 2, 8 p.m. The artists will be playing in GL 100. Tickets will be sold for \$30.

Student Day, September 2, 12-3 p.m. The Frost Museum welcomes students back. Free food, giveaways and tours.

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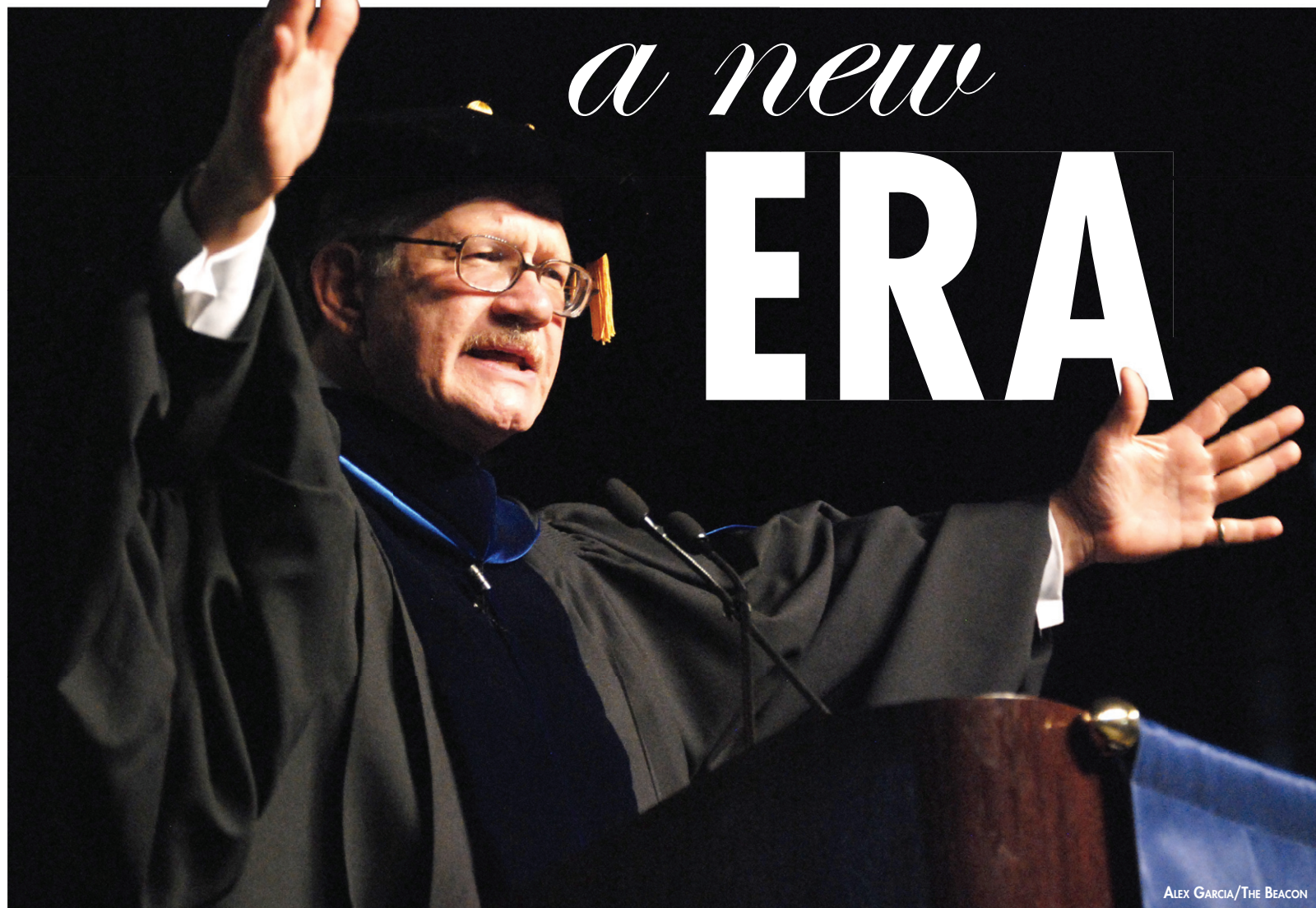
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Rosenberg installed as University president

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While Aug. 3 may have been Maidique's day, Aug. 27 will surely be known as Rosenberg's day.

President Mark B. Rosenberg, who officially began his term on Aug. 3 after a ceremony commemorating the tenure of Modesto Maidique, was installed in a symbolic ceremony as the University's newest president at U.S. Century Bank Arena on Aug. 27.

The installation was part of a series of events on campus meant to honor Rosenberg, FIU's fifth president in its 44 years of existence.

The ceremony began at 10 a.m. with Thomas Breslin, chairman of the Faculty Senate, acting as grand marshal of the ceremony, ushering a procession of delegates from each of the departments within the University.

The procession also included representatives from universities across Florida, such as the University of

Florida, University of Miami and Florida Atlantic University.

"Today is about FIU and the thousands of people who came to campus to celebrate FIU as testimony to what this university is to this community," Rosenberg said in an interview with Student Media. "It is built on the strong legacy of prior presidents and I'm honored to succeed them."

The oath was officially administered by one of Rosenberg's former students, U.S. District Court Judge Cecilia

Altonaga.

"From my very first class, I was enthralled by the subject matter and the energetic style of [Rosenberg]," Altonaga said. "His teaching style was unique, he challenged us to think, his lectures were engaging."

Rosenberg was joined on stage leaders from the local community including David Parker, chairman of the FIU Board of Trustees, Frank T.

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Panther Camp teaches University traditions

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"Wow. I'm still speechless. That's all I can say. Wow."

Freshman Brenda Angomar went to this year's Panther Camp.

"I had no idea what I was getting myself into. I'm not a 'people person' and I don't do emotions but Panther Camp ... man, that's something else," Angomar said.

In the past four years, Panther Camp has grown to become an effective extended orientation program.

Open to the first 240 freshmen that sign up, Panther Camp usually occurs during the last two weeks of Summer term.

The program began "as an attempt to get incoming students excited about attending FIU and provide them with additional support for making a smooth transition to college," said former director of Campus Life and

Orientation, Charlie Andrews, in an e-mail.

"[Panther Camp] made me realize I wasn't alone when I left New York. It was a cure to my homesickness," said Mish Feld, an out-of-state freshman student.

This year, President Anthony Rionda and Vice President Mykaelle Figueiredo of the Student Government Council at Modesto Maidique Campus visited both camps.

"It produces a group of highly spirited and motivated individuals. Panther Camp is excellent exposure and helps create our University's future leaders," Figueiredo said.

University President Mark Rosenberg said, during his speech at the ice-cream social on Aug. 28, that involvement on campus is what he thinks will determine the potential value of FIU.

Campus involvement activities

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CAREER SERVICES

Action plan hones students' career skills

ELSIE PUIG
Staff Writer

Recent college graduates are finding it "increasingly hard to find a job in their field of study," according to Opal Nugent, an international student from Jamaica who recently graduated from FIU.

Fortunately, Nugent will be one of five FIU graduates who will start their career in Deutsche Bank in New York this September, thanks to the Executive Protégé Initiative spearheaded by the University's Career Services.

The EPI is a structured, semester-long

program hoping to fully prepare students for the job market and increase their probability of being hired after graduation.

Nugent cited her decision to participate in EPI as the reason she got recruited for her job a year in advance.

This year, the EPI will be administered in conjunction with the Johnson Scholarship Foundation Career Services Initiative, which seeks to offer students with disabilities better career preparation.

Students who enroll on the free program must attend a certain number of workshops,

which will be given by all Career Services staff, on issues such as resumé writing, professional correspondence, networking, job searching, interviewing and salary negotiations.

Participants of the program will also have the opportunity to be admitted to career fairs 30 minutes before general admission.

Brown Bag Lunch sessions will allow students to listen to insight from company representatives and network with prospective employers. The luncheons will be

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NEWS FLASH

LOCAL

George LeMieux fills chief of staff position

Florida Gov. Charlie Crist has named Chief of Staff George LeMieux to fill the senate seat left vacant by U.S. Sen. Mel Martinez.

According to CBS4, LeMieux was selected on Aug. 28 from a list of nine candidates which included U.S. Rep. Clay Shaw and University of North Florida President and former Jacksonville Mayor John Delaney.

LeMieux will serve the remainder of Martinez's term. Crist has announced a run for the seat in 2010.

NATIONAL

Michael Jackson's death ruled a homicide

A Los Angeles County coroner has declared the death of Michael Jackson a homicide.

According to the report, the cause of death was due to a mixture of drugs, mainly propofol and lorazepam – two powerful anesthetics used during surgery.

According to CNN, Jackson's doctor, Conrad Murray, told investigators that he administered these drugs to treat Jackson for insomnia.

Pre-recorded telemarketing messages officially banned

A ban on "robocalls," telemarketing calls conducted using pre-recorded auto dialers, will go into effect Sept. 1.

According to CNN, the Federal Trade Commission approved the ban in 2008 and will only affect pre-recorded messages.

The FTC continues to encourage the public to sign up for its "do not call" registry, a list of numbers that telemarketers are prohibited to call.

– Compiled by Jorge Valens

University aims to be tech-savvy

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Brogan, the new head of the State University System and Anthony Rionda, president of the Student Government Council at Modesto Maidique Campus.

Elected officials, such as State Representative David Rivera and Lincoln Diaz Balart were also among those in attendance.

Gov. Charlie Crist was slated to speak, but was unable to attend. He instead sent a letter of congratulations that was read during the ceremony.

"Mark has the experience and the determination to preserve FIU's rich legacy and lead the institution into the new era of excellence," Crist said in the written statement.

Among those in attendance were former University Presidents Modesto A. Maidique and Gregory Wolfe.

"There isn't a better person in the world to take over FIU than Mark Rosenberg," Maidique said in an interview with Student Media. "He understands our challenges, he understands our direction, he'll make changes if changes are appropriate, but I see a great future with him."

In his acceptance speech, President Rosenberg promised

to usher in a new era where students are at the center.

"This new era will not be like the last," he said. "There is a great deal of uncertainty now about our economy ... some have lost their nerve and seem to be giving up and giving in."

Rosenberg outlined his platform during his acceptance speech with three major challenges that needed to be addressed during his tenure: access, quality and sustainability.

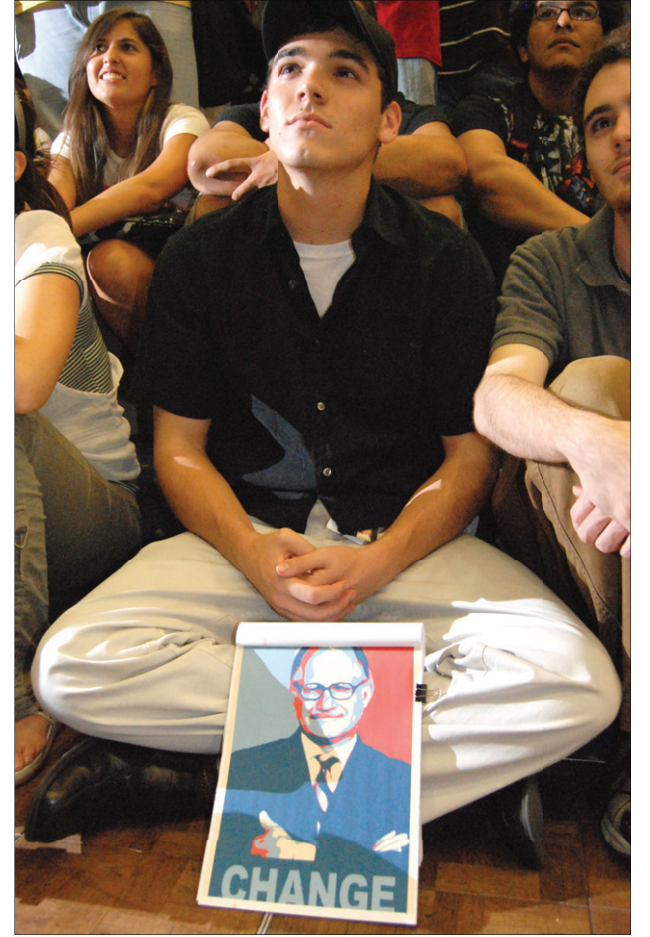
Rosenberg highlighted the need for greater accessibility for "the best and the brightest" students from all parts of the country.

"I pledge that we will double our efforts to ensure that eligible students get as much financial assistance as possible," he said.

In order to ensure a quality education, Rosenberg said that faculty members should be among the best in their profession. He also stressed the need for more modern facilities and laboratories.

Rosenberg made an appeal to the wealthy benefactors in attendance, stressing the importance of their continued financial commitment to the University.

"When you donate to FIU, large or small, you make a



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CAPTIVATED: David Roberts, a business management junior, watched Rosenberg's speech at the ice cream social.

consequential investment in our future," Rosenberg said. "You help turn dreams into realities."

Rosenberg called for FIU to become more tech-savvy and he said that it is important for

the FIU Alumni Association, which currently has 100,000 members, to become the strongest in the state.

"Our alumni are a lifeline for a lifetime," he said. "They are our secret weapon."

Some questions surround past funding

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such as Panther Camp act as a catalyst to the efficiency at which the University matures – and when it comes to University involvement, Panther Camp attendees have an advantage over other students, according to Josh Brandfon, Campus Life coordinator.

There are questions, however, regarding the allocation of seats and therefore, the distribution of this opportunity.

The waiting list for Panther Camp this year was around 100 students and, according to involved alumnus Omar Buchanan, the number of students on the waiting list has been larger than the total capacity of the camp itself.

"Many freshmen that want the opportunity to go to Panther Camp don't get it," Buchanan said. "This isn't fair."

However, Brandfon said that "part of what makes Panther Camp great is the fact that the campers and facilitators get to interact in such a small group setting."

He said he feels that the same could not be accomplished with a group of a few thousand.

Buchanan explained that the money allocated from the Activities and Services fee for Panther Camp comes from every freshman.

"And on top of that, the attending students are asked to pay an amount of \$60," he added.

A sizable amount of the financial need for Panther Camp arises from its location. This year's camp was located near Lake Placid, and last year it was held near Lake Worth, in northern Florida.

"Taking the program off of FIU just for an 'out of Miami element' is preposterous," Buchanan said. "It limits the number of attending students ... Where better to teach them our traditions but right at our own campus?"

According to Buchanan, some of the money allocated for Panther Camp in previous years was "unaccounted for."

Student Media could not obtain a

copy of the Panther Camp's financial documents from previous years.

Typically, nine out of 10 "Panther Campers" consider getting involved on campus a high priority, according to Panther Camp facilitators.

"I didn't go to Panther Camp, but I still think it's a great way to ignite spirit in them," said student leader Sarena Bahad.

"I think it's a great opportunity for people who are shy," said senior and Panhellenic Council president, Dori-Ann Kristina Fernandez, who did not participate in any Panther Camp. "But I took a chance and I broke my shell – and I got the chance to get involved."

Regardless, Panther Camp attendees are still enthusiastic.

"I'd say it changed my life," said Panther Camp Executive Director Andrea Alhadari.

"I would tell you why Panther Camp is so special, but what happens in Panther Camp stays in Panther Camp," Angomar said.

CORRECTIONS

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New initiative helps students get hired

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administered by company representatives from State Farm, Macy's, Target and Norwegian Cruise Lines.

Students will learn about networking, how to impress employers and the art of negotiating.

"Unfortunately, students underutilize our resources, until it becomes absolutely necessary," said Raquel Wright, assistant director

of Career Services. "These are hard times; the economy didn't look the way it looked a couple of years ago."

A mock interview and business etiquette dinner are optional events that the program's coordinators will also be offering.

At the end of the program, there will be an EPI graduation where students will receive certificates of completion.

Nugent said she had put

an increasing amount of preparation into finding a job, but others have been less aggressive.

"I have a friend who studied management information systems and is currently working as a sales representative for a cruise line, I also know people who have decided to go back to school," Nugent said.

"Students have to be more aggressive in their job preparation," Wright added.

Darren Gregory, career coach at Career Services, said that students should be open to relocating to start a job, as jobs are becoming scarce in South Florida.

Gregory found that ineffective résumés are the No. 1 problem among students in the job hunt.

Career Services will be tabling at both campuses from Aug. 24 to Sept. 4; the registration deadline is Sept. 8.

Rosenberg visits campus for first time as president

Plans to personally help students

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The 10th annual Freshman Luau got a jolt from an unexpected guest.

The luau took place Aug. 27, and was Mark Rosenberg's first trip to the Biscayne Bay Campus as the University's new president.

The event, held in the Wolfe University Center's Panther Square, attracted more than 100 students, alumni, faculty and staff, who watched performances from the Islanders Revue from the Mai-Kai Restaurant & Lounge in Fort Lauderdale.

BBC Interim Vice Provost Steven Moll introduced Rosenberg. Before handing the microphone to Rosenberg, Moll briefly talked about his plans for the campus.

His plans include beautifying BBC by adding more trees that are native to South Florida, and conducting more research on campus and around the bay area.

Long term plans for BBC include creating a school focused on the environment and society, and creating a flag garden with bricks

featuring name engravings mainly of alumni.

"We want to get alumni back to the campus," he said. "It is something we have had trouble with in the past."

Though his speech was short, Rosenberg managed to touch on a key subject for universities in the current economic climate.

"This year, we're going to work very hard just to make sure that Tallahassee does not cut our budget any further than it's been cut," Rosenberg said.

He also said he remained optimistic about BBC, and confident that its students will receive a "world class education."

"Our dean of arts and sciences did just announce that this is where we're going to establish our major environmental initiative based on the environmental research center established on this campus," he told *The Beacon*. "I'm really pleased with that, and that's a good way to begin the new year."

Although BBC is a small campus compared to the Modesto Maidique Campus, Rosenberg said BBC has two quality programs that

define it: the School of Journalism and Mass Communication and the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management.

"I think each campus has its strengths and assets. This is a campus that is smaller, more personal and has one-on-one treatment, whereas MMC is larger," Rosenberg said. "[BBC has] a small but strong College of Arts and Sciences, a pretty good library, a world class marine research center and a world class conference center. I can't duplicate that at the other campus."

In his first term as University president, Rosenberg wants to be available to students and be able to help them.

"I work for the students so I'd be happy to sit down and talk with the students. That's what I'm committed to," Rosenberg said.

Rosenberg was also happy to return to an area he still calls home.

"I love the community up here, the natural light and the beautiful buildings," he said.

The event was sponsored by the Office of Campus Life and Orientation, Office of the Vice Provost



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WARM WELCOME: Steven Moll, interim BBC vice provost, greets University President Mark Rosenberg at the Freshman Luau in Panther Square on Aug. 27.

at BBC, Student Alumni Association, Student Government Association, Undergraduate Studies and the Wolfe University Center.

Freshman Adriana Harris said she likes Rosenberg's personal nature.

"He was at the table just sitting with us," Harris said. "At my high school, my principal would have never done that. We're the small campus and he's over here. This says something about him, that he cares about all of FIU."

SGC-BBC sets new goals for the year

Game room, more services promised

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With a list of goals, the Biscayne Bay Campus Student Government Council is ready to make its presence known.

"Students need to know who we are," said Christin "Cici" Battle, SGC-BBC vice president.

During the Summer semester, SGC-BBC members created a list of more than 40 goals. According to Battle, SGC-BBC's main goal is to be recognized around campus and to share information with students.

"Everyone has problems with FIU, but because of the lack of information, they don't get involved to change things," she said.

The problem, according to Battle, is that many students are unaware of how their money is spent and what services the University offers.

Staff members such as Kiela Samuels, SGC-BBC internship coordinator, believes this year's council includes diverse students who are ready to represent the University.

"A collective, unified body can drive the change that we, as students, want and need," said Georgia Bedeau, SGC-BBC chief justice. "How

better to get this, than true interaction with the student body?"

Members will walk around campus introducing themselves to students, who will be able to get further acquainted with the SGC-BBC staff through its Web site, wuc.fiu.edu, which is active but is in the process of being updated, and its Facebook account, which is also under construction.

SGC-BBC plans to incorporate links from the University's colleges and schools to help students find their corresponding SGC-BBC senators.

"We not only represent the students," Bedeau said. "We are the students."

The SGC-BBC administration also plans to incorporate Panther TV to inform students about how tuition money and the Activity and Service fees, which funds the organization, are spent.

"I believe media is a strong component when it comes to governing," said Robert Tassy III, SGC-BBC senator. "We need information to be distributed faster."

The first step toward meeting this goal is to create a monthly video that will distribute information to students. The video will be played continuously in Panther Square.

"SGA needs to make stronger attempts to make this information known to everyone, using whatever mechanism we can get," Tassy said.

To encourage student involvement, the "Chat and Chew" series is being developed and will be led by Tania Williams, SGC-BBC graduate senator. The series is an open forum for all students and will include guest speakers. Dates and place are yet to be determined.

"The university experience should go beyond just paying tuition. It should be pleasant, knowledgeable and beneficial," Williams said.

The staff will also distribute surveys to find out what the students need and want.

"Our main goal is to serve the students," said Battle. "The more information we know, the better we can serve them."

Establishing a second-floor game room and refurbishing the tennis and basketball courts is another goal that Gregory Jean Baptiste, SGC-BBC senator, feels passionate about.

"The whole point of establishing a game room is to provide students with more options when it comes to break," Baptiste said. "If a

student wants to do something more physical, the tennis courts should be available to them, too. It's time we make use of them."

Plans for the game room will be based on student feedback, but it may include a gaming system and a hockey table, according to Baptiste.

Students will also be able to give feedback on the new furniture for the Wolfe University Center. Battle already selected samples of the modern furniture and sofas, and will be set up later in the Fall semester for students to try out.

"If they like it, we will order it," Battle said.

The administration is also working on issuing first-time parking offenders a warning, instead of a \$25 ticket. Nikolay Chikishev, SGC-BBC senator, believes that first-time violators should be addressed with a warning letter mentioning regulations and decal policies.

"This will give students a well-needed break, create a more positive outlook of the University, and actually let them know what not to do in the future," he said.

According to Chikishev, this program will help give students a positive start, instead of frustrating them with unexpected fines.

"The change in the school will be tremendous," Battle said.

Fall Fest fires up

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The carnival is at the Biscayne Bay Campus, and students will get a chance to face their fears at this year's annual Fall Fest.

The Student Programming Council will host several events this week to help kick off the Fall semester. Most activities will take place in Panther Square at the Wolfe University Center from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. every day. All events are free for students and staff, and there will be free food each day with a different theme to match.

"This year's theme is 'Face Your Fears,' and we will have different activities geared toward that," said Alia Silvera, SPC-BBC treasurer.

The festival will be similar to a carnival, and each day there will be a different event that will allow students to conquer their fears. The activities include a rock climbing wall, bungee jumping and electronic surf-boarding. Free food and giveaways will also be offered to students with Panther ID's, according to Melissa Desrameaux, SPC president.

Monday will be "Wild

& Crazy Stunts" day, which will feature electronic surf-boarding in Panther Square. Tuesday will be "Fear Factor: SPC Edition" day, where students will be dared to eat out of dirty-looking diapers or bungee jump in the flag-pole area. On Wednesday, students can participate in inflatable jousting in Panther Square.

There will be a comedy show on Sept. 3, which will take place in the Mary Ann Wolf Theater, and it is free for students.

Non-FIU students must pay a \$5 general admission fee or donate three cans of food, which will go toward the second annual Help Feed Haiti drive. Comedians Damn Fool, Corey Zooman Miller and Jason Anderson will perform. The show begins at 9 p.m. but doors will open at 8 p.m.

On Thursday, students will also be given Chipotle gift cards and can also participate in rock climbing.

The theme for Friday will be "Selfless Acts."

"We will be collecting canned goods all week long for the Feed Haiti drive, and all students are asked to give," said Melissa Binns, SPC vice president.

For more information, call Campus Life at (305) 919-5280.

THE BEACON | Editorial *Athletics continues attracting the wrong kind of publicity in latest snafu*

Universities across the nation often rely on their athletics programs as a key component of their overall image.

Schools that have successful, competitive athletics programs tend to become very notable, and most importantly are the recipient of a lot of attention, both from the media and generous alumni.

However, as of late, FIU Athletics has been the recipient of less than favorable media attention; some of it deserved, and some of it unavoidable.

Currently the FIU basketball team is involved in a situation involving Coaches vs. Cancer, a preseason invitational tournament in which FIU was set to play University of North Carolina. According to the Associated Press, FIU Athletics Director Pete Garcia felt as if the team was “bullied” into playing UNC by the Gazelle Group, the organizers of the event. Garcia originally expected to play the Ohio State Buckeyes, and claims politics to be the reason for the change.

Per the contract Garcia signed with the Gazelle Group in November 2008, the Golden Panthers are contractually obligated to play against either UNC or Ohio State. Garcia is now threatening to boycott the event if his demands are not met.

Why is Athletics boycotting an event to raise money toward cancer research?

Is it fear of embarrassment? FIU faced embarrassment last year when Athletics denied the use of the football field at the last minute to Relay for Life, an event that also raises money for cancer research, citing that the food and drinks served at the event would damage the field. The same field football players drink Gatorade, run with cleats and play tackle football on.

Athletics faced embarrassment again when human resource reports were released to the local media showing that Garcia had a history using profanity asking employees to run personal errands for him, like picking up his dry cleaning. FIU has also received national attention when they announced the elimination of both the cheerleaders and the Golden Panther Marching Band. A recent opinion article in *Sports Illustrated* magazine was quick to note the now empty section made specifically for the marching band in the University’s \$50 million football stadium.

The cutting of the nationally ranked cheerleading program also made waves reaching all the way to the *New York Times*.

When it comes to the current basketball conflict, any publicity is not good publicity. Athletics has a great opportunity in its hands. It will get to play a top tier basketball team, bringing notoriety and media attention to FIU, and help raise money for a good cause – even if they lose.

Sometimes bad publicity is unavoidable, and Athletics is no exception. Zero funding long established programs, such as the cheerleaders, are a necessity when administration are imposing steep budget cuts.

In the game of public relations, it doesn’t matter if you’re right or wrong, it’s all about how you are perceived. But in the end, it’s hard to root for a university that pulls out of a tournament benefitting cancer research.

SGC should be frugal with funds

ERIC FELDMAN
Staff Writer

When an organization needs additional funds for a project, a proposal can be sent to the Student Government Council at Modesto Maidique Campus. But, whether you get a check or a rejection e-mail depends on a number of factors, including the number of students the funds will benefit, as well as how soon the financial impact will be felt.

One project SGC-MMC is allocating funds to is bringing the performance of the Hijabi Monologues, a traveling group that bills itself as giving a voice to Muslim women, to campus.

While there are certainly legitimate uses for this discretionary budget, we must take a serious look at each and every allocation.

In order to bring the Monologues, the Finance Committee is spending \$3,000, or 12 percent of its \$25,000 discretionary budget, which is used to fund causes and programming which benefits the student body. The Monologues were created by three University of Chicago students who, according to a press release, hope to provide “a project for Muslim American women to share their voices through storytelling. Each performance is followed by a workshop intended to inform participants of what the [Monologues are] all about.”

This certainly seems like the type of programming that is in line with the mission of our institution as an “international” university. I cannot object on principle to what seems like a culturally enlightening and engaging experience, but some questions do remain to be asked.

We must consider if 12 percent of a discre-

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tionary budget is too much to spend on a single event, especially in times where money is tight in a lot of offices. We must also consider if FIU is paying a fair amount for the Monologues, considering that they will be performing at other locales, though it seems FIU will be footing the tab for their airfare.

Questions aside, pursuing this project would benefit a decent amount of the student body because anyone interested could presumably attend.

“The Hijabi Monologues performance is going to attract a lot of students,” said Marcos Oyola, Finance Committee chair, in a previous *Beacon* article.

The issue of what money should be allocated gets even murkier when it involves funding small groups of students to go on trips to conferences, because it is hard to extrapolate how much benefit the University will receive from the recognition of these small student groups. SGC-MMC has rejected funding for a number of these requests, including three individuals looking for funds to help finance trips to conferences in Canada, Norway and Switzer-

land; and rightfully so.

Students representing our University at conferences does benefit our overall image, but there are many who want to go on school-sponsored trips and only a finite amount of dollars in the budget.

It doesn’t make sense for the whole student body to foot the bill, especially in the case of one request which asked for \$2,292.97 for travel, hotel and fees.

“We cannot use funds to send one student to a conference,” Oyola said.

SGC-MMC should have stayed on this path instead of giving \$300 to Beta Alpha Psi, a business honor society. This money was given to send the organization’s executive board to a conference within their own organization.

This does benefit the organization and serves our prestigious business school, but most organizations on campus, including fraternities and sororities, cannot receive SGC funding for similar conference endeavors.

It should be the responsibility of the group to budget their resources to provide these opportunities to their members – not SGC.

Healthcare debate is becoming out of control

KATY HUDDLESTUN
Staff Writer

Every day I’m shocked as I turn on the news and witness the misinformed and exaggerated hysteria over healthcare reform. There is significant and substantial debate taking place in Congress over this important issue, but the level to which it has been picked apart and trivialized by the 24-hour news cycle baffles me.

When I see people holding signs bearing the defaced image of President Obama with a Hitler mustache, I’m torn between laughter and nausea, though I usually end up somewhere in between. These ridiculous debacles – called town hall meetings – in which misinformed vigilantes participate in shouting

matches are just one example of the ugly turn this issue has taken.

Revamping an entire healthcare system that has been broken for many years is a complex issue many do not understand – and frankly, I don’t think anyone will until the bill passes and real dialogue can begin.

This is a topic of vital importance that should supersede the political games with which we’ve grown so annoyed.

According to the National Coalition on Healthcare, 46 million people – over 15 percent of the country – go without healthcare annually. This figure does not include the millions of others who opt out of medical care due to being underinsured, which is just as debilitating.

The World Health Organization ranks the United States

as 37th in healthcare quality (internationally), even though we spend more than any other industrialized nation.

I find it hard to believe that the citizens screaming at these meetings and waving obscene signs for news cameras have done the research needed to become truly fearful of the things they claim.

The pinnacle of such unfounded fears come in the form of so-called “death panels,” a supposed group of bureaucrats that will decide who gets priority in life-saving surgeries.

Contrary to popular belief, this process of rationing takes place already through supply and demand. Along with lower-quality care and tax increases, these are all merely talking points from politicians and special interest groups who

currently benefit from the exploitative healthcare system.

While the healthcare bill is not perfect, it can be fine tuned once it reaches the later stages of legislature and is signed into law. Now it is time for us to come together to agree on the necessity of reforming this business of healthcare.

My deepest issues lie not within the media spin or the misinformed masses, but in the basic fact that our country is fighting to keep this system in the hands of profit-driven insurance companies.

When profit is the motive, healing you is not.

This bill should be about people, not about protecting corporate interests – and if we can all just agree on this one thing, we’ve won half the battle.

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QUOTATIONATION

“[Obama]’s looking to get a break from his vacation. Obviously, some things have come up over the course of the week.”

White House Spokesperson Bill Burton, alluding to a senatorial death and healthcare legislation

OPINIONPIECE

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The number of people who die each year as a result of being un- or underinsured according to former Senator Tom Daschle.

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LOOKING UP: The Frost Art Museum features a three-story atrium with a floating stairwell that leads to the nine galleries. The museum opened November 2008.

FROST ART MUSEUM

FINDING SERENITY

Overlooked Frost Museum to feature new exhibit on peace

NATALIE LEVY
 Staff Writer

Ever since the Frost Art Museum opened about a year ago, art students and critics alike have been buzzing. Yet, despite the free admission, the rest of the FIU community has stayed, for the most part, in the dark.

"People have been walking by all morning asking, 'What? There's an art museum here?'" Ximena Gallegos, membership coordinator for the Frost Museum, said while manning the Frost's table in GC. "We'd like to attract more students to come to the museum. We want everyone to come out and support all the wonderful faculty and staff."

This Fall, according to Gallegos, the Frost Art Museum has planned out an ambitious line-up. The main focus of the museum's numerous exhibitions is called "The Missing Peace: Artists Consider the Dalai Lama," an exploration of art as a catalyst for peace.

"It's a season of healing; art providing sessions of meditation

MUSEUM HOURS

MON: Closed
 TUES-SAT: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 SUN: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

and peace for the FIU community," explained Linda Powers, curator of education.

"The Missing Peace" was designed through collaboration between the Committee of 100 for Tibet and the Dalai Lama Foundation, and features new Asian art as well as Asian art from the Frost's permanent collection.

"It's about conflict and turmoil, but also healing," Powers said. "Learning about Buddhism and the different paths it's taken in the world through art."

"The Missing Peace" is such a daunting undertaking that the exhibit alone will take up two-thirds of the museum. The exhibition isn't just limited to art on the walls either; the Frost has invited speakers including

Robert Thurman, author of *Why the Dalai Lama Matters* and father of Uma Thurman, as well as Buddhist monks, to perform a closing ceremony.

"Right now we're shifting our collections around, running with an underlying theme of peace and unity," said Jessica Delgado, communications and marketing manager. "Our artists are from all different places ... The museum is going to be converted into a huge area for peace and understanding."

In an effort to spread the word of its future endeavours, the Frost will also be hosting free yoga to the public on Students Day, Sept. 2. Students Day will be sponsored by Publix, Miami's Best Pizza and New Wave Billiards and will include free music, food and entertainment.

"We're all really looking forward to the events coming up and that's what Students Day is all about," Gallegos said. "It's free! We're trying to push student membership because the museum is here, ultimately, for the students."

THIS WEEK ON AND OFF CAMPUS

MONDAY, AUG. 31

MIAMI SPICE



City-wide festival with discounted gourmet food
 WHEN: 6 a.m.
 HOW MUCH: \$22
 WHERE: Various restaurants throughout Miami-Dade and Broward County

BSO GENERAL MEETING

Where Bahamian students get together and relate
 WHEN: 3 p.m.
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: GL 305

BEAUTY ON THE BEACH



A centennial celebration of swimwear
 WHEN: 6:30 p.m.
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: The Wolfsonian

MUSLIM STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

FIU Muslim students, come and get together
 WHEN: 6 p.m.
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: GC Cafeteria

PREKSHA MEDITATION CLUB



Get centered to kick off the Fall semester with this event
 WHEN: 4:30 p.m.
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: GL 340

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST

WHEN: 9:30 a.m.
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: GC 305

PANTHER RAGE MEETING

WHEN: 2:30 p.m.
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: GL 100

TUESDAY, SEPT. 1

CSO CLUB FAIR

Get involved!
 WHEN: 11 a.m.
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: GC Pit

AFROBETA SESSIONS



Enjoy the music of this electro-funk duo tonight!
 WHEN: 11 p.m.
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: Jazid

MULTI-FAITH COUNCIL MEETING

Where students practice their faith or faiths
 WHEN: 9 a.m.
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: GC 314

FEMALES MEETING

Club meeting
 WHEN: 7 p.m.
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: GC 241

FRENCH CLUB MOVIE

Watch a movie from the country that gave us the unique French New Wave
 WHEN: 3:30 p.m.
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: GC 150

J.J. COLAGRANDE



Enjoy a book reading by this native Miami writer
 WHEN: 8 p.m.
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: Books & Books

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 2

CISCO ADLER & SCHWAYZE



Get crazy with Schwayze
 WHEN: 10 p.m.
 HOW MUCH: \$30
 WHERE: GL 100

CSO CLUB FAIR

Get ready to participate and make connections!
 WHEN: 11 a.m.
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: GC Pit

VENEZUELAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION MEETING

WHEN: 4 p.m.
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: GC 343

BLACK STUDENT UNION

WHEN: 6 p.m.
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: GC 1223

Student Occupational Therapy Association

WHEN: 12 p.m.
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: GC 305

INTERVASITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

WHEN: 9 p.m.
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: GC 340

KRIS RADISH

WHEN: 8 p.m.
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: Books & Books

MIAMI SPICE

Enjoy food from Miami's best restaurants for discounted prices
 WHEN: 12 p.m.
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: Miami-Dade County

THURSDAY, SEPT. 3

THE HARDER THEY COME



Enjoy the musical production of a great Jamaican masterpiece
 WHEN: 8 p.m.
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: Ziff Ballet Opera

ANYTHING GOES ANIME

If you are anime crazy, this is the club for you!
 WHEN: 8 p.m.
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: GC 316

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF COLLEGIATE SCHOLARS



The best and the brightest
 WHEN: 5 p.m.
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: GC 1235

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST

Find other students that share your faith and ideals with this meeting.
 WHEN: 3 p.m.
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: GC 150

CSO CLUB FAIR



Find the club that's right for you today!
 WHEN: 12:30 p.m.
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: GC Pit

ALTERNATIVE BREAKS

WHEN: 6 p.m.
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: GC 241

SALSA KINGS

WHEN: 8 p.m.
 HOW MUCH: Free
 WHERE: GC Gracie's Grill

RESIDENTIAL LIFE!

On-campus sculptures provide plenty of intrigue even after they're gone

NATALIE LEVY
Staff Writer

Situated in a hot bed of intermingling cultures, FIU students are offered a beautiful view: good-looking people, fascinating architecture and, perhaps most importantly, an array of outdoor art.

The most notable sculpture on campus is Marty's Cube, known commonly among students as just "The Cube."

The imposing piece by Tony Rosenthal stands in front of Deuxieme Maison, adjacent to the library. Gifted to the University at large, the Cube has become a staple.

"If you spin the cube before a test, you'll ace it," said freshman Kiara Nydam.

Every semester, around exam week, hoards of students can be seen pushing heartily in hopes that the cube will give them the added edge that sleepless nights and studying hard doesn't quite attend to.

Marty's Cube isn't the only piece that carries its own bit of folklore. "Bus Stop II" consists of a blue director's chair and sits a few yards behind the Ryder Business Building, scenically overlooking one of the many small lakes on Modesto Maidique Campus.

One student mentioned that he had been told during orientation that the sculpture had belonged to Steven Spielberg.

The piece was never actually part of any movie and no, it did not belong to the famous director.

In fact, "Bus Stop II" is on loan to the

University from the Martin Z. Margulies Family Collection.

Art on campus can make a big difference to the student body in general. Pieces that have been pulled from their posts are sorely missed.

"Man," a sculpture by Isamu Noguchi, was an extremely large, tan, phallic piece that stood between DM and the Charles Perry building until it seemed to just disappear in the Fall of 2007.

Senior Jennifer Schafer remembers, "Right before they took it away, they wrapped it in a plastic tarp. I thought it was just a statement on safe-sex, not that they were taking it away."

Travis Carlisle, also a senior, added, "When they took it away I was pretty upset. I really liked it, it gave our campus character."

"I never got to see it but I wish I did. I heard people thought it was too provocative, so it was just taken away," said junior Kyle Jahn.

In actuality, "Man", which is also owned by the Martin Z. Margulies Family Collection, was pulled to be housed in the collection Warehouse.

When the Warehouse was built a few years ago, 16 of the campus sculptures at FIU were removed to be housed within it.

Art is an integral part of the FIU campus experience.

"It's all pretty original," Nydam said. "I've never really seen anything like what we have on campus. Here, we have art everywhere ... I see something new every day. I like it."



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SCULPTURES GALORE: (Top) Tyler Lozano, freshman mathematics and computer science major, spins Marty's Cube. (Bottom) "Bus Stop II," displayed behind the Ryder Business Building.

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Players improving communication, leadership skills before next season



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SUPER SENIORS: Ashley Traugott (top) and Marquita Adley (bottom) are two seniors who want to erase fans' memory of last season.

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I'm allergic to cheese."

Adley, who says she's more of a leader on the court, was able to play in 20 of the 30 games last season while struggling with a stress fracture.

She averaged five points and six rebounds, without a single start, but admits that it was somewhat difficult to be a significant leader while dealing with the injury and a team that lacked communication.

"It was hard. I wanted to get out there and help my team. At that point I couldn't help as much as I wanted. I trusted my teammates, but we didn't have chemistry," she said. "Bonding with them this offseason and learning how they play on the court has really helped that."

A lot more trust was placed on Traugott as the 5-foot-7 guard from Fort Myers, Fla. played the most minutes of her career during the disastrous season.

She totaled nine starts, including her first at Florida Atlantic on Jan. 14, where she scored a career-high 17 points that included five shots from behind the arc.

"It feels good that people actually got to see what I'm capable of and I got respect from my coaches; they gave me a lot of confidence," said Traugott. "It's definitely a confidence booster to me because I know my capabilities but now other people recognize it too."

Traugott is determined to once again be a huge contributor this season as not only a scorer but a team leader.

She is currently working as a student-coach intern under Russo. The internship includes roles such

I don't think we're dwelling on it; I think we're using it as motivation. It's kind of like a new beginning.

Marquita Adley, forward
women's basketball

as leading offseason practices and assisting the newly acquainted freshmen.

"I'm trying to get more involved with the team and take on a bigger leadership role. I've wanted to coach since before I've wanted to play and I've always been the type of player that will coach teammates along the way," she said.

Adley and Traugott seem to have left last season's disappointment in the past.

"Our squad now and the incoming freshmen are everything we need if we stay healthy and committed," said Traugott. "We're going to be a totally different team and a lot of people won't expect it."

Although the season doesn't begin until November, the preparation for the season is a year-round process.

The whole team has something to prove and Traugott focuses on that being the main motivation.

"I think people will doubt us but we're in the process of proving people wrong," she said. "After they see what we have this upcoming season, they won't doubt us anymore."

Sophomore may see time at special teams; punter shows power

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was cornered by defenders and tackled.

Last season, Mertile played in all 12 games as a wide receiver.

He was third on the team with 26 receptions, but did not return any punts or kicks as a freshman.

I did that in high school. It's like riding a bike.

Junior Mertile, wide receiver
Football team

Those duties were fulfilled by wide receiver/return man T.Y. Hilton.

After a special teams scrimmage on Aug. 20, Coach Mario Cristobal said that Hilton's role was not changing on special teams

despite his added responsibilities as the No. 1 receiver.

Junior wide receiver Ty Frierson had a punt return early in the practice of roughly 50 yards for the second team unit.

Hilton, the team's top returning threat and all-purpose yards leader last season, did not take any kicks as Mertile and Times shared time on the first team and Frierson, Darrian Mallary, and Rocky Vann worked with the second unit.

STRONG KICKS

Punter Carlos Munera has shown extra zip on his kicks all summer, and the senior had some strong punts during the scrimmage as well.

Munera was granted a fifth season by the NCAA and received a medical redshirt.

The senior, a second team All-conference selection last season, averaged 41.1 yards per punt last season, including a 61-yard punt at Troy on Oct. 18.

Defense feels strong despite key injury

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year," Eketebi said.

SETTLING IN

As a player, Eketebi played soccer in Europe, and he had to get accustomed to change, just like Hobbs.

"That's the college game," Eketebi said. "I grew up in Europe. You're lucky to have 10 days to adjust."

Hobbs also has to get used to the change of weather.

"I've been here for only two weeks since the season started. It is really hot, but it seems to be cooling down," Hobbs said.

Even though defender Cesar DeOliveira broke his hand this summer and he may not be ready to start the season, Eketebi likes what he's seen from New Zealand defender.

"Anthony communicates well and gives good direction. He dodges traffic well," Eketebi said.

Hobbs feels strongly about his defense as well. "Right now we got a couple injuries in the back, but I think we got plenty of coverage as well," he said. "Last week we were going over the defensive training, so it's looking good."

Anheuser-Busch drops 'Fan Cans' promotions

EMILY FREDRIX
AP Wire

Anheuser-Busch InBev is dropping its "Fan Cans" promotions from communities around the country where colleges have complained that the effort — which sells cans of Bud Light in school colors — promotes underage drinking and infringes on trademarks.

The Federal Trade Commission has discussed the issue with the brewer, both the agency and the St. Louis-based brewer said. Regulators are concerned that cans will be marketed to fans under the legal drinking age of 21, said Janet Evans, a senior attorney at the FTC responsible for alcohol marketing issues.

The industry's regulations require at least 70 percent of an advertisement's audience to be above 21, and Evans said that doesn't happen on college campuses.

"When you've got a college campus audience you've got a very large number of persons who are below the legal drinking age there, and in addition, you've got a population that engages almost exclusively in binge drinking," she said.

She said the FTC could neither confirm nor deny the existence of an investigation, though she did say she was certain Anheuser-Busch would not repeat this effort in the future.

Anheuser-Busch told the FTC the cans would be sold through retailers where purchasers must be 21 or older, said Carol Clark, Anheuser-Busch vice president for corporate social responsibility.

Still, the company said it is listening to the complaints.

The "Fan Can" program puts school colors on Bud Light cans and was launched to coincide with the start of football season — a popular time to drink beer. Anheuser-Busch, which was bought by Belgium-based InBev last year, said the cans have no college logos, names or other identifiers — just 27 color combinations.

The program is nationwide, where the brewer's wholesalers choose to participate.

The company estimates half of its wholesalers are participating.

It's also unclear how many schools are objecting. Some 25 colleges represented by Collegiate Licensing Co. have sent the brewer formal letters asking it to stop the program at their campuses, according to the company, which represents some 200 colleges and universities. It declined to name specific schools.

Boston College objected, spokesman Jack Dunn said, by sending letters objecting to the use of its maroon and gold coloring to the brewer on its own and through its athletic conference.

The school cited trademark infringement but is mainly concerned about the message the program sends about drinking, he said, and worries drinkers could think the university is involved in the effort.

"We think it's an ill-conceived and inappropriate campaign that runs counter to our collective efforts to combat underage drinking," he said.

Anheuser-Busch told Boston College in a letter earlier this month it stands by its rights to market its product using colors associated with the school.

"Nonetheless, in order to avoid a dispute over the concerns raised by your letter, Anheuser-Busch has decided not to proceed with Fan Cans in such color combinations in your community at this time," according to a copy of the letter the school gave to The Associated Press.

A dozen schools represented by Licensing Resource Group, including Mississippi State, have either sent letters to the brewer or local distributors asking that the program be ceased in their areas.

Evans, the FTC attorney, said it is difficult to promote drinking on campuses responsibly and this effort is not the way to do it.

"We really wouldn't want them to do this again," she said.



18
Number of goals the team scored last season in 17 games

6
Number of goals scored last season by returning players

10
Number of new players on this year's squad

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REVAMPED ROSTER

Men's soccer opens season with fresh faces, high hopes

ANA DIAZ
Contributing Writer

He was the leading scorer in the 1984 Division II championship team, but the last two seasons as the head coach of the men's soccer team have been difficult for Munga Eketebi.

He's compiled a 9-24-4 record, yet he feels the 10 new players on the roster will help him change the program's fortunes.

"We had two tough seasons," Eketebi said. "It's taken time to bring men's soccer back to what Karl Kremser built."

This season lost its two leading scorers, but Eketebi added 10 new players to the team.

These players come from countries such as New Zealand, Germany, Brazil and Jamaica. Unfortunately for them, some players like defender Anthony Hobbs arrived just two weeks ago.

"Everyone's been real helpful," he said. "Our teammate Bruno's been staying with us and has been showing us around and introducing us to new people."

All international athletes on the team stay in the same dorm, and bonded the past week and a half that they have been at FIU, helping one another off and on the field. So far, Hobbs has felt welcomed by the team. The players already gave him the nickname "Ozzie."

Each individual brings something new for the upcoming season. Older players have been teaching a lot to the younger players on the daily, twice-a-day practices. Eketebi said the players' personal fitness during the summer is more important than the practice.

"There's no question about it. If you come into camp fit, then you can spend preseason working on plays and technical things," Eketebi said.

His players agree with him.

SHIFTING FOCUS

Midfielder Bruno Barbosa has been with the team since 2005, and he noted a difference from last season.

"I think we are going to do pretty good this year. It is different from the previous two years, but I think we are going to do pretty well. Usually there is only two, three or four players really fit, but this year we all are fit as a team from the beginning."

This has allowed the team to focus more on technical ball work and positioning. Forward Steven Jair Cabas, one of the Golden Panthers veteran, is back for his third season and ready for the improved workouts.

"Actually this year, training has been pretty tough. It's been kind of hectic, but we've been getting used to it and getting better. We're just getting ready for our first game, working on formation and we've been doing a lot of shadow training to get the team ready for Tuesday. It's going to be a big game," he said.

He has been preparing the team's first game against Florida Gulf Coast on Sept. 1. FGCU finished last season with 6-10-2 record. The Golden Panthers defeated the Eagles in a 1-0 shut out. Goalkeeper Phillip Lamar, who transferred from FAU with his brother, did not start in that game, however.

"We still have a lot to work on, but we have been working really hard, and I feel confident that we are going to start the season 2 or 3-0," Lamar said.

Eketebi is confident in his defense and said Lamar has Major League Soccer talent.

"I expect him to be in the MLS next

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FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Mertile shines in scrimmage

JONATHAN RAMOS
Asst. Sports Director

When Junior Mertile was asked to take repetitions with the first-team special teams unit and return kicks a few weeks ago, he couldn't help but remember his high school days.

"I did that in high school," he said. "It's like riding a bike."

The sophomore wide receiver proceeded to play like he did when he terrorized Miami-Dade high schools as an All-County first team selection at North Miami Senior High, as he led the first-team special teams unit to a 31-26 win over the second team in a scrimmage on Aug. 27.

Mertile had an impressive return early in the scrimmage when he took a kickoff from Dustin Rivest around the 10-yard line and broke to the middle of the field to find an opening and a significant gain.

What happened later, however, was the signature moment of the scrimmage.

On a short punt in which the ball took a few bounces in front of Mertile, he picked it up and was forced to run backwards a few yards before he stepped forward and returned it for a 75-yard touchdown.

After avoiding a few defenders, Mertile broke a tackle and used a key block to find a hole in the coverage unit.

"It looked like I was trapped," Mertile said. "They had slowed down because they thought I was not going to get the ball. Coach said no matter what, always pick up the ball and try to do something with it, so I got close, picked it up and ran back about five yards before going forward. And Wayne Times set me up with a crack back so I headed up the field to take it to the house."

His knack for making plays has solidified Mertile as one of the top returners on the team. He has thrived in the role since being placed in it.

Mertile also lost about 15 yards on the last play of the scrimmage when he attempted to bounce back again but

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BIG PLAY: Mertile breaks tackle at the Blue and Gold game this past April.

SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Sept. 01	Florida Gulf Coast	MMC	7 p.m.
Sept. 04	St. Thomas	MMC	7 p.m.
Sept. 06	U N C Wilmington	MMC	1 p.m.
Sept. 11	Stetson	MMC	8:30 p.m.
Sept. 13	Howard	MMC	Noon
Sept. 18	Saint Louis	at Akron, Ohio	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	Indiana	at Akron, Ohio	Noon
Sept. 30	Tulsa *	at Tulsa, OK	7 p.m.
Oct. 03	Marshall *	MMC	7 p.m.
Oct. 07	Central Florida *	MMC	7 p.m.
Oct. 10	UAB *	at Birmingham, AL	7 p.m.
Oct. 12	Jacksonville	MMC	7 p.m.
Oct. 17	Memphis *	at Memphis, TN	7 p.m.
Oct. 19	Florida Atlantic	MMC	7 p.m.
Oct. 24	South Carolina *	MMC	7 p.m.
Nov. 01	Kentucky *	MMC	1 p.m.
Nov. 07	SMU *	at Dallas, Texas	7 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Seniors position team for comeback season

STEPHANIE GABRIEL
Staff Writer

The women's basketball team posted its most disappointing season in program history this past season.

The 6-24 record was the worst mark in 32 years for Coach Cindy Russo, who might have thought it would take more than months for her team to regain a positive state of mind.

However, with the leadership of seniors Marquita Adley and Ashley Traugott, the Golden



ADLEY



TRAUGOTT

Panthers are using the offseason to forget last season and begin the team's reconstruction.

Both players took on significant roles last season as Traugott played more minutes and Adley was more productive off the bench despite recovering from a hand injury, but it wasn't enough to pull out a winning season.

"I don't think we're dwelling on it; I think we're using it as motivation," Adley said. "It's kind of like a new beginning; we've been working so hard this summer, all of us. Whether it's losing weight, getting better at

shooting or ball handling, everyone has been doing something."

The 6-foot-1 forward noticed another turnaround for the Golden Panthers during this offseason.

"Last year I honestly didn't know my teammates and now my teammates are some of my best friends," Adley said. "We actually know each other. I can tell you their last names. It was that bad [last season]. One reason we didn't have any chemistry was because we didn't know each other. I didn't know their favorite color and I didn't know what they like to eat. They didn't know that

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