

FACULTY

Adjunct pay nears poverty level, study says

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According to a report titled "Dismantling the Professoriate," adjunct professors are nearing poverty-level wages, making less per course than their full-time counterparts.

In a report by the Coalition on the Academic Workforce, the median salary per three-credit course for adjunct professors was \$2,700 in the fall 2010. The report also showed that two-year colleges paid adjunct professors an average of \$2,235 while four-year doctoral and research universities paid \$3,400.

The average salary for an adjunct professor at the University is about \$2,389 per course, according to the Department of Academic Affairs. However, credits for this one course

could range anywhere between one and six.

According to the University's College of Arts and Sciences Overload and Adjunct Pay Policy for 2009-2010, adjunct faculty in this department are paid a flat rate of \$2,500 per three or four-credit course.

Tonja Moore, associate vice president of Academic Affairs, said adjunct professor's salaries "are based on several factors, such as the specific course or program, their assignment in that course, discipline, number of contact hours required, available funding and demand."

In a survey conducted by the Peter D. Hart Research Associates for the American Federation of Teachers, about 75 percent of the nation's faculty in colleges and universities are not full-time professors.

Many professors found in this percentage are adjuncts.

The survey denotes that about 47 percent of all faculty nationwide is composed of adjunct or part-time professors.

According to Delano Gray, chairman of the Faculty Senate, the amount of adjunct faculty hired in a particular college can be constrained by accreditation.

These accrediting bodies may have an academic requirement determining the minimum level of education an adjunct professor must meet before teaching.

All southeastern schools are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. However, some schools may have additional academic or profes-

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JUMP, JUMP, SPLASH!



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FIU diver Maddie Golightly in action against Houston finishes in 6th in the women's 3-meter dive competition on October 12th her score was a total of 94.7 in the event.

Q&A

Pro-life activist speaks to College Republicans

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Brenda MacMenamin is the state coordinator for PersonhoodFL, a pro-life organization. The group focuses on protecting all human

beings and stresses the value of human life. MacMenamin came to the University last Wednesday, Oct. 10, to speak about Personhood during College Republicans' general meeting, which was held in GC 150. Student Media was able to interview

MacMenamin, who provided insight on what Personhood is and how it came to be.

Student Media: What is PersonhoodFL?

Brenda MacMenamin: Personhood is a movement that defines

where life begins and working to protect that life from the moment it is conceived. Section 1 of our Constitution says that all political powers adhere to the people. So instead of trying to overturn Roe v. Wade, we're trying to get the right numbers of Supreme Court Justices to amend its constitutionality.

By doing this, we're reaching the hearts and minds of the people and I think this is a much better way to respect our government because you don't want to force people to change their minds.

We want them to understand and hear what we have to say. We want to educate. This way, we give the people the choice to either agree or disagree. I think this is a much better strategy.

SM: How did you get involved in Personhood and why?

MacMenamin: I had a dear friend in high school who got pregnant at a young age and was not old enough to know whether she wanted the baby or not. She took an abortion, but ended up regretting it, saying she wanted her baby back.

I was just heartbroken because

I couldn't help her. From that point on, I joined the pro-life movement to protect not just the baby, but also the mom.

I want to prevent other women from going through what my friend and I went through. No one deserves to feel that kind of pain or grief.

SM: What is Personhood's purpose and what are its goals?

MacMenamin: We want to amend Roe v. Wade. We not only want to protect the baby's life, but we work to protect the mother's as well. I don't want anyone to go through what my friend from high school did. We want to include the mother's safety in this movement.

SM: What is the Personhood Amendment?

MacMenamin: The Personhood Amendment is our immediate mission to get the 10 percent out of 700,000 verifying petitions to take the abortion law to the Supreme Court so the Court can decide on its constitutionality. Our overall goal for the next two years is to try and get over 700,000 petitions.

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Freshman Matthew Forensky, business major, 'pies a Sigma Chi' during Sigma Chi's 'Derby Days' fundraiser for cancer.



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Court will hear Arizona case on voter registration

AP STAFF

The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to take up an appeal from Arizona over its requirement that people prove they are American citizens before registering to vote.

The justices will review a federal appeals court ruling that blocked the law in some instances.

A 10-member panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco said that federal law trumps the Arizona requirement.

Federal law allows voters to fill out a mail-in voter registration card and swear they are citizens under penalty of perjury, but it doesn't require them to show proof as Arizona's 2004 law does.

Four other states, Alabama, Georgia, Kansas and Tennessee, have similar requirements, according to a legal brief filed by Alabama in support of the Arizona law. The case poses some of the same issues as voter identification disputes. Arizona and the other states argue that they should be allowed to ask for additional documentation to keep illegal immigrants and other non-citizens

off the voting rolls. Opponents of the laws say they are used to exclude disproportionately poor and minority voters who lack birth certificates and other identity documents.

Arguments will not take place until February, with a decision likely by late June. The justices earlier refused Arizona's request to reinstate the provision before the November elections.

The ruling applies only to people who seek to register using the federal mail-in form. Arizona has its own form and an online system to register when renewing a driver's license. The court ruling did not affect proof of citizenship requirements using the state forms.

Arizona officials have said most people use those methods and the state form is what county officials give people to use to register.

But voting rights advocates had hoped the 9th Circuit decision would make the federal mail-in card more popular because it's more convenient than mailing in a state form with a photocopy of proof of citizenship.

The mail-in card is particularly useful for voter regis-

tration drives, said Robert Kengle of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, which is representing Native American and Hispanic groups in the case.

The citizenship requirement stems from Proposition 200, approved by Arizona voters in 2004. The law also denied some government benefits to illegal immigrants and required Arizonans to show identification before voting. The 9th Circuit upheld the voter identification provision. The denial of benefits was not challenged.

Soon after voter's approved the law, Latino, native American and other rights advocacy groups filed lawsuits challenging the voter registration provision and other aspects of the law.

The appeals court has issued multiple rulings in the case concerning the need for registrants to prove they are U.S. citizens. A three-judge panel initially sided with Arizona.

A second panel that included retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who from time to time sits on appeals courts, reversed course and blocked the registration requirement.

At that point, the appeals court judges voted to have the case heard by the larger, en banc court. The federal and state governments share responsibility for elections and this dispute is over where the line should be drawn between them.

Adjuncts explain job

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sional accreditations that professors may need to satisfy. Gray said there may also be a requirement to maintain a particular ratio of adjuncts to regular faculty.

Unlike professors who are given tenure and a permanent position, adjuncts are hired on a contractual basis. While they are paid in the same cycle as other faculty, the hiring process causes a delay in adjuncts' first paycheck every semester.

In an interview with Student Media, Javier Olmedo, adjunct professor of the College of Education's Department of Teaching and Learning said that in the past, it sometimes took adjuncts up to two months to receive their first paycheck. However, Olmedo said, "It's gotten better."

Olmedo said adjuncts now receive their first check about three to four weeks into the semester. Gray said this deferred payment system is "standard procedure." Olmedo also said adjunct professors get paid depending on their department. In response, Moore said the University implements a minimum amount to be paid per credit. Each department or college can then make changes in the salary depending on an adjunct's assignment, discipline and the available funding.

The CAW report also found little professional support for part-time faculty participation in the decision-making process in universities. Moore said adjuncts don't normally have voting rights on promotion, tenure, faculty bylaws or other departmental policies.

"Full-time faculty have additional responsibilities related to research and service that is normally not expected of an adjunct," Moore said.

"I'd like to see adjunct professors have

more of a voice in what goes on in curriculum and with the students. [The] students and the university depend on us," said Teresa Malouf, adjunct professor in the College of Education.

Malouf has been working for the University for 10 years. Though Malouf has another teaching job outside the University, she explained that if being an adjunct at the University was her only source of income, she does not believe the salary would be sufficient.

"The disparity is very sad," said Malouf in regard to the salary difference between adjuncts and regular faculty. "It places a price on education."

Malouf is currently teaching four courses at the University. While she believes there is some disparity in salaries, she believes the greatest concern is that adjuncts take on a good amount of the "teaching flow" at the University. Malouf believes adjuncts should be "more instrumental in making decisions in the colleges they work for."

In response to similar concerns, Gray brought up the College of Business' participating faculty. Participating faculty, like adjuncts, are usually people with outside jobs. However, they are required to participate in some activities in the school or college to which they are assigned.

In regards to the University's necessity for adjunct professors, Gray said, "These are professionals with particular skill sets that fill in a particular course in the curriculum. They are individuals with experience and expertise that bring a world view to a particular subject."

"Adjuncts usually come in because they have a passion for teaching," said participating adjunct, Marcos Kerbel, from the Department of Finance and Real Estate.

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New initiative could dilute degrees

JONATHAN SZYDLO
Opinion Editor

Within the State University System of Florida, there are talks underway pertaining to a new form of budget allocations. The Performance-Based Funding Initiative is one in which a set of metrics is put into place to decide how a pie of \$118 million will be sliced up amongst the 12 Florida universities.

As it stands, Florida International University is estimated to receive a slice of \$12.4 million.

The Performance-Based Funding Initiative is set to go through the Florida Legislature prior to the allocation of the 2013-2014 Legislative Budgeting Requests for the SUS.

If it takes effect it could have a detrimental outcome on the quality of education received by FIU students, depending on the metrics put in place to determine the level of performance by the individual universities.

Even though the metrics which will determine this type of funding are still up for debate, an email sent out to all students by University President Mark Rosenberg urging students to

graduate in four years can serve as writing on the wall as to how graduation rates might come into play as one of the major metrics with this initiative.

Currently, FIU has one of the worst four year graduation rates in the country with over 60 percent of students gradu-

over 60 percent.

When you tie together four year graduation rates with the number of degrees being awarded by an institution as two realistic measurements for performance-based funding, and then you notice that enrollment at the University has exploded over the past three years, it's hard not to wonder to what lengths the University may go towards in order to increase their share of the performance-based funding pie.

My biggest fear is that it could very likely lead to the dilution of courses. By this, I mean courses can be dumbed down in order to push students faster through the system to inflate the four year graduation rate along with the number of degrees awarded by the University.

As is, professors have had to adapt the amount of work for their respective courses in order to accommodate for the degree of enrollment growth that has taken place at the University. They haven't had to lessen the course work load in order to make life easier for students, but for the administration of their respective courses.

Imagine having to teach a class with 27 students who

have to submit a total of 20 pages of writing throughout the semester, administer a midterm and final, along with keeping up with current research projects.

That's the case for a professor teaching a single course. Now multiply that workload by three.

If you're a student reading this, I'm sure you're asking yourself, "why should I care about this?" Here's why, if this budgeting initiative comes into play, and our University decides to take a route that will inflate its metrics, the classes you are taking will not be at the caliber of which your tuition dollars should be going towards. This means the bang for your buck that you'll be looking for will be nonexistent.

This will translate into a single humiliating moment when you go to apply for a job post graduation. The moment when your prospective employer is holding your resume in their hands and condescendingly says to you, "So, it says here that you attended FIWho?"

That's why you should care.

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“My biggest fear is that it could very likely lead to the dilution of courses.”

ating in six or more years.

I'll be the first to admit that six years to graduate is a long time. But in reality, when students at the University have to juggle maintaining a family, full-time and/or part-time jobs, along with the rigors of being a University student, one can't help but give reason as to why FIU's six year graduation rate is

Nurturing doesn't mean holding one's hand

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Every teacher seems to develop pretty strong opinions about how the job should be done, how the students should be treated and how the classroom should operate. And so they each come up with their own style of nurturing their students.

Inching toward a spring graduation I find, looking back, that I learned most and retained the greatest horde of facts, from the professors who kept their distance. They had their policies, suggested study techniques, gave good lectures and told you what to read and left you to fend for yourself. These were the professors who got the most heat from their students, the most complaints, the most pleas for help and probably the harshest evaluations. They certainly gave the fewest passing grades.

But while these professors help students discover and extend the reaches of their discipline, the knowledge imparted through the course of the semester – or at least the bulk of

it – is fleeting. It's pursued with only as much passion and intrigue as the student has for the good grade. When you have a hundred pages of reading from one class to the next, there isn't much time to mull things over.

I notice that now, only a year after a history class for which I did more reading than I have for any other class in all of my time at the University, I remember almost nothing.

Knowledge needs maintenance, of course, and it's the student's lifetime responsibility to refresh their memory. But on the basis of a common fact's impermanence in the average brain, this is where the other group of teachers has always had the upper hand; those who were – for all of its negative connotations – nurturers.

I don't mean to suggest that any of them held a student's hand through an assignment. They were the professors who acknowledged their authority, everything they had to offer, but didn't let professionalism keep them from showing their personality.

Their candor could be as modest as to

divulge an occasional tidbit about their private life or as involved as to meet for off-campus weekend study groups at cafes or restaurants.

Along with the impression they left on a social level, just as a relatable person, they engrained an impression of what they taught, memories of how they taught it.

These were the professors, it now seems, who were as passionate about teaching as they were about their subject; perhaps more so.

Certain subjects call for certain personalities to teach them, and I'm sure there are classrooms that simply have neither space nor time for affection or concern.

But the strongest and most formative impressions, and the most deeply engraved lessons, have come – for me – from the professors who weren't reluctant to slow things down and to fall a few lessons behind to be sure that everybody in class understood the material and, most importantly, was engaged by it.

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Bike lanes are a must for the city of FIU

The University is becoming a city within a city, and cities must adjust for the needs of its dwellers.

Therefore, in light of an accident that took place on Oct. 12 in which a female student was knocked down and concussed by a bicyclist on the Modesto Maidique Campus, The Beacon believes the city we call Florida International University must make adjustments to their overall plan and provide us with bicycle lanes.

Not only bike lanes, however, but lanes to separate the traffic with wheels – bicycles, skateboards, golf carts, etc. – away from regular foot traffic.

We understand there are plans in the works to place "sharrows," on roads to indicate a shared lane. This is a good move and one underclassmen at the University will appreciate.

However, the University community as a whole should take action to limit the possibility of something like the aforementioned incident happening again.

After first prioritizing sidewalks that experience the most traffic, right of way signs should be placed on them to indicate which side should be used by foot traffic and which by the rest. These signs alone may not be enough of a solution, therefore the sidewalks would need to be widened in order to fit the lanes.

The University community may consider the current construction going on an eyesore, but the lanes would be a sight for sore eyes.

With the advent of the FIU Bike Shop, which opened at MMC this spring, the University has come to endorse, through gesture, the use of bicycles on campus. We should take this a step further and provide bicyclists of the University – students, faculty, and staff – with free bike bell attachments.

Another aspect to the incident was that the woman was not aware the biker was heading straight for her. While saying or yelling "excuse me" is an option, those words do not indicate whether they're coming from someone walking or moving at 10 or more mph.

The utility of having a bicycle shop on a college campus wherein most students commute from distances, and within temperatures, far exceeding a practical bike ride is, at this point, barely worth questioning. It's here, we spent the money; whatever. It's time now to hang our heads and fork over the money to complete the effort.

Finally, the city dwellers must take responsibility as well: be mindful of each other.

If the bicyclist from the incident was going fast enough to not get out of the woman's way, hit her, and leave her concussed, than he/she was moving way too fast. If the University decides to offer free bike bell attachments, it is up to bicyclists to have a bell attached.

If the University decides to not offer bell attachments, than pedestrians must be mindful of their surroundings. No matter who says "excuse me," if you hear those words, be courteous and excuse them.

It would be dramatic to suggest the need is urgent, but none of us should wait until it does become urgent. And by "urgent" we mean when the prospect of lawsuits becomes all too real.

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MISS HISPANIDAD 2012

Panthers steal the crown at the Miss Hispanidad pageant

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There have been many leaders and activists who've fought in the battle for women's rights, and the Miss Hispanidad USA pageant honors this battle and demonstrates that women are filled with elegance and beauty. It not only shines a light on the powers of women, but also the culture of Hispanic and Latin woman in the United States.

On Sunday, Oct. 7, two FIU Panthers, Michelle Setty and Nicole Pelaez, were crowned. Setty was crowned Queen Miss Hispanidad USA, and Pelaez was crowned Queen Miss Hispanidad USA-Florida.

Setty hopes to graduate in December with a bachelor's in international business and later plans to take the LSAT and apply for law school. After winning her first pageant, she wants to continue in the pageant world and is considering Miss Florida

or Miss Coral Gables.

Setty's sister was the one interested in pageants, and according to Setty, she was her sister's "one woman entourage." With the experience she gained backstage, Setty developed her own stage presence.

Pelaez, however, is majoring in psychology and hopes to obtain a Ph.D. and become a developmental psychologist specializing in infants.

Pelaez's goals are not only to represent Latin women and become a role model, but, as a psychologist, she hopes to help improve her patients' lives.

Unlike Setty, this isn't Pelaez's first time entering the Miss Hispanidad pageant. She had previously competed for the same title back in September, but didn't win.

Then Setty decided to enter in four more pageants to gain the experience she needed to win Miss Hispanidad Florida.

"I did not have much expe-



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Michelle Setty [left] was crowned Miss Hispanidad USA, and Nicole Pelaez was crowned Miss Hispanidad USA-Florida.

rience and figured I needed to gain some by entering in more pageants," said Pelaez.

Both Pelaez and Setty agree that pageantry isn't easy work.

"Training for a pageant is actually very crucial," said Pelaez, as she explained the process of eliminating anxiety, building confidence and poise

for the judges.

Setty was busy with preparations for the pageant.

"To prepare for this contest, I took walking classes, adopted a healthier diet, exercised, drank lots of water, learned how to sew a creative bathing suit and spent night and day rehearsing possible interview and final questions," Setty said.

The pageant includes a private interview and an onstage interview. Here, the contestants must be prepared to answer a variety of questions. The questions range from future plans, to what part of the world they would like to visit.

The victory was emotional for both winners.

"My brain was buzzing with ideas and excitement for my reign," Setty said.

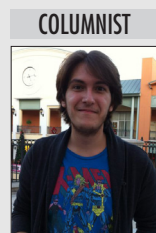
"All I could think about was that all my hard work finally paid off," said Pelaez.

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REEL TO REEL

Sam Rockwell lets loose in "Seven Psychopaths"

After an impressive feature debut with "In Bruges," Martin McDonagh strikes again with another dark comedy in the form of the beautifully self-aware "Seven Psychopaths."



JUAN BARQUIN

McDonagh's new film follows Marty (Colin Farrell), an alcoholic screenwriter who can't seem to figure out what to write next. His loyal friend Billy (Sam Rockwell) constantly offers new ideas to fuel his script, from new psychopaths to a wild shootout finale.

It isn't until Billy and his partner-in-crime Hans (Christopher Walken), who kidnap and return dogs for money, inadvertently steal the shih tzu of an insane gangster (Woody Harrelson), that the danger begins and Marty's writing flourishes.

The marketing for "Seven Psychopaths" sets viewers up for a silly crime-flick featuring some of their favorite stars, but those interested should be warned: this is by no means your typical crime or comedy film. It's misleading, dialogue heavy, a little bloody, and a heck of a lot of fun. McDonagh's dark sense of humor is ever-present in his second feature, as is the colorful language that made "In Bruges" the riveting f-bomb-filled movie that it was.

Fans of McDonagh's work will be reminded of his Academy Award-winning short "Six Shooter" more than once while watching, as he draws a lot from his past works.

The writing isn't perfect, as there are more than a few predictable moments, but "Seven Psychopaths"



PHOTO FROM IMDB

Collin Farrell, Christopher Walken and Sam Rockwell star in this comedy about the kidnapping of a gangster's shih tzu.

keeps viewers laughing and at the edge of their seats.

The film's self-awareness is what causes some of the more predictable moments, as being meta can be fun, but often harmful.

Movies with emphasis on writing are hard to pull off, but it's the undeniable presence of great comedic writing that brings out the best in "Seven Psychopaths."

A prime example of the film's humor is in the characters' actual pacifism, dubbed psychotic. Some of them are still off their rockers, but nevertheless have qualities that seem fairly out of place.

Farrell's reserved character dreams of making his script about psychopaths into something that inspires peace. Tom Waits' seemingly unbalanced character carries around an adorable rabbit after a long murderous history, and Walken's character approaches each situation with an almost surreal calm that results in a few far-fetched situations. Even Harrelson's truly disturbed gangster has an enormous soft spot for his precious shih tzu, Bonny.

While Farrell, Harrelson, Waits, and Walken all deliver strong performances, "Seven Psychopaths" is ultimately Rockwell's film. Rockwell, who could be declared one of the best

character actors currently working, delivers an unhinged performance as Billy.

Rarely does Rockwell get to be the focus of a film, always being pushed back into a supporting role. McDonagh shows us what Rockwell can do when that leash is off and Rockwell crafts a character who's as deranged as he is loveable.

"Seven Psychopaths" isn't for everyone, but those looking for something fun and out of the ordinary will find themselves having a great time with Rockwell and the rest of the cast.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Panthers to battle Mustangs and yellow cards

FRANCISCO RIVERO
Staff Writer

FIU welcomed visiting Howard University on Oct. 3 in the second game of a three-game home stand for the Panthers.

FIU (7-3-2) earned a 2-1 victory despite not having their leading scorer, Quentin Albrecht, who was suspended by the NCAA due to receiving his fifth yellow card against the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

As the game began, the Panthers were able to overcome their first-half woes with two strong goals. The first coming in the fourth minute off the head of forward Colby Burdette, on a header off a corner kick that was able to get past the Howard goalkeeper. For Burdette, it was his fourth goal of the season and with Albrecht out for this game, Burdette knew he had to step up.

"Forward was my first position when I started playing soccer so it felt natural for me to be back there," Burdette said. "I was pretty comfortable knowing that I had to do my job and put in a goal for the team."

The second goal of the first half came in the 33rd minute



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Quentin Albrecht, right, missed FIU's last game against Howard after picking up his fifth yellow card of the year.

when forward Nicholas Rodriguez, received a pass in the middle of the field and drove towards the goal while slipping past defenders to kick in his second goal of the year.

However, FIU's normal second half lockdown defense betrayed them in the 47th minute; Howard was able to knock in his first goal of the game. It was

goalkeeper Robin Spiegel's only goal allowed of the game to go along with two saves.

ROUGH AND TOUGH

Albrecht and the FIU men's team have a history of playing rough.

So far this season, FIU has collected 25 yellow cards and one red card. Their aggressive style

of play led to their leading scorer to a suspension. After facing UAB, Albrecht received his fifth yellow card and was suspended for the Howard game.

The Panthers' aggressive style of play can just be a counter attack to their opponents who have collected a total of 29 yellow cards and three red cards. The Panthers have seen an onslaught

of physical play directed towards them.

According to NCHSAA.com, the yellow card rules for the NCAA are as follows:

"(5) yellow cards accumulated by the same player/team personnel/coach will result in a (1) game suspension. (10) Yellow cards accumulated by the same player/team personnel/coach will result in an (2) game suspension. (15) Yellow cards accumulated by the same player/team personnel/coach will result in the suspension from all sports for the remainder of that sports season."

After serving his one game suspension, Albrecht is now able to play against Southern Methodist University.

DAVID v. GOLIATH

Coming into this year, many predictions on FIU sports were made. The football team was picked to finish first in the Sun Belt, the women's volleyball team was picked to finish third and the men's soccer team picked to finish in last place this season.

It turns out the preseason picks had it backwards as the football

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

FIU sweeps weekend set, readies for Red Wolves

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After this weekend's wins against Louisiana and Louisiana Monroe, FIU now finds itself tied for third in the Sun Belt Conference with a 5-1-1 conference record to complement their 8-5-2 overall record.

The Panthers needed these wins after dropping in the standings after their draw to North Texas last week. FIU beat UL 2-1 on Oct. 12 and beat ULM 5-0 on Oct. 14. FIU showed the will to return to the top of the Sun Belt Conference this weekend, attacking and playing stout defense.

"It's up to us now to really play hard and

make it to the tournament," said Johanna Volz, defender for the squad. "We took a lot from North Texas and we tried to fix those problems in practice this week."

The Panthers have had many questions about their lack of offense this season but they were answered this weekend. FIU shot 49 times and seven made it to the back of the goal.

"We have been working on attacking more in practice, and it showed on the field. The team played well together and worked hard this weekend," said Head Coach Thomas Chestnutt.

DOUBLE THREAT

This weekend, the whole team played astoundingly well, but two players managed to stand out.

On offense, forward Scarlett Montoya was on her game. She forced a double team most of the time when she had the ball, opening more shots and assists for her teammates. She also had a score in each game this past weekend; on Friday against UL, she had a tying goal and on Sunday she had one of the five goals.

On defense, midfielder Nicole DiPerna upped her defense to another level forcing most opponents to get rid of the ball quickly or cause a turnover. Against ULM, she took advantage of her opponents' mistakes and scored for the first time this season.

"The whole team played well this weekend but these two stood out the most, coming to practice with a lot of enthusiasm and bring even more to both games," said Chestnutt.

THE FINAL STRETCH

The Panthers will have to continue this win streak to reach their goals for this year and make it to the conference tournament and the NCAA tournament in San Diego.

"The next few games are very important to us, we want to finish strong and carry our momentum into the tournament in November," Volz said.

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VOLLEYBALL

Team struggles mounting after rough road series

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As the crushing losses and array of injuries continue to bring down the squad's confidence, Head Coach Trevor Theroulde in his inaugural year at the helm, has reached a point of exhaustion and dismay.

After bearing witness to yet another disappointing weekend as FIU (4-15) dropped two consecutive 3-0 shutouts to Sun Belt foes No. 20 WKU and Middle Tennessee, a sense of

frustration emanated from Theroulde's voice when addressing the team's disciplinary issues. He has also refrained from using the team's lack of experience as a scapegoat.

"The main thing now is that we are committing way too many unforced errors, I don't blame it on experience, I believe it's a lack of discipline on the court," Theroulde said. "We have not been prepared and mentally ready for these last few games and for me as the coach I have to do a better

job and push them some more and make sure they play at a high level."

A decent hitting average for a team is about .270. FIU, however, did not even come close to the vicinity of that number as the Panthers served up a .025 hitting percent average versus WKU followed by a .158 average against MTSU.

With the first half of their Sun Belt Conference schedule now in the books, the Panthers are standing at a 2-6 record and are positioned second to last in

the East division of the SBC, only ahead of in-state rival Florida Atlantic.

OLD FACES IN NEW PLACES

It's safe to say this program is in a state of emergency and as desperate times cause for desperate measures, Theroulde has been forced to take players out of their natural positions, along with some girls that continue to play despite still

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Trevor Theroulde
Head Coach
Volleyball



FIU set for C-USA's best, SMU Mustangs

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team has a record of 1-6, the women's volleyball team is second to last in the Sun Belt and the men's soccer team is entering tonight's game against SMU with a seven wins already under their belt. However, it has now come time for David to face Goliath.

SMU (8-3-2), with a conference record of 4-1-0, now faces FIU who has yet to gain a conference victory this season. For many members of the FIU men's soccer team, there's no doubt this is the game of the year.

"SMU is a really technical team so we are really excited to play them," Head Coach Kenny Arena said. "Our conference is a great conference, every team is really good. So for us it's just another really good opponent and we are excited to try and get our first conference win." This sense of excitement and anticipation is shared by many members of the FIU team.

"We're excited to get revenge from last year," Burdette said. "We played them to the edge of the nail last year and with this team and this coaching staff it's going to be one of the best games this year."

Over the last five meetings the Panthers record against SMU is (1-4-0) with each game being decided by no more than one goal.

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Panthers hit the road for quick trip to Arkansas State

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The road ahead is not that difficult for FIU; they face three schools at the bottom of the standings. The only area of concern would be two of the last three matchups will be on the road where the Panthers have struggled with their offense. They are now at 2-3-2 on the road.

"I believe we have worked out a lot of our problems here in practice and at games here at home and we will be ready for the road games ahead," said Volz.

First up for FIU will be Arkansas State, on Oct. 18, which is 3-3-1 in conferences play but are 9-6-1 overall.

Of the last three oppo-

nents, this will be the hardest matchup for the Panthers.

The next two teams for FIU will not be as difficult. After ASU comes the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, which has the worst record in the conference at 1-14-0 overall, and 0-7-0 in conference.

The last game of the season is against a Florida rival, Florida Atlantic University, whose record is 5-9-0 overall and 3-4-0 in conference play.

"These upcoming games are very important to us. We are focusing on winning and coming out on top of the conference," Chestnutt said.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS

Team	Sun Belt	Points Voted	Overall
MTSU	8-0-0	240	13-3-0
UNT	7-0-1	221	12-3-2
WKU	5-1-2	172	10-4-2
FIU	5-1-1	161	8-5-2
ASU	3-3-1	101	9-6-1
FAU	3-4-0	90	5-9-0
USA	2-4-1	71	7-8-2
ULL	1-5-1	41	7-9-1
TROY	1-5-1	41	6-9-2
ULM	1-6-0	30	4-12-0
UALR	0-7-0	00	1-14-0

Standings as of Oct. 15.

Depth becoming an issue for FIU

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being bothered by injuries.

"Some of the players are playing out of their normal positions and for them it's an entire new position...it's almost like telling Shaquille O'Neal to play the point guard position without any practice," Theroulde said. "With our middles, we are trying to make them play as outside hitters since we do not have enough depth on the outside and then we have players like Renele [Forde] who is playing at 50 percent and she has to play because we have almost no depth."

THEN THERE WERE TWO

With their loss toll climbing as the season grows on, Theroulde's optimism is dwindling just like the Panthers chances are of finishing with a winning record. The only production, Theroulde says, seems to be coming from two players in the lineup.

"Right now we are not getting any production from any other area on the court for the exemption of Kimberly Smith and Marija Prsa," Theroulde said. "We need other players to step up and play at a higher level."

With the return of Jovana Bjelica still up in the air, Prsa continues to relish in the role as the teams go to scorer as she leads the squad in kills (3.56 per set) as well as in digs (2.85 per set). Smith leads the team with a .222 hitting percentage.

The Panthers return to the court on Oct. 19 as they do battle with the Mean Green of North Texas, preceding a matchup with ULM on Oct. 21.

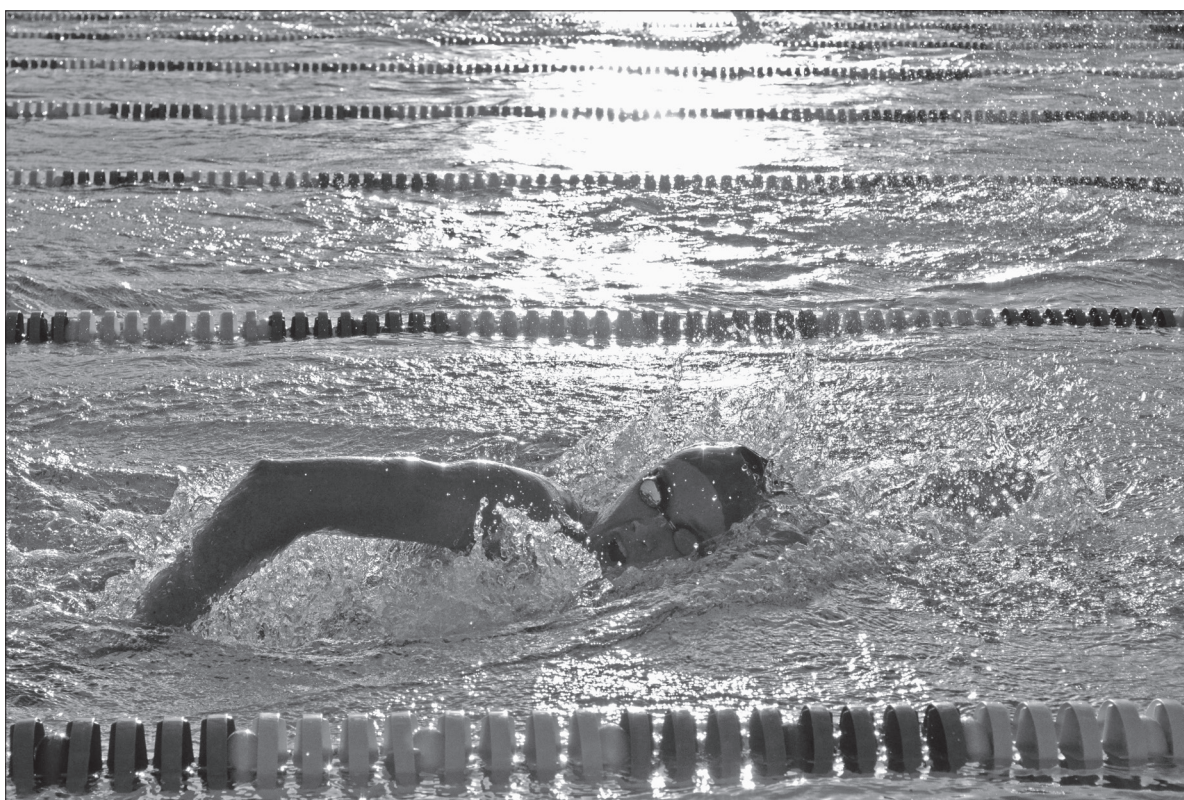
Both matchups are on the road as FIU won't see the friendly confines of U.S. Century Bank Arena until they return to Miami for a three-game home stand that features rematches against WKU and MTSU.



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SWIMMING OPENS SEASON



ANDRES BEDOYA/THE BEACON

The Panther swim team lost their first meet of the season to the University of Houston 152-148 on Oct. 12. Junior Mary Boucher (above) finished fourth in the 1,000 yard freestyle event.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT COUNCIL AT BISCAYNE BAY CAMPUS

REINVENTING THE SQUARE

SGC-BBC aims for more student integration

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The Student Government Council at Biscayne Bay Campus has been filling up its vacant positions since the start of the summer B term, and it seems that SGC-BBC will have a broader membership than any time in the past three years, according to Rafael Zapata, assistant director and adviser for SGA.

With a larger council, perhaps SGC-BBC will move with greater speed than in past semesters.

The renovation of the Panther Square in the Wolfe University Center is one of the projects planned.

The renovations would include changing the tiles, putting a permanent stage, placing a glass balcony in the second floor, and adding a lounge near the second floor WUC Computer Lab.

“Things are moving forward, and we’re currently getting final approval from the University for the renovation”, said Pablo Haspel, SGC-BBC president.

Haspel didn’t specify a date to when the renovations will begin, but he believes it should be by the end of the fall semester as soon as funds are approved by Eric E. Arneson, assistant vice president of Student Affairs.

The cost of the renovation is approximately \$750,000, with \$250,000 per phase. The project is divided into three phases.

Haspel said the renovations were planned to end by summer 2013.

The 13 new recruits are eager to be active and help the student body.

Fu Zhou Wu, director of lectures and a junior majoring in international relations, will oversee one of SGC-BBC’s long-term

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President

Student Government Council at Biscayne Bay Campus

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events, the lecture series.

This semester, she said they will attempt to invite some famous people for the series, such as Larry King, a television and radio personality who hosted Larry King Live on CNN for 25 years.

Ethan Roberts, director of environmental affairs, will oversee several projects concerning a landscape initiative started by students.

He will attempt to imple-

ment the green fee that was proposed in the previous semesters. The green fee is a pollution liability tax which would help prioritize public benefit of energy conservation.

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The Day in the Bay, a bay area cleaning day, is one of these events where Haspel hopes to integrate SGC-BBC and students.

The cleanup will take place on Nov. 3 at 8:30 a.m.

The bay area means not just the immediate shore, but the entire side of BBC.

Hui Chen, a graduate and hospitality management major, is one of the marketing and public relations planners at

SGC-BBC.

He will talk to students before Election Day answering questions that they might have about the candidates and the election itself.

To get people more familiar with student government, SGC-BBC is trying to make the meetings more accessible to students.

One of the options was to hold the meetings at Panther Square; however, the acoustics were a problem.

Zapata said they are considering doing a teleconference from the meeting to Panther Square.

Senate meetings are on Mondays at 3:30 p.m. and general meetings are once a month.

“It’s so that people know we’re working for them”, Haspel said.

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Poetry critic unveils words in bookstore’s ‘orbit’

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David Lehman, author and professor in the graduate writing program of the New School, a University in New York, is the next guest speaker for the Writers on The Bay Reading Series.

“Words can have no single fixed meaning. Like wayward electrons, they can spin away from their initial orbit and enter a wider magnetic field. No one owns them or has a proprietary right to dictate how they will be used,” wrote Lehman in “Signs of the Times.”

The reading will take place at the Biscayne Bay Campus bookstore on Oct. 18 at 8 p.m.

The Reading Series has been hosting free readings for 27 years. Past readers of the series have included Isabel Allende, Russell Banks, Pat Conroy, Jorie Graham, Li-Young Lee and Tracy K. Smith.

Debra Dean, coordinator for the Writers on the Bay Reading Series, said the Master of Fine Arts faculty choose between authors who can serve as inspiration for the students who are still working on their writing and finding their voices.

“The MFA faculty, as a group, chooses to bring in writers who are working at the top of their game and who we feel may serve as good models for aspiring writers,” said Dean.

Lehman, who has obtained a doctoral degree in English from Columbia University, has acquired the Deems Taylor Award from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers for his nonfiction books, “A Fine Romance,” “Jewish Songwriters,” “American

Songs.”

“Lehman is regarded as not only a distinguished poet but has also been instrumental in furthering the appreciation of poetry through his editing of the ‘Best American Poetry’ series,” said Dean.

He has also won fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the Ingram Merrill Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Arts, as well as an award in literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and a Lila Wallace-Reader’s Digest Writer’s Award.

Currently, Lehman is the editor for the “Best American Poetry” series. He lives in New York and is teaching at The New School. Students interested in Lehman’s works can pick up “A Fine Romance,” “Yeshiva Boys,” “When a Woman Loves” and a “Man and The Evening Sun.”

In November, John McNally, the author of the novels “After the Workshop,” “The Book of Ralph” and “America’s Report Cards,” is planning to read.

Students with questions may contact the English department at 305-919- 5857 or visit their website at casgroup.fiu.edu/english.

“I think people have a preconceived idea about readings: that they’re stuffy or high brow and boring. But the evenings are actually a lot of fun,” said Dean. “We bring in lively speakers, and afterwards audience members have the chance to ask questions and to mingle with the author and other guests during a casual reception and book signing.”

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UNDER THE BAY’S SPELL



SANA ULLAH/THE BEACON

Brenda Brito, Jenny Olivero and Ashley Gonzales finished filming at Biscayne Bay Campus for “Grachi,” a Nickelodeon Latin American television series about a teenage witch’s life.