

MOCK THE VOTE



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Sophomore Vivian Median, criminal justice major, takes part in Pi Sigma Alpha's mock presidential election simulation. The voting was only during Monday and Tuesday and will give a small picture of where students stand in the upcoming election.

Voters to decide fate of student representation

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The future of student representation in the State University System is on the ballots this election.

Amendment 12 proposes to change the way the student representative is chosen in the Florida Board of Governors, the group elected to oversee the 12 Florida state Universities.

Currently, the chair of the Florida Student Association, elected by FSA's own Board of Directors, sits as the student representative in the Board of Governors. Each university is required pay a \$21,000 annual fee in FSA membership dues to have its student body president sitting as a member of the Board of Directors within the organization.

The FSA is an organization that advocates and lobbies on behalf of the 300,000 students in the State

University System, on issues such as tuition increase.

To be approved, an amendment needs 60 percent of the votes.

If Amendment 12 is approved, the Board of Governors, which submits annual budgets to the Legislature and oversees degree and admissions programs, will create a council of state universities, comprised of the 12 student body presidents. The council will elect a chair who will take the seat previously held by the FSA chair.

Supporters of the amendment say students and universities that choose not to pay the FSA fee will have more say in the decision of who represents them in the Board of Governors. Florida State University did not pay the fee and lost its seat in the organization's Board of Directors.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

New lectures coordinator to bring more lectures

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The Student Government Association at the Modesto Maidique Campus has a new member on its executive cabinet.

Alexis Calatyud, a freshman,

was approved by a unanimous vote during a senate session last Monday as the lectures coordinator for SGC-MMC. The approval's aim for MMC is for the campus to have more lectures, alluding to the number of lectures organized at the Biscayne Bay Campus.

Calatyud said she was "excited" about getting the approval.

"I have so much to give and so much to work on. I am going to put everything that I can together to give the most to the students at the University," she said. "I really feel like there's so much that I don't

know, that I want to do and [that] I want to get into."

Calatyud said that if the opportunity to acquire the position during the summer were available, she would have spent more time creating lectures based on election topics, which she feels most

students aren't aware of.

"I would have been really excited to put together a panel of the different mayors, for example, because I know that our students do vote but it is such an obscure thing

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University students respond to 'Frankenstorm'

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Staff Writer

Northeast U.S. residents had an unusual guest that passed along Florida's coast and rattled the area with water, flooding and power outages.

From a tropical storm to a Category 1 hurricane, Sandy created record-high 13-foot sea water floods and millions of power outages across the northeastern region of the United States. New York's last hurricane was Frances in 2004.

Although Sandy passed

Florida, University students expressed their opinions on the hurricane situation.

Sahrish Saif, senior and biology major, commented before Sandy reached the northeast.

"I feel like people up north are more nervous because they don't get hurricanes as often as we do," Saif said. "If it's less than a Category 3, we don't take it seriously. We just look forward to getting off from school."

Others expressed their thoughts on the hurricane through social network memes, satirizing the

natural disaster.

One particular Internet meme has an image of a frightened boy representing the residents of New York with an image at the bottom of a man smiling and sarcastically saying, "You must be new here," representing residents of Florida.

Hurricane Sandy hit New Jersey Monday night with winds at 80 mph, cancelling around 15,000 flights worldwide. Sandy has left over 33 dead in the northeast and about 69 in the Caribbean.

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Brian Hajeski, 41, of Brick, N.J., reacts after looking at debris of a home that washed up on to the Mantoloking Bridge.

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Sandy aftermath leaves affected residents in the dark

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About 7.4 million people in the affected area are without power.

Christopher Jones, a sophomore studying computer sciences, said that almost 10 percent of his family lives in the state of New York. He did not expect much damage from the hurricane.

Although his family is safe, they are few of the millions that have no power and are saving the little cell phone power they have left for emergencies.

“Worst thing I heard was that a tree was about to fall on my best friend’s house, but him and his family are fine,” Jones said.

Weather forecasts have nicknamed this hurricane “Frankenstorm” due to its size and

the different elements. Sandy is moving northeast and is clashing with a cold front, creating a larger storm at 2,000 miles in width.

Oscar Lin, a junior studying music business, shared the story of his friend living in the northeast.

“He had to be evacuated during the hurricane,” Lin said. “For the past two days, his 4G was working, but now his power is out. Luckily, he lives on one of the upper stories of his building.”

While some students continue to enjoy the cool Miami breeze sent by Sandy, others concerned about their family and loved ones most affected by Sandy continue to check on the hurricane updates.

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POLITICAL STORM



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Channel 7 Fox News’ TV Producer, Diana Reed, interviews University professor of political science, David Twigg, concerning the effects of Hurricane Sandy on the presidential campaign.

Calatyud to increase lectures at MMC

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sometimes,” Calatyud said.

Calatyud previously worked with Sen. Marco Rubio and has acquired contacts with the University’s Governmental Relations in Washington. She also said her father, Tony Calatyud, is known for managing several business radio stations in Miami, which helped her make connections for the lectures she wants to organize.

“I feel that she wants to do this. If you work on political office, especially on election year, you’re used to high-stress situa-

tions or getting yelled at and it’s not fun, but if you maintain a level head, you can definitely put together a lecture,” said Moses Aluicio, senator for the College of Law.

Alex Castro, vice president of SGC-MMC, said Calatyud was a “great candidate.”

“We interviewed her and we already have a lot of plans for the spring semester. We’re aiming for two or three lectures that will be good for the student body and 200 or 250 students per lecture. That’s our goal and we are going to stick to it,” Castro said.

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Amendment could change role of SGA presidents

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Those against it say the amendment is not necessary and that if passed, FSA would lose strength.

Laura Farinas, president of the Student Government Council at Modesto Maidique Campus, is in favor of the amendment, citing the FSA annual fee.

“The pay-to-play model infringes on the right of the member-institutions who cannot afford the cost of the fee, or who prefer not to pay the fee,” Farinas wrote on a position statement. “Hence leaving their respective student bodies [out of] ... decisions made by the Board of Governors, as their viewpoints and concerns are often never considered.”

If the Amendment is approved, Farinas will be part of the council of state universities and could be the student representative in the Board of Governors.

“The creation of the Council of Student Body Presidents of the State University System of Florida [...] will provide for the fair and equitable treatment of the collective student body of the system,” Farinas wrote.

Oluwatobi Adekoya, vice president of Student Government Council at Biscayne Bay Campus, is against the amendment. He said that if the amendment passes, FSA will no longer exist.

The amendment will not extinguish FSA, but those against the amendment say that with the

new council, the universities will eventually stop paying the annual fee and the organization could disappear because of the lack of funding. Adekoya has been in student rallies in Tallahassee and saw FSA there supporting student interests, such as advocating for the Florida Pre-Paid program and the Bright Futures Scholarship program.

“There’s a need for the Florida Student Body to join forces, to stay together and keep the interest of Florida students in mind and represent them in any form,” Adekoya said. “If people vote for the amendment, [...] students minds might not be heard.”

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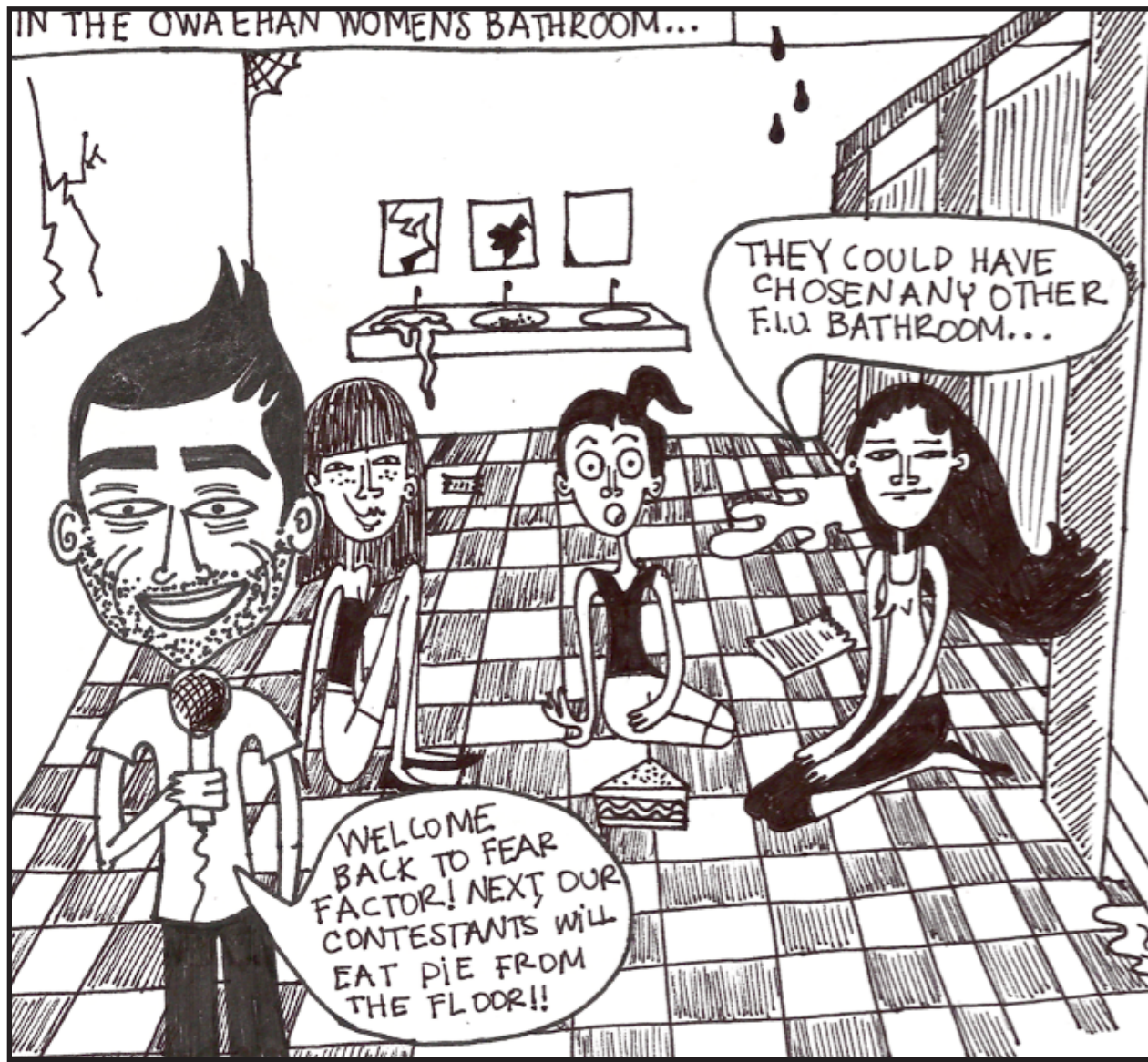


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Is carpooling a better option?

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Staff Writer

Finding a parking spot on campus can be quite the hassle, so much so that everyone and their mother complains about it. At this point, however, it is a matter of finding solutions to the problem. The University is already doing its part, with the completion of a new parking garage well on its way. It should not stop there, though; students can also contribute to the solution by carpooling.

The University's partnership with the State of Florida Department of Transportation's South Florida Commuter Services has brought about the Carpool Program, from which parking on campus might actually be made easier.

The program itself is relatively new, which accounts for the mere 291 members. Still, one would think that a program available to all students, faculty, and staff with a valid parking decal would attract more members of the University to join, especially because it brings no additional fees. Although helping out the environment by carpooling is an added bonus, being able to park closer as well as save money is surely something many would consider the most advantageous of all.

Besides the access to a close and convenient parking spot on campus, the program also allows one to enroll in the free Emergency Ride Home Program which entitles one to 6 vouchers throughout the year since the date of enrollment for a free taxi ride home for unexpected emergencies only.

Enlisting in the Carpool Program is fairly easy and can be done by completing an FIU Carpool registration at www.1800234ride.com; this form can be found under the Register & Renew for SFCS Programs and Services tab and is also available at the Parking and Transportation offices. The SFCS verifies all the information and then mails a SFCS FIU Carpool Parking Permit to each member of the carpool group; this can take up to 7-10 days.

Once the permits have arrived, carpool groups can park in the designated carpool zones only if two carpool permits are displayed along with the FIU decal. Penalties of misuse include a \$100 fine as well as the costs of permit fraud citation, vehicle impoundment and the loss of carpool parking privileges for the current and following permit year.

The formation of the carpool group is the tricky part of the program for you would have to be matched with other members if you are not already in a group. The program allows you to view potential ride matches but the best option might be having a group set up before you register in order to be able to begin carpooling as soon as possible.

Of course, this means having a similar campus schedule with your fellow carpool members as well as being conveniently located near each other. This is difficult enough as it is but carpool members should also be considerate of each other, especially when it comes to patience.

Every member of a carpool group agrees to participate in this program and should, therefore, keep their word. Members should be patient with each other as well as not keep each other waiting on campus for an unreasonable amount of time.

The advantages generally outweigh the minor downsides of the program, which makes it a viable option for members of the University to further improve the parking situation on campus. The parking issues affect most of us and it takes a collaborative effort to make things as tolerable as possible.

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Food with more bang for your buck

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Before I started my first semester at the University, I had people telling me left and right how difficult the transition would be or how much time I would have to devote to studying, being a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) major and all. Not once, however, did anyone mention how expensive it would be! If it's not classes I'm worrying about, it's books. If not books, access codes for online assignments.

And if that's not enough, I have to worry about finding some type of nourishment on campus at least once a day.

At least I'm a commuter and still depend on my parents for certain things. But where does that leave the other fiscally-conscious commuters and University residents?

Let's discuss the options.

Meal plans can be pretty costly. Most residential students have the VIP7 Pass which covers three square meals a day, every day, along with snacks and dessert. The total price for that, tax included, is \$1907.23 per semester. Yikes.

A similar meal pass can be purchased for \$1893.23 per semester which covers the same amount of food Monday-Friday. The former also includes \$100 Dining

Dollars and the latter \$300 that can be used at most of the other restaurants on campus.

As an added bonus, every time you use the Dining Dollars, you save 10% at the Panther Dining Locations and 15-25% at The Fresh Food Company. There are also meal plans for commuter students that include one meal a day (lunch, presumably), for \$799 plus tax. If you divide that up, each meal comes out to \$5.97, \$9.14, and \$6.95, respectively without any discounts added.

At the beginning of the semester, my dad gave me a \$100/month budget for lunch Monday-Friday, which comes out to \$400 a semester. I have no bouts with that as I eat the same thing every day from Pollo Tropical for just under \$4.50. Suppose I wanted to spice it up a bit while sticking to my budget or, better yet, any other student would like to adopt my method. What are the options then?

There are about 22 "Panther Dining locations" at the Modesto Maidique Campus alone, all in which you may use the aforementioned Dining Dollars or your own money. If you're really tight on money, some of the establishments also offer items on dollar menus that can certainly fill you up. They also offer different promotions throughout the week and even on Facebook.

The Café at Barnes and Noble offers daily specials like half a sandwich, chips and a small soda for \$5 among various other combinations. Subway has their \$5 foot-long daily specials, which can give you some variety if you're not too keen on having the same thing every day. And if you don't like the idea of going anywhere near GC during the lunch craze, the Breezeway Café in University Towers also has cold cut subs, pizza, and \$2 hotdogs.

If eating on campus doesn't float your boat, there are several options off-campus that might get you a little more bang for your buck. Wendy's, too, offers items on their value menu that could easily put together a meal for under \$5. Publix offers sandwiches and many other items from their cafeteria.

In the end, the choice is ultimately yours. Meal plans might be better for the residential students, but you could also cross the street and head on over to Publix and buy food for the week which could end up being cheaper with coupons and all that jazz. Commuters could always bring their lunch if they're trying to save some extra bucks, but they can rest assured there is a plethora of other options if they want to forgo that tuna sandwich one day.

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CAMPUS LIFE!

Reality stars Giuliana and Bill Rancic visit FIU

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Hundreds of University students and staff waited in the Graham Center ballrooms on Oct. 30 to hear celebrity couple Giuliana and Bill Rancic share their battle against cancer and infertility.

"Sometimes we have plans, but our goals may not be what God wants for us. He cares for us, maybe he wants something better," Giuliana Rancic said.

Giuliana Rancic, a TV co-anchor for "E! Entertainment news" and "Fashion Police" is well known for red carpet reporting and her own reality show, "Giuliana & Bill". Married to American entrepreneur and winner of Donald Trump's reality television show, "The Apprentice", she and her husband shared with FIU fans the challenges their love and professional story had to face.

She described herself as a professional lover who always put her career and her own stability first.

"I chased my career instead of chasing guys," she said. "But no

one ever told me that my body and reproductive system will change when you reach a certain age, making it difficult to have a child."

After four years of trying to start a family and suffering from infertility, Giuliana Rancic announced in 2010 on the Today show that she was suffering from early stages of breast cancer.

"I never thought it would happen to me. I ate healthy and exercise, plus I was young," Giuliana Rancic said.

At 37 years old, she received a double mastectomy, or the surgical removal of both breasts, partially or completely, followed but months of radiation. "This was such a life changing experience. I learn how to live a day to the fullest," she said.

Giuliana Rancic also said she realized the meaning of true love.

"Bill was my support system," she said. "He let me cry when I need it. We did great teamwork."

Bill Rancic said this was one of the hardest moments of his life. However he emphasized the importance of a good attitude, planning and working without giving up.



CONSUELO NARANJO/THE BEACON

Bill and Giuliana Rancic talk about their struggles with infertility and Giuliana Rancic's struggle with breast cancer.

"I told Giuliana that I need for her for at least the next fifty years," he said. "We had to be optimistic and planned short terms goals for our great future. This was crucial to the recovery process."

He said he became his wife's nurse, personal chef, and comedian.

"I called her my navy seal, because she is a fighter," said Bill Rancic. "She erased fearfulness of

dying with future dreaming."

Now as a public figure and cancer survivor, Giuliana Rancic created a series of conferences around the country to share her personal story and spread the word of prevention.

"It is never too early to ask for a mammogram. Early detection can save thousands of lives," she said.

Turning the negative to positive

gave results for this well known couple. This year, cancer free, the couple celebrated the birth of their son Edward Duke Rancic, who was born via gestational carrier.

For Alexandra Catena, a freshman majoring in special education who assisted one of Giuliana and Bill Rancic's conferences at FIU said it is a lifetime opportunity. "I am a huge fan of Giuliana. She is a role model, as a woman and professional," she said.

The participants of the event were also able to buy Giuliana and Bill Rancic's New York Times best-selling book, "I do, now what?"

FIU alumni Sofia Guerrero and Lilyvania Mikulski did not miss this opportunity.

"I am so happy to be here," said Guerrero. "I am fan of their reality show. They are an example to follow."

The couple will continue in visiting more colleges and universities around the nation with the objective of spread hope, prevention and support of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

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ART LIFE!

The Frost celebrates its 35th anniversary with an art auction

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ALL ABOUT ART
(FROST ART MUSEUM)
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Frost Art Museum from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The saying "everything gets better with age" certainly holds true for the Patricia and Phillip Frost Art Museum at the University.

For 35 years, the museum has been involved in the community, bringing quality art by artists around the world to University students and Miami residents.

This Saturday, Nov. 3, will mark the museum's 35th anniversary.

In celebration of the anniversary, the museum will host "All About Art," an event which will include artwork donated by more than 80 artists who have collaborated with the museum over the years.

This is the museum's first year organizing such an event, sending invitations to art collectors and

It's a cultural beacon. It's a place where people in the area can come and interface with us.

Michael Hughes
Director of Development
The Frost Art Museum

enthusiasts.

Attendees can bid on artwork, enjoy cocktails and get a chance to meet and talk to some of the participating artists.

"All About Art" will help raise funds for the museum to continue hosting events.

After 35 years, the museum feels like they have accomplished what they were set to do as part of the FIU campus; they have brought art to not only the students, but to the whole community.

"It is a cultural beacon," said Michael Hughes, the museum's director of development. "It's a place where people in the area can come and interface with us."

Hughes says, based on feedback from attendees,

the museum carried out their mission to bring quality art and educate visitors about what art stands for.

The museum's showcases go through long processes before reaching exhibition.

"This sculpture exhibit we just opened first came to our director two years ago," Hughes said.

The Frost Museum's staff is planning to have a party in the name of art to celebrate their 35 years of operation in the community, the artists they have worked with and the public that has supported the museum.

More information and future events can all be found on thefrost.fiu.edu.

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Election advertising is brought to light in film

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POLITICAL
ADVERTISING VIII
(WOLFSONIAN MUSEUM)
NOV. 4 AT 2 P.M.

Election Day is near and voters have jumped at the opportunity to vote early.

Political advertisements have flooded the nation to endorse candidates. These advertisements are explored in "Political Advertisement VIII (1952-2012)," a film by Antoni Muntadas and Marshall Reese, which documents advertising during elections over the years.

The Wolfsonian Museum will screen the film at 2 p.m. on Nov. 4. Allan Richards, associate dean and professor of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, will hold a discussion after the film's screening.

The film represents an analysis of presidential campaign advertising and the visual and verbal language of political propaganda over the course of 50 years. The project started in 1984 by putting together compilations of political advertisements to document the role of media in the American presidency.

"I proposed to Marshall [Reese] to work on a project that will analyze these political spots," said Muntadas. "We started collecting... in 1984 the spots that covered the '60s, '70s and part of '80s."

Since then, they have revised it every four years.

"The evolution of the film reflects how the use of advertising and television changes the way that people make messages and the way politicians communicate," said Reese.

This year's documentary is their eighth edition and will cover advertisements from 1952 to 2012.

"We're very interested in the way that these various methods of communication affect our society," Reese said.

Every four years, new spots are added to make it more relevant to the election period, while keeping the spots from past elections throughout the evolution of the film.

"It just seems to have a natural flow. [The use of advertising] is always changing," said Reese.

The film doesn't involve any personal point of view. No particular political message is conveyed, according to Reese.

"We're more interested in how the media affects expression of political messages," said Reese.

The film shows how advertising is used to "seduce an audience."

"We let the materials speak for themselves," said Muntadas.

It shows the evolution of advertisement, from being a way for politicians to communicate their information and messages efficiently to an audience to being an asset to package emotions.

"It's about appealing to people from not always their best interest using various manipulative practices," said Reese.

After watching the film, the audience will have a clearer idea of the evolution of image making.

"We'll see how advertisement became more and more negative," said Muntadas.

"It's also a really useful view of the history of the United States," said Marshalls.

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FIU ONLINE

New mobile app helps students familiarize with FIU

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Trying to find a building on campus but have no idea where it is? Panthersoft, which is part of the Division of Information Technology at FIU, has not only found a solution, but also a new tool to help students, faculty, staff and visitors get more familiar with the University and its facilities.

FIU Mobile is a new mobile app that can be downloaded from any smartphone or tablet. It offers features such as “Maps and Tours,” which helps users find buildings on campus; “Athletics,” which gives updates on the latest games; and “FIU News,” which provides news updates throughout the day.

The first version of this tool started in Jan. 2010 as a mobile website, mobile.fiu.edu, but it later turned into an app in the fall of 2011.

Panthersoft partnered up with FIU Online, the Department of Parking and Transportation, External Relations and the

Athletics Department to build this application and provide the latest updates on each department.

“We’re always focused on what the students want because they are our main customer,” said Carlos Varona, interim director of Panthersoft.

Some new features added to the app designed to better serve the customers on campus.

“This sort of helps students and visitors and employees to navigate the campus a little easier,” Varona said.

“Places” is one of the recently added features, which shows a list of all the restaurants on campus and their locations. Panthersoft and the restaurants on campus work together to give information on the menus and the working hours, as well.

“The Campus Tour,” which offers a virtual tour of the campus, has been another new feature. With this app anyone can take self-guided and virtual tours using the GPS provided by the Smartphone.

“I got the app when I first

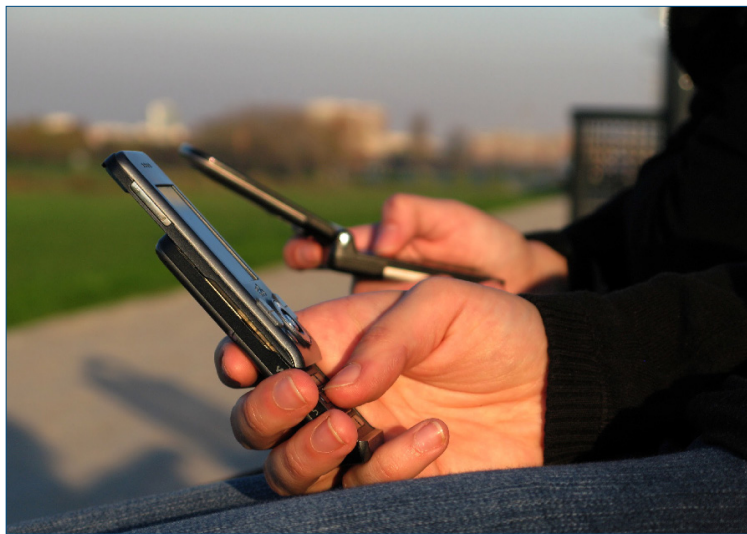


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The FIU Mobile app can be downloaded on any smartphone. It not only helps direct students around campus, but also keeps them up to date.

found out about it, and lets just say I have never been lost on campus ever since,” said Gabrielle Phillips, public relations major.

“Transit” provides information on parking, decals, schedules of the shuttles and all of Transit and Transportation’s contact information.

Another feature that is targeting more the students and faculty is the “MyFIU” feature.

“The focus was to maintain the delivery of MyFIU information for students, faculty and staff, so this allows us to give them that extra information that they need where they don’t have to log in into my.fiu.edu to be

able to look at their grades or courses,” Varona said. “That was the main focus on building the information.”

Panthersoft has future features planned for FIU Mobile that will allow employees to view their time entries and transactional information.

FIU Mobile is open to suggestions and, according to Varona, the app is constantly being tested by students who provide their feedback on how they like it or how they would like to see it improved.

“There’s a feedback button on the page that allows us to hear back from students,” Varona said.

FIU Mobile is a tool that allows people with Internet connection and Smartphones to have the University at the tip of their fingers at all times.

“Since we deployed our first application, we have had over a million visitors to that site, and somewhere close to 7 million peak views,” Varona said.

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CAMPUS LIFE!

FIU, first university in Florida in support of smiles

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It takes more muscles to frown than to smile, but across the globe, children are born with cleft lip, cleft palate and other facial deformities, making it almost impossible to smile.

Operation Smile, a children’s charity organization found in over 60 countries, helps treat children with cleft lip, cleft palates and other facial deformities.

The University is the first in Florida to support this campaign with Operation Smile @ FIU.

Michelle Somma, a senior biology major, helped bring this organization to campus when she and her brother began planning an event in June.

“Raise a Smile for a Child” was the kickoff event this past September for Operation Smile @ FIU.

To begin their support, signs read, “What Makes You Smile?” allowing family members to give their input and bring awareness to the campaign.

They raised over \$1,000 in Broward and Miami-Dade counties before the club became official.

“They had this deal that if you donated the money by that night, it would be multiplied by 15,” Somma said.

The money from Somma’s event increased to \$15,000, helping approximately 65 to 70 children in need of operations.

Operation Smile @ FIU has raised awareness for children with deformities by visiting schools and educating children about dental health and organizing bake sales where they hand out flyers, sell T-shirts and show before-and-after pictures of children who had operations.

The campaign’s next big step to support children around the globe is through their supply drive, which kicked off Tuesday, Oct. 30, with Giuliana and Bill Rancic, reality show stars and supporters of Operation Smile.

The group received donated items for Operation Smile, such as office supplies, crayons, coloring books and toys. All the proceeds go to Operation Smile, which will use the money for the next mission.

From Nov. 5 to 9, the group will be tabling in the Graham Center at

the Modesto Maidique Campus to raise money and promote Operation Smile and dental health.

“We are going to Ronald McDonald’s house and we will be cooking for families,” Somma said.

The house has around 20 people where the group plans to volunteer once a month, depending on the number of student volunteers.

Somma hopes to promote physical health by planning an Operation Smile run in the Spring and possibly some kick-ball tournaments.

“We are new, so we are trying to build our network to see what we can get,” Somma said.

Somma and the rest of the editorial board encourage feedback and opinions from the approximately 50 members affiliated with the group.

“Just because we are E-board does not mean we want to make all the decisions. We want to hear from [the members],” Somma said.

Interested students can sign up on OrgSync or email the group at operationsmile@fiu.edu.

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Panthers celebrate Halloween in style

Students sport their costumes at Modesto A. Maidique campus on Wednesday in celebration of Halloween



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FOOTBALL

Panthers to take on Jaguars in first ever meeting

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Putting aside this past week's loss, FIU will be flying to Mobile, Ala. to face the South Alabama Jaguars on Nov. 3.

Coming off of perhaps their most impressive performance of the season, the Panther defense will look to keep the Jaguar offense in check. In last week's game, FIU's defense held the Hilltoppers to just 289 total yards of offense and 14 points.

Despite their 2-6 record, the Jaguars have played considerably better in the last three games, especially on the offensive side of the ball. After scoring 10 or fewer points in the last four games of September, South Alabama is averaging 30 points per game in their

last three matchups.

"This was definitely one of the better defensive performances that we've had, minus WKU getting a touchdown after a bad snap that really helped them to seven points," Cristobal said.

If the defense finds a way to bring a similar performance this week, the opportunities could be endless against a South Alabama offense that has turned over the ball 19 times this season.

"I thought the last two weeks we've forced a couple big turnovers and it's such a big part of the game," Cristobal said. "It's critical that we continue to get better at that, our turnover margin is not very good now and it's been the difference in a lot of our ball



JASEN DELGADO/THE BEACON

Jake Medlock (above) and the offense struggled last week, being held to 342 yards of offense and six points.

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TENNIS

FIU concludes fall slate with five-team tournament

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The finish line for the FIU tennis team is right around the corner, but to get there, they'll have to beat tough competition in the End of Fall Tournament, aptly named because FIU won't play again until spring.

The tournament, which starts today and ends on Nov. 4, will feature Air Force Academy, Ball State University, Youngstown State University and Barry University. Head Coach Katarina Petrovic is looking forward to some new competition.

"I'm glad we are hosting the tournament," Petrovic said. "I personally haven't seen any of the other players play, so everyone is going to be new to me."

Air Force is having a good fall season thus far. In the Gopher Invitational Tournament on Sept. 14 to 16, Air Force had two seniors,

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Head Coach
Tennis

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Melissa Cecil and Hannah Drake, finish the tournament undefeated and claim the title of the "A" doubles flight in the competition. Air Force also won two matches on Sept. 22 against Montana State University Billings by a

score of 7-0 and The University of Texas of the Permian Basin by a score of 7-0.

Air Force also had four players in the singles competition reach the second round and two seniors reach the second round of

the doubles competition in the Mountain Regionals of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Tournament.

Ball State hasn't had as much success as Air Force recently, but they still had a sophomore, Courtney Wild, reach the quarterfinals of the Ohio Valley ITA Regionals before losing. Freshman Ayaka Terashi reached the round of 16 before getting knocked out as well.

Youngstown State is another tough competitor who saw four of their players reach the finals in the singles competition of the St. Bonaventure Fall Classic.

Then in the ITA Regionals, Marta Burak and Magarita Sadovnikova reached the quarterfinals in the doubles before losing to University of Notre Dame.

For Barry, they had Junior Olivia Matuszak finishing as runner-up in the ITA South

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WEEKEND GAMES

Friday

Tennis

Where: MMC
When: TBD

Against: Barry University, Air Force Academy, Ball State University, and Youngstown State

Women's Basketball

Where: US Century Bank Arena
When: 6 p.m.

Against: Barry University

Saturday

Tennis

Where: MMC
When: TBD

Against: Barry University, Air Force Academy, Ball State University, and Youngstown State

Swimming

Where: BBC
When: 10 a.m.

Against: University of North Florida

Football

Where: Mobile, ALA
When: 3:30 p.m.
Against: University of South Alabama

Volleyball

Where: US Century Bank Arena
When: 6:30 p.m.
Against: Florida Atlantic University

Panthers and Ospreys take to the water for weekend battle

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The UNF swimming team competed in a tri-meet on the road in Buies Creek, N.C. on the campus of Campbell University.

The Ospreys dominated North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University, 216.00-35.00, but were edged by just two points by meet host Campbell University, 132.00-130.00. The team is well rounded and has been able to recover well from what would have been a death sentence to the program almost being cut two years ago.

"They have a handful very good athletes, they should give us a good meet. It should be a

lot of fun and good competition for us at this point," said Horner.

Some of those good athletes include Rebecca Bernard, who finished third in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 54.74 seconds to Cheriesee Campbell and Sydney Postmus, both from Campbell University.

FIU diver Sabrina Beaupre was named Sun Belt Conference Diver of the Week after a great performance against FAU and FSU.

Beaupre, a junior from Longueil, Quebec, qualified for the NCAA Zone B Regionals in the 3-meter and 1-meter spring board events with scores of 275.45 and 292.55, respectively. She now owns 11 SBC

Diver of the Week awards along with two SBC Diver of the Year awards.

Marina Ribi exploded onto the FIU swimming scene this year, especially after breaking her first FIU swimming record, the 200 fly with a time of 2:04.36.

There were many high hopes for this transfer from Tennessee at the start of the season but no one could have predicted record breaking performances in only her second meet as a Panther.

"I don't feel any pressure to perform, I am just enjoying everything right now," Ribi said.

FIU looking for ways to improve from 1-8 season

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games.”

Unlike the Panther defense, the offense looks to put last week's performance behind them as fast as possible. In that game against Western Kentucky, the offense generated 342 yards of total offense without a touchdown.

Instead, the Panther offense stacked the stat sheet on all of the categories a team tries to avoid. They ended the night with four turnovers and nine sacks on the quarterback.

Although some of the sacks were results of great plays, a good number of them were taken by Medlock's tendency of holding on to the ball too long in situations where throwing it away or scrambling may have suited his body and the offense better.

Medlock and the Panther offense will look to get back to the high level of production they've shown for the majority of games this year against a South Alabama defense that has been successful this year getting to the quarterback.

“Some of them are legitimate great plays by their

design, however there are a large amount of coverage related sacks, or a quarterback trying to make a play but holding on to the ball when they shouldn't be,” Cristobal said. “With that being said, we're looking at an athletic, hard-nosed defense that does get to the quarterback. They bring a lot of different pressures and variations up front and in coverage with their corners. Conference play is always going to be extremely competitive and we expect exactly the same this week.”

For a growing program like FIU's, the way they finish this season only progresses the identity Cristobal has been setting for this team the entire year: to show up to work hard every day despite whether the circumstances are in your favor or not.

“The process doesn't stop,” Cristobal said. “When things aren't going your way, you keep finding ways to try to get better. Every day here is about being a man, showing up to work, and doing the best you can.”

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PANTHER OF THE WEEK



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Chelsea Leiva (above) scored two goals to help clinch the Panther's victory over FAU 2-1 in Boca Raton last week. These two goals helped to earn her Sun Belt Player of the Week as well as being named First Team All-Conference for her play this season where Leiva scored a team-high 10 goals, tying her for second in the Sun Belt. Leiva also led the conference in shots-per-game, averaging 4.22 shots.

Injuries a concern for team as fall season wraps up

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Regionals on Sept. 30. Barry also competed in the Varner Invitational in Winter Park, Fla.

For FIU, they competed in the Panther Fall Opener in late September. As a team, the Panthers didn't play too well, going a combined 2-9 in singles matches, and going 1-3 in doubles matches with the only victory coming from the duo of Giulietta

Boha, and Rita Maisak. These two also competed in the ITA Southeast Regionals on Oct. 19 to 20. In doubles, they reached the round of 16 before losing. In singles, Boha and Maisak won their matches to advance to round of 32 before being ousted.

With the ITA Regionals in the books, Petrovic has her focus on getting the team healthy and on the End of Fall Tournament. Lately, the Panthers had some minor injuries. Maisak is the biggest concern as she's been battling a fever recently.

“We haven't had a full practice this week. Hopefully we get everybody healthy to compete this weekend,” Petrovic said. “Rita has been battling sickness, and hopefully she can compete, it's going to be tough, but as a coach we like to see how they can perform under pressure in situations like this when they are not 100 percent.”

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NFL players talk politics, look ahead to election

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In a rare show of unity, President Barack Obama and challenger Mitt Romney took turns praising Washington Redskins rookie quarterback Robert Griffin III a couple of weeks ago for a video that aired on the Fox network's NFL pregame show.

They uttered polished, rote lines such as Romney's “RG3 hasn't been in Washington very long, but he's already created change” and Obama's “You're welcome at my house for a pickup game anytime.”

Politics injecting itself into sports, a ploy as old as the forward pass. Whether the sportsmen are actually paying attention is another matter.

Four years ago, it was hard to avoid political talk in some NFL locker rooms during the

buildup to the Obama-McCain election. Players were leading voter registration drives. Teammates with adjacent lockers debated taxes. It got to the point that Cleveland Browns coach Romeo Crennel declared any discussion about the election at the team facility off-limits because he feared it would interfere with game preparations.

In 2012, it's just not the same.

“This year is more quiet,” said Denver Broncos linebacker Wesley Woodyard. “Not to say that we weren't more focused on football back then, but we are really focused on football. But politics, it's kind of quiet. Nobody's said anything about it. You pretty much can tell how guys feel about the election, but nobody's really talking about it.”

And, of course, it doesn't take a political science major to figure out why 2008 was a hotter topic.

“That was the first time an African-American had made it that far — and then a female vice-presidential candidate,” Redskins defensive tackle Barry Cofield said. “There were a lot more bullet points to talk about.”

That's not to say that the NFL players are living in a political vacuum this time around. Cofield said there's been some election talk in the Redskins weight room after every Obama-Romney debate, and teammates Stephen Bowen, Santana Moss and Trent Williams recently talked politics while sitting on the sofa outside the locker room.

“Everybody's tuned in to see what points Barack

and Romney are making on different topics,” Bowen said. “I'm very interested.”

It's the political die-hards who are hooked by this election, players said, not the casual player-voter.

“Last time it seemed to be a little bit more popular in the mainstream,” said Miami Dolphins tight end Anthony Fasano, who supported McCain in 2008 and plans to vote for Romney on Tuesday. “And people with public

images were speaking out a little more than I think they have this election. Our profession — and throughout the sports world and the entertainment world — I think everyone came together and put more effort into their support for whoever in 2008.”

That doesn't stop the candidates from trying to win their support, although it helps to do some homework ahead of time. Romney's running mate, Paul Ryan,

visited a Browns practice earlier this month and mistakenly confused backup quarterback Colt McCoy for starter Brandon Weeden while speaking to a team huddle, hardly the kind of mistake one wants to make in a competitive state like Ohio.

“I think he saw the red jerseys and got us mixed up,” Weeden said. “But he's got more important things on his mind right now than me and Colt. It was a good laugh.”

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SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION

Multimedia Production e-book spells out Miami like it is

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Ted Gutsche was hired as an assistant professor for the School of Journalism and Mass Communication in the fall semester of 2012.

He was new to Miami and wanted to have a fun, interactive way of learning about the city with his students.

"I wanted to do a project my first semester where I could start to understand some of the intricacies of the neighborhoods of Miami. Telling stories about the neighborhoods seemed a good way to learn about them but to also to give something back by capturing some of their stories," said Gutsche.

"305: Stories of Miami & South Florida," is the multimedia e-book Gutsche's Multimedia Production class is working on. It will be released at the end of the semester and available for free on Apple's iBooks.

According to the American Association of Publishers, e-books are the fastest-growing area of book sales, especially among teens and young adults.

Just this year, publishers reported staggering sales of \$22.6 million.

They are easily transported on mobile devices and they allow for costless self-publication. The iBooks application makes it easy for people to design and publish their own books, free of charge.

Each student in the class works on one chapter which will feature a story about different people in different parts of Miami and its surroundings.

"A lot of e-books are just the type where page turns and it's just text. Writing is not a big component of this right now; it is mostly focused on the technology," said Gutsche.

Joanna Noel, a junior in journalism, is writing about North Miami and its traditional



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Jitney, a minibus servicing the area.

Noel wants to portray the cultural experience of riding among the loudness and crowds of the Jitney in North Miami.

"It's cheaper than the metro and a lot of people from the Haitian culture know it. I used to take it a lot when I was younger and I know a lot of people who used to ride them as well, like friends who used to go to school with me," said Noel.

Noel feels that the class is different in its approach to project-based learning and is pleased with the project they are working on.

"I had heard that this was a basic class that would just teach Final Cut Pro and some of the

software but when I actually took it I realized the structure is actually pretty different and we focus on producing the material as we learn," added Noel.

Giselle Heraux, senior in Journalism, is writing about the prevalence of HIV/AIDS in Miami-Dade.

"Miami is the leading city in the nation with most incidence of HIV/AIDS. I feel like many people aren't aware of that and so I wanted to bring attention to it," said Heraux.

Heraux has interviewed several HIV positive people at the Center of Positive Connections, a support and research center for patients that are HIV positive.

"One of my interviewees got AIDS from shooting drugs and the other one got it from her baby's father," said Heraux.

Heraux plans to include a sound slide with numerous pictures and the voice of one her interviewees recounting her story.

"I want people to know about HIV and of how it can be contracted and prevented. Showing people's stories brings reality to the issue. Also, I want people to know that the Center of Positive Connections exists and that they have that resource here in Miami," said Heraux.

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FRANKEN ELECTRIFIES VOTERS



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"The future belongs to those that are passionate and work hard," said former Saturday Night Live writer and Minnesota senator, Al Franken. The Student Organizations Council College Democrats at Biscayne Bay Campus invited Franken to the Wolfe University Center room 244a to host an early vote rally on behalf of President Barack Obama. Instead of speaking on stage or behind a podium, Senator Franken walked around the ballroom and interacted with the audience.

SWIMMING

After rain-out, team jumps back in pool

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While Hurricane Sandy did damage in the Northeast, it provided some much needed rest for the FIU swim team. Last week's meet against Florida Gulf Coast University was cancelled due to the inclement weather, which gave the team time to recover from some of the injuries and illness that affected the team.

Simultaneously, the ladies are entering the toughest part of their season when the training is the hardest. They will take on the University of North Florida on Nov. 3 at the Aquatic Center on Biscayne Bay Campus.

"As sick and injured as we have been, it actually has been in the best interest long term that we got ourselves healthier this week," said Head Coach Randy Horner.

Sonia Perez-Arau, a junior from Barcelona, is coming off another stellar meet where she battled mid

week illness to help her team defeat FAU. She hasn't failed to finish outside of the top three in any of her events this year, and has claimed first place in all her races including the 500-yard freestyle and the 400-yard Individual Medley.

"We are in the toughest part of the season but I expect to do better each week," said Perez.

Klara Andersson, a sophomore from Sweden, is beginning to emerge as a force to watch out for. She finished the last meet with a third place finish in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 53.29 seconds. Before coming to FIU, she competed at the Swedish Nationals and the Swedish Youth Nationals since 2006. After a rocky freshman year, she is beginning to enter a groove and swim well.

"I try not to think about expectations that much," Andersson said. "I just get out there and go and do my best."

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