

## THAT'S IT



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Brooklyn, New York native Yannis Pappas performing at the comedy show on Monday in the US Century Bank Arena. The show featured his most recognized character, Mauricia Rodriguez, a Puerto Rican transvestite from the Lower East Side.

## FOOTBALL

# Defensive issues mount heading into homecoming

**MARIO BUSTO**  
*Contributing Writer*

Few would have thought that FIU football would be in its current position. A team picked as the preseason favorite to win the Sun Belt Conference, coming off two straight bowl game appearances and bringing back 22 starters from last year, is 1-5 and all pre-season accolades have been washed away.

The defense, heading into this season with high expectations, has underperformed. An entrée of 38 points per game and 418 yards served on the side has proved too much for the FIU offense to chew on,

especially with the plague of injuries to key starters like quarterback Jake Medlock and runningbacks Kedrick Rhodes and Darian Mallary.

Despite the avalanche of negativity the team has endured, Head Coach Mario Cristobal is not deterred.

"Everybody's working hard," Cristobal said. "If someone had told me that your starting quarterback and Kendrick Rhodes are going to be out [at this time] I'd be shocked as well. You deal with it. We've got to put it together, we have to score points, and we have to avoid giving up big plays."

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## COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

# Increased demand yields new residency program

**ASHLEY VIERA**  
*Contributing Writer*

As the demand for primary care physicians increases, the supply is simultaneously decreasing. In the next couple of years, this will lead to a shortage of available family doctors.

In an effort to confront this concern, Baptist Health South Florida is collaborating with the University to form a medical residency program.

"More primary health care physicians will be

needed in the next couple of years, therefore, the new and upcoming residency program makes sense," said Yolangel Hernandez, associate dean for graduate medical education at the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine.

With the assistance of the University's 2009 inaugural medical class, graduating in 2013, the residency program is set to launch in July 2013. The hospital will receive families from the South Florida community who are eligible for coverage at the

University.

According to David Brown, Residency Program director at West Kendall Baptist Hospital and chief of Family Medicine at the University's College of Medicine, the Affordable Care Act will affect the medical residency program; more people will now have coverage with the affordable healthcare act.

"The ACA has provisions for increasing resources for primary care training," said Aqueda Hernandez, associate program director and medical director for the Baptist Health Medical Group Family Medicine Center.

The Affordable Care Act is a bill regarding the health insurances of Americans. It was passed and signed by President Barack Obama on March 23, 2010.

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## PREVIEW

# Miccosukee leader to speak on indigenous issues

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Lee Tiger, spokesman of the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida, is lecturing in an event titled "Indigenous Peoples' Struggle to Maintain Cultural Identities and Well Being."

Organized by the Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies Undergraduate Club, Tiger will address the hardships indigenous peoples are facing in today's society, such as diets, economies, religions and tribal governance.

"By bringing Lee Tiger here, we hope to raise the level of discussion on local indigenous issues here in South Florida," said Joshua Mullenite, the president of the club.

"Indigenous issues are a reality throughout the world," Mullenite said. "We often hear about the issues of indigenous groups in our coursework both within and outside the Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies.

"However, these [issues] seem distant to us and we aren't really informed on the issues as to how they exist at the local level, despite having the Miccosukee reservation so close to the University."

“There are 350 million indigenous peoples around the world. We're trying to bring those issues to the campus' attention.”  
Dennis Wiedman  
Associate Professor  
Global and Sociocultural Studies

"The Miccosukee have succeeded in various ways with maintaining their cultural identities, their language and their sovereignty. Lee Tiger can reflect on those experiences and then we can learn about how other indigenous peoples can benefit from that," said Dennis Wiedman, associate professor of the Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies and author of "Global Marketing of Indigenous Culture: Discovering Native America with Lee Tiger and the Florida Miccosukee."

According to Wiedman, there are 350

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# High court questions Texas affirmative action plan

MARK SHERMAN  
AP Staff

Supreme Court justices sharply questioned the University of Texas' use of race in college admissions Wednesday in a case that could lead to new limits on affirmative action.

The court heard arguments in a challenge to the program from a white Texan who contends she was discriminated against when the university did not offer her a spot in 2008.

The court's conservatives cast doubt on the program that uses race as one among many factors in admitting about a quarter of the university's incoming freshmen. The liberal justices appeared more supportive of the effort.

Justice Anthony Kennedy, whose vote could be decisive, looked skeptically on Texas' defense of the program.

"What you're saying is what counts is race above all," Kennedy said. He has never voted in favor of an affirmative action program but has voiced support for diversity in education.

Twenty-two-year-old Abigail Fisher, the rejected student who sued, was among the hundreds of spectators at the arguments. Also in attendance was retired Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who wrote the majority opinion in a 2003 case that upheld the use of race in college admissions.

Changes in the court's makeup since then, especially O'Connor's departure, could affect the outcome of the Texas case. Justice Samuel Alito, O'Connor's successor, has voted consistently against racial preferences since he joined the court in 2006 and appears likely to side with Fisher.

## GOOD MORNING, OBAMA



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Sophomore Daniela Rios is interviewed by MSNBC's Ed Show for the upcoming Barack Obama speech at the University of Miami's Bank United Center.

# Tiger Lee to address "transition of food"

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million indigenous people around the world.

"We're trying to bring those issues to the campus' attention," Wiedman said.

Tiger, who has over 30 years of experience in indigenous culture and eco-heritage tourism, outlined what he will discuss.

"I'm going to explain the differences between Native American culture and the non-Native Amer-

ican culture that resides in what is now called the United States and other places of the world, like South America," Tiger said. "I'll talk about economics, some spiritual stuff and I'll talk about the transition of food. That was really

hard on us, because we were used to eating all natural food from the Everglades."

"I have some pictures of what people looked like before. Nobody had any McDonald's French fry fat on them," Tiger said.

The presentation is free, but space is limited. It will take place on Oct. 16 at the Graham Center, room 283A from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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## Football, a little bit of pride goes a long way

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I will be the first to admit that when it comes to FIU sports, Panther pride is in its infancy stages. For example, if I were to invite you to one of the University tennis matches, my bet is that it would be the first you've ever heard that FIU even has tennis courts.

Go ahead and pick any sport on campus, and the crowd, if you can call it that, is less than sparse at nearly every event.

That isn't to say that Panther fans have no reason to take pride. Take a look at FIU's widely successful swimming and diving team; women's soccer, baseball.

All of these have been at the top of the Sun Belt Conference, if not winning it outright, within the past two years.

Yet the seats remain empty.

A likely explanation is that most FIU students and alumni never took the time to care.

And probably never even realized FIU has a women's soccer team, much less been anywhere near the stadium, located at the far end of Modesto Maidique Campus, hidden behind the nature preserve.

Football, however, is another story. Everyone going to FIU knows this school has a football team, even if it is only by association to the infamous and massive bare-knuckle brawl with our in-town rivals at the University of Miami.

This school has well over 40,000 students enrolled, but as I cheered for my team during the last two home games, I certainly didn't see even a fair fraction of that number in attendance.

My hunch is that fans simply aren't excited about FIU football, and unfortunately this season hasn't done much to help that.

Those in attendance at our home games could feel the beating heart of FIU pride in the stomping feat of FIU fans within the stadium, better known as The Cage. Hopefully we can see a boost of it across the board, at every University sporting event, in the semesters to come. It's long overdue.

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## Don't stress, manage your time

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College can be stressful – especially when you're a full-time student. The expectations from your instructors, parents and yourself can be overwhelming.

And while some of us are those that thrive under pressure, who write their best essays and study hardest under the clock's shadow, most of us probably wish we could eliminate stress entirely.

Though this may be impossible, there are ways to lighten the load.

MTV and The Associated Press conducted a survey of college students and their stress levels in 2009. Eighty-five percent of over 2,200 United States college students admitted to feeling stress daily.

A leading cause of this is

poor time management.

If more students knew how to manage their time, to study in between classes and on the weekends, then they would realize that success in college isn't all that hard; time consuming, maybe, but not always hard.

Another tip for managing stress is to set realistic goals. When setting a goal for yourself, stop and think about what it will take to reach that goal.

For example, if you have a test due by Tuesday at midnight, and you didn't begin studying until Sunday night, an A+ probably isn't a realistic goal.

A realistic means for an A+ would be studying at least a week ahead of time, attending all lectures, and taking notes.

Third, a relaxation technique is a great way to deal with stress.

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Taking time to watch a movie, read a book, write a poem, play outside, hang out with friends, or take a nap are great ways to relax your brain from all the classes—and homework.

But, the only way to fully enjoy a relaxation technique is through time management. Get your work out of the way or bracket particular times for getting it done.

Lastly, set priorities. Sometimes certain events that are offered on campus can conflict with study time.

Making wise decisions and putting your studies before pleasure can really pay off in the long run. Having your priorities right will call for sacrifice of your free time, but it will reduce your stress.

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## A room of one's own, hourly

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Long hours on campus can sometimes be unavoidable and, as someone who has spent a few semesters with no other alternative, I know from firsthand experience what a killer they can be.

I usually had to take my classes all in a single day for one reason or another, spreading them out across the morning and afternoon in order to keep myself busy.

The seemingly endless drag of the day, with long intervals of boredom, can seriously exhaust a person.

Arguably, one can find many things to do on campus to keep busy during the long breaks; however, sometimes it's best not to do anything, to just spend that spare time relaxing.

It is only a matter of finding the right place to do so, given the campus' constant liveliness. Students living on campus might have an easier time

with this, with their own bedrooms and belongings forever within reach. The rest of us simply have the many couches around campus to look forward to.

If the University were to rent out the first-floor rooms in preexisting dormito-

ries for a few hours at a time, however, it would not only provide a private hangout for the average commuter, but could perhaps be as lucrative as renting the rooms out to an individual for an entire semester, considering the renters were charged a reasonable and perhaps hourly rate.

Couches and benches should not be our only means of relaxation. Just as group study rooms can be reserved by students in the library, dorm rooms should also be temporarily rented out.

Like this, students can relax and recharge before their following classes. It is not a perfect idea and it can surely have its flaws, but it is one that can be beneficial for the students.

Recharging between classes is a necessity and such rent-able dorm rooms can be helpful for students that find themselves on campus for long hours.

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## HALLOWEEN HORROR NIGHTS

# Zombies turn Universal into a paradise of horror

There's only one place on earth where the likes of Alice Cooper, "Silent Hill," and "The Walking Dead" come

together to create a horror-junkie's paradise: Halloween Horror Nights.

### COLUMNIST



JORGE MENDEZ

This is the 22nd year that Universal Studios has opened its doors to the world's monsters and, for the most part, this year won't disappoint.

Horror Nights' formula is simple: The park's doors open at sundown and the guests are free to explore the themed haunted houses and the numerous "scare zones" scattered throughout the park. This year's houses range from a house themed after the extremely popular franchise "The Walking Dead," to an homage to classic horror cinema, featuring vintage Hollywood staples like the "wolf-man" and "swamp-thing."

Each house this year had its scares, but a stand out was "Penn & Teller's Las Vegas 3D." A combination of mirrors, strobe lights and a psychedelic 3D effect made this house the one that most deeply enveloped you in its nightmarish world.

Spoiler alert: The scariest part of your night will not be found in any of the houses. Instead, the 100 plus minute lines will strike fear into even the bravest in your group.

For any experienced Orlando

visitor, this may not seem out of the ordinary. But as a veteran of Disney parks, I have never seen longer lines.

Unless your entire group is willing to spend an extra \$60 for the express pass, it is very unlikely that you will see all of the houses, so make sure you prioritize. Even with my express pass, I found myself rushing from house to house just to make it to them all before closing time.

The "scare zones" this year are not specific sectors in the park; instead, there are bands of ghouls roaming the park scaring anyone in sight. For the most part, a combination of enthusiastic performers and a great atmosphere keeps everyone on their toes. However, last year's permanent scare zones provided better shocks.

By far, the most important factor to enjoying this year's HHN is having the right attitude.

"HHN is quite a lot of fun. Everyone gets into it. You kind of put real life on hold and forget that those things running around trying to scare you are actually people in costume," said Mario Leon, junior mechanical engineering major.

If you take the time to take a look, HHN is actually a combination of a lot of unpleasant things: huge masses of people, expensive tickets, lines and monsters. However, the combination of all of these things, plus the right attitude, creates a truly unforgettable experience.

Leon plans to go back to Universal Studios for next year's



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Halloween Horror Nights features popular AMC series, "The Walking Dead," in one of its haunted houses.

HHN.

"I want to get a bigger group of friends to come up with me next year," said Leon. "Seeing which of your friends breaks down and runs is half the fun and makes up for the crazy ticket prices."

All things considered, if you've gone to previous HHN's and had a terrible time, this year's edition is probably not going to change your mind. However, if you're already a fan or are simply looking for the next

adrenaline fix, HHN is worth the subsequent nightmares, whether they are about the ghouls or the lines you had to survive to face them.

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## STUDENT THOUGHTS

# Students not impressed by debate performances

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A week has passed after the much-anticipated first debate between presidential candidates, Governor Mitt Romney and President Barack Obama, and University students have heard all the commentary by analysts and the media.

With these opinions, students have developed their own thoughts on each candidate in what may be one of the most important decisions of this year.

Experts have said that after a rough first debate, Obama's lackluster performance — his looking down most of the time, lack of assertiveness and weak explanations of his policies — made Romney the "winner" of the debate.

Still, according to analysts, Romney spent most of the debate changing his ideas and interrupting Moderator Jim Lehrer.

But, there are students, like sophomore law major Caitlin Sinclair, who believe that Obama is still the better candidate.

"I'm anticipating the next presidential debate to see if Obama will do better," said Sinclair.

Freshman nutrition major Stephan Blanco

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Jose Vilanova  
Visiting Lecturer  
Politics and International Relations

felt that he got more out of Obama in the debate.

"I saw that Romney was going around in circles and he didn't express much," said Blanco. He didn't think that Romney opened up to what his plan really was, but he would want to see more of Romney in the next debate.

"I want to see Romney get more of his points through," Blanco said.

Despite watching the debate, some students are still too skeptical to have gained something from it.

Freshman psychology and sociology major Victoria Rivera believes she has to check the facts first before she can decide who is a better candidate.

"I was kind of confused about the truthfulness of each candidate, especially Obama's," said Rivera. "A lot of it was like, yeah, I have to check the facts on that."

Rivera thought Obama needed better body language during the debates as well.

"He wasn't that confident in his facial expressions. He needs to make eye contact with Romney," said Rivera.

Visiting lecturer Jose Vilanova said that these debates bring to light the inadequate level of education the general public has on essential issues and even on the role of the president.

"These debates are bread and circus for the media parade and social networks. They are about the cult of personality more than they are about the very profound substance that is required to lead the free world," said Vilanova.

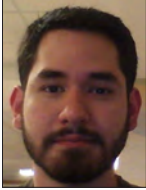
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## GAMER

# Dead or Alive 5 features fast fighting, but not much else

Available on Xbox 360 and Playstation 3, the Xbox 360 version of the game was played for this review. 3/5 stars.

## COLUMNIST



LUIS BOLANOS

Since the release of Street Fighter IV on consoles in 2009, fighting games have seen a strong resurgence in the gaming industry. Franchises like Tekken, Mortal Kombat and Street Fighter have all seen a rise in popularity. The recent release of Dead or Alive 5 continues the fighting game trend, with a new graphics engine, new character models and revamped fighting system.

Team Ninja's famed fighting series is well known for pushing the boundaries of graphics and character models, and DOA 5 is no different. The worlds and characters models are all visually impressive but aren't as big as a technological jump from the original DOA to DOA 2.

The infamous "beautiful" and

"well-endowed" women of DOA also make a return. The sexualization of the female characters still remains high, despite this entry in the series taking the fighting aspect more seriously.

DOA 5 includes many modes for players to train, fight and improve their skills. These modes include the hilariously bad story mode, an extensive training mode, and your typical arcade, survival and online modes.

The story mode in particular was laughably bad, with hilarious voice acting, poor facial animations and a story that can't be taken seriously, despite the high stakes for some characters. When the game shuts up and lets you fight, it shines. This is why the other modes are much more enjoyable than the story mode, which functions primarily as a guide for new players.

The core of Dead or Alive is the fighting system, referenced as the "triangle system" and compared to "rock-paper-scissors." The triangle system of attacking, throws and holds returns with some modification from previous

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ROARY!



ANDRES BEDOYA/THE BEACON

Roary celebrated his birthday by the bay on Oct. 9 in a harvest-themed event to kick off Homecoming.

entries in the series. It's more difficult to counter attacks, and the damage done from counter attacks have been reduced.

These modifications make DOA 5 a fierce and fast fighting game that is more focused on the mind games with your opponent than being able to execute complicated combos. It works very well, and it's easy to pick up and play.

As someone who's played previous entries in the DOA series, DOA 5 is a small, but effective improvement on the DOA franchise. While the focus is on the actual fighting than the women, there's not much in the DOA 5 package to keep players playing outside of the multi-player modes and unlocking more costumes.

It's fun to fight other players thanks to the mind game emphasis, crazy action and impressive visuals.

Fans of the series and other fighting games are urged to check it out, but not recommended to those that don't fully enjoy fighting games.

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WHEN: 6:30 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Ticket Required  
WHERE: MMC U.S. Century Bank Arena

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WHEN: 3 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: MMC Lot 3 and Lot 6

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## SWIMMING

# Season set to begin with fresh faces and bright outlook

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With the beginning of the 2012-2013 swimming & diving season about to get underway, FIU is looking to put together a championship campaign.

The swim season is set to start on Oct. 12 on the Biscayne Bay Campus at the Aquatic center at 5 p.m. After finishing fourth in the Sun Belt Conference last year, Head Coach Randy Horner is ready to lead his team and put them in the best position to excel.

With a strong incoming class and several returning swimmers, Horner has positioned his team to make a run at the Sun Belt Championship.

"We feel we have a number of swimmers that have the capabilities to qualify for nationals and break FIU records," Horner said.

One new incomer who is set to help improve the team is junior college transfer Sarah D'Antoni. Transferring in from powerhouse Indian River College, D'Antoni helped reach two of the previous 33 consecutive national titles for Indian River. She brings championship experience to FIU, an invaluable asset, according to Horner.

Marina Ribbi, another newcomer, transferred from University of Tennessee this year and was very close to the qualifying standards for nationals last year. A native of Schaffhausen, Switzerland, Ribbi set a Swiss record in the 400 IM at the Swiss Long Course Championships in April of 2011.



ANDRES BEDOYA/THE BEACON

The swimming and diving team returns key starters Sonia Perez-Arau and Sabrina Beaupre to this year's lineup.

"Based on her lifetime performance bests, she should be right in there and have a great shot at nationals," Horner said.

2012 SBC swimmer of the year, Johanna Gustafsdottir, is the only returning member of the team who made it to the NCAA National Championships last year. She set several

team records for the program last year such as the 100 and 200 back, the 200 back and free, and 200 IM.

She competed in three events at the 2012 NCAA Swimming & Diving Championships, entering the 200 backstroke as the No. 1 ranked freshman in the nation and finished No. 14 in the nation. Gustafsdottir will

be focused on making nationals again this year and improving on an already great year.

"She is the one that stands out as far what she did last year and the expectations for this year," Horner said.

Sabrina Beaupre was the breakout diver last year for FIU. She earned SBC Swimmer of the Week seven

times last season, including the final two weeks. After placing No. 13 in NCAA regional and winning SBC Diver of the Year she is going to be a force throughout this year and will try to make that extra push to make to the NCAA championships.

Sonia Perez, a native of Barcelona, also brings big meet experience from the European Junior Championships which she competed in. She broke FIU's 400 IM record last year but it's going to take a better performance if she wants to make it to nationals this year.

"She has been training better now than at any point last season and definitely has the ability to make a push to the NCAA championships," Horner said.

It is going to be a battle for first place in the Sun Belt Conference between North Texas, Western Kentucky, and FIU. Western Kentucky seems to be the favorite after finishing second in last year's Sun Belt Championships and returning many of their top divers and swimmers. North Texas is looking to improve on their ninth place national ranking at the end of last year and their third place finish in the SBC.

Despite WKU being the favorites, Horner is confident his squad can succeed.

"We definitely have our sights set on that Conference Championship this year and feel it is within our grasps," Horner said.

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## VOLLEYBALL

# FIU set to take on Sun Belt's best, Western Kentucky

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In a season where FIU have seen their seniors and key upper classroom starters devastated by injuries, freshman and first-year starting sophomores are now the norm in the starting lineup.

To put things in perspective, as the Panthers prepare to take on No. 20 Western Kentucky, only two girls on the current active playing roster received playing time in the 3-0 shutout in the conference tournament semifinals versus WKU last season. Those two players are Renele Forde and Marjia Prsa.

The reigning Sun Belt Champion Lady Toppers will be a handful for the struggling Panthers as aside from blocks, WKU is top five in every category and leaders in kills, assists and hitting percentage. The Panthers, who are just 2-4 in conference play, are outmatched with skill and most importantly, experience.

"Western Kentucky returns four upperclassmen in key areas of the game," Head Coach Trevor Theroulde said. "They're such a great team that we cannot really stop them, we just have to find a way to contain them the best way we possibly can."

Two of the four returning upperclassmen are senior Jordyn Skinner and junior Ashley Potts. Skinner was an All-American Honorable mention hitter becoming only the fifth Lady Topper to receive the honor. She was the only player in the Sun Belt to rank among the top 10 in kills, digs and service aces resulting in being

tabbed as Sun Belt player of the year for the 2011 campaign.

WKU also returns the defensive player of the year, Potts, who also received All-Sun Belt honors after leading the Lady Toppers as she was ranked third in the conference with 511 digs, notching 4.29 per set.

As far as the Panthers lineup goes, the only two active seniors in Prsa and Forde who received playing time in last year's defeat to WKU will be looked upon the lead this young core of Panthers. Theroulde believes the sweet taste of revenge will act as their primary motivation.

"The girls that were here with us for the last [WKU] match should be highly motivated and competitive," Theroulde said. "Since they lost to them on home court last year in the semifinal of the conference tournament, they should be highly motivated and want to change something like playing at a higher level and have the rest of the younger girls playing at a higher level as well."

With FIU's 2011 leading scorer Jovana Bjelica still sidelined with a broken bone in her right hand, Prsa has stepped up as the Panthers go to scorer as she leads FIU in kills with 225 as well as in digs with 3.05 per set.

"Marija has been forced into a different role, before she was almost second to Jovana, but now she has been pushed to the forefront of the team and has accepted that position," Theroulde said. "She is one of our key hitters and all the teams we play now know that she is the person that we will go to in critical situations."

Freshman standout Ashlee Hodgskin, who



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The Panthers head into this weekend with the Hilltoppers looking for their third conference win of the year and a chance to knock off a ranked opponent, who they haven't defeated since 2009.

received limited playing time last week against UALR to nurse nagging back and knee injuries, will be given the green light against WKU as according to coach, she has a "heart of steel" and is tough enough to bounce back quickly and play

at a 100 percent.

First serve is set for 7:00 p.m. in Bowling Green, Ky., tonight.

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## FOOTBALL

## Getting pressure on the quarterback key to FIU success

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Lance Briggs sure doesn't look like hThis type of "focus on winning the next game" approach has been consistent in the Cristobal era. However, fans and media alike have been calling for Cristobal to scrap up this year as a loss and focus on the future by giving younger players more experience. Cristobal has no intention at this point to give into any premature notions of focusing on next year. After all, FIU still has a chance to make a bowl bid and faced a similar situation in 2010 when FIU won seven of their last nine games to earn a bowl appearance.

"You are always working to win every single game," Cristobal said. "Our process to playing young guys has everything to do with who deserves to play and recognizing the talent that may not be perfectly ready but still needs the experience to get that final push to become a complete football player."

Tomorrow night, FIU will be playing Middle Tennessee. The Blue Raiders sport a 3-2 record which includes an upset win against Georgia Tech.

"They get the ball out quick so you need to mix [and] disguise things," said Cristobal. "You have to be [great] in recognizing formations. Kilgore's a great quarterback and they're good [on the outside]. They run hard and get the ball downhill in a hurry; that was the formula of beating Georgia Tech on the road. They're dynamic and will find areas where they have an advantage.

They're an impressive football team."

Middle Tennessee's offensive line is something FIU must keep in mind. The Blue Raiders have not given up a sack on the quarterback through five games in the season.

What may not end up boding well for the Panthers is the relentlessness with which Middle Tennessee goes after kicks. In the last 44 games, they have blocked 19 kicks.

"They're willing to compromise yardage on a return to come after a kick," said Cristobal. "Our coverage teams are getting so much better and we have to continue to do so to help us find ways to win football games."

The rest of the team will need to step up to help quarterbacks E.J. Hilliard and Lorenzo Hammonds Jr. through their college learning curves. This is a necessity agreed upon by Cristobal as well as senior safety Jonathan Cyprien.

"When you have a young quarterback, everyone needs to be that much better to help him out," said Cristobal. "Those are the kinks that must be worked out, to make sure that we're on point everywhere else to the tee, so the quarterback's job is a lot easier."

"The defense could do a little bit more to help our entire offense, whether it's an extra turnover a game or a big play that will get everybody motivated," Cyprien said.

The Panthers need to win five of their remaining six games in order to qualify for a bowl appearance.

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Senior Jerimiah Harden (above) has been seeing a lot of time in the absence of Kedrick Rhodes, including 15 carries for 67 yards against Arkansas State last week. That time could be cut when Rhodes returns.

## PANTHER OF THE WEEK



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Redshirt junior Kaitlyn Savage was named Sun Belt Conference Defensive Player of the week for her performance against North Texas this weekend.

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## Stout stuff from Dolphins' front four

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AP Staff

The Miami Dolphins' defensive line stops the run, pressures the quarterback and even grabs an occasional interception.

Stout stuff up front gives the Dolphins cause for optimism as they enter the most inviting part of their schedule. Coming off a breakthrough win, Miami (2-3) is an opening-line favorite for the first time this season Sunday against the St. Louis Rams (3-2), and no other game against a team with a winning record looms until after Thanksgiving.

If the Dolphins are to climb above .500 — an elusive goal in recent years — they'll likely do it with defense. Miami is the NFL's stingiest team in rushing yards allowed per game (61) and per carry (2.7), and by forcing opponents to throw, the Dolphins are accomplishing coach Joe Philbin's goal of making the other team one-dimensional.

"To a large degree we're getting that done," Philbin said Monday. "We're getting the run shut down well and getting favorable down and distance

where we can tee it up and go after the quarterback a little bit. That's only going to help us as we move forward."

The formula worked at Cincinnati on Sunday, when the Dolphins won 17-13 to give Philbin his first road victory as an NFL coach. After blowing late leads in consecutive overtime losses, the Dolphins held on by making a pair of defensive stops in the final four minutes.

Miami allowed only 80 yards rushing, and 46 of the Bengals' 65 snaps were pass plays. They netted just 218 yards passing with three sacks, two interceptions and a long gain of 24 yards.

"The game plan every week never changes," linebacker Kevin Burnett said. "Stop the run, eliminate the big plays and get two turnovers. If you can do that, you can beat anyone in this league."

Tackle Randy Starks led the defensive charge with half a sack, two passes broken up and a remarkable interception, where he raised his arms as Andy Dalton threw and managed to snatch the ball from point-blank range.

The defensive line had

practiced that very sort of interception in a drill Friday — with ugly results.

"Balls were bouncing everywhere," defensive coordinator Kevin Coyle recalled with a chuckle.

But the practice paid off in the game, and the 305-pound Starks came away with his fourth career interception.

"He looks like Jerry Rice out there," Coyle said.

More important to the Dolphins is the value of Starks and the other linemen as run-stoppers. Miami hasn't allowed a 100-yard performance by a rusher for 19 consecutive games, the longest such active streak in the league.

The big guys up front are about more than mere muscle. Reserve 305-pound tackle Tony McDaniel hustled downfield to recover a Bengals fumble.

"Sheer effort," Coyle said.

And on a 29-yard run by Cincinnati's Bernard Scott, one of the Dolphins giving chase was 345-pound tackle Paul Soliai, which tickled Coyle.

"I don't know if he would have caught him, but he sure was trying, and he was really moving," Coyle said.

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## AERIAL VIEW

### Grad students research damages to the Everglades

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Satellite images from NASA are one of the tools graduate students are using to research the climate and man-made changes in the once flourishing environment of the Everglades.

In the Glades from Space project, David Lagomasino, a doctoral candidate in the department of earth and environment, is researching these changes to understand the impact they have on the Everglades.

The Everglades covers an area of about 350,000 football fields, an area that is difficult and costly to study.

Satellite technology grants researchers a broad view of the environment that was once impossible to obtain. Lagomasino uses these images from NASA satellites to observe the vast amount of land, measure water quality, chemistry changes, and the amount of water that leaves the surface.

Manipulation of the Everglades began in the late 19th century.

Originally running from Lake Okeechobee to Florida Bay, the land has been converted to agriculture, housing developments and water impoundment lots.

“South Floridians in particular are heavily reliant on the Everglades for water supply, so students should have an interest in not only the research that’s being conducted, but the way the system



COURTESY OF DAVID LAGOMASINO

David Lagomasino in Taylor River collecting electro-magnetic reflectance data of the mangrove canopy using a handheld spectrometer. These measurements help to “ground-truth” or field-validate the data collected from the satellites.

is being managed and restored,” Ann Hijuelos, graduate student from the Department of Biological Science, said.

The consequences of human modifications could be experienced in the Miami area.

The Biscayne aquifer, which

provides water to South Florida, is replenished by the Everglades. Thus, the environmental strain the Everglades is experiencing will compromise the sustainability of drinking water.

Obvious damages caused by hurricanes and freezing tempera-

tures are detected, as well as subtle differences caused by surface water and chemistry changes.

According to Lagomasino, environmental changes are happening at an alarming rate.

“Environmental research is extremely important as it can provide the general public [ways] to understand how nature works and how nature is impacted by human kind,” Lagomasino said.

Lagomasino hopes that when people see the results of the research and the damage that has been done to the environment, they will become more conscious. His goal is to educate the young people that will become the leaders of the country.

“It is important for students to understand these links between the natural and man-made worlds as they will be the future policy-makers, educators, entrepreneurs, engineers, and scientists that will help us address environmental problems of the future,” Lagomasino said.

The research does not directly address preservation, but the results can and most likely will be used in future preservation projects; decisions about these projects are made by politicians.

In addition to satellite images, Lagomasino also collects field data – groundwater, surface water and pore water from remote areas of coastal mangroves from main waterways of the Everglades. He measures Water level and collects meteorological data.

Changes in salinity and evaporation are predicted through this field data that strongly correlates with the infrared reflectance of mangrove leaves. These changes are a crucial component of water budget in the Everglades.

Increases in salinity induce biophysical stress in the mangroves, manifesting lower reflected energy of the electromagnetic spectrum.

The research is still in progress.

Although climatic and man-made changes are certain and the damage is evident, the extent of the effects are still undetermined.

While the Glades from Space project is local, the long-term goal is to globalize research to other coastal environments, identifying similarities between regions that may be affected by natural processes or man-made interference.

“My research addresses a small niche within the realm of environmental science, but has the potential to contribute greatly to our understanding of earth surface processes as they relate to restoration efforts,” Lagomasino said.

Facilitating these models to similar environments can benefit developing areas such as the Caribbean where technology and research are scarce.

“What’s important to realize is the environment is our space, and is directly related to the way we live our lives,” Hijuelos said.

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## Photography club - not a flash in the pan

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Every click is a flash for the Photography Club at the Biscayne Bay Campus.

The club was created in August 2012 to give students who are interested in photography a chance to meet and socialize with other people who share their same passion.

Members get a chance to share their ideas and knowledge to create or enhance their portfolio.

“It is mostly just to have fun and experiment with different techniques and different photo shoots. It is also cool to get to know people that share your same interest,” said Constanza Gallardo, president of the photography club and a junior in journalism.

Students don’t have to be professionals to join the club.

Members can participate in events, taking photos with small digital cameras. Those who are more experienced photographers use professional equipment, such as lights, reflectors and different lenses.

“I joined the photography club because photography is one of my favorite hobbies. I couldn’t major in photography, but I still wanted to keep it in my life,” said Carl-Frederick Francois, member of the club and sophomore nursing student.

In November, the photography club will host an event called PechaKucha 20x20.

PechaKucha 20x20 will be held in a presentation format where you show 20 images, each for 20 seconds. The images advance automatically and photographers explain the images to the audience.

The presentation format was designed by Astrid Klein and Mark Dytham of Klein Dytham Architecture.

The first PechaKucha Night was held in Tokyo in February of 2003. PechaKucha Nights are informal and fun gatherings where people get together and share their ideas, works, thoughts, holiday snaps.

This event has been done in more than 550 cities around the world.

For November’s PechaKucha, the theme will be passion. Like every PechaKucha event, every member will have 20 seconds to explain each of their 20 photos.

“The idea of bringing this event to FIU is to give the students a chance to be part of this worldwide event. Normally students are the

public, this time I want to make the students the protagonists,” said Gallardo.

To help all the members improve their skills, the photography club gives show/critique days for all the members to give and receive feedback of their work.

“The club’s group activities help me step out of my comfort zone, which I love. Otherwise, I’d probably be stuck doing the same kind of photography and where’s the fun in that?” said Nabil Moo, junior finance major.

The photography club is also having an exhibit in March at the Graham Center’s Art Gallery to show their member’s work.

The club tries to do a different photo shoot each week and they also have bi-weekly photo challenges where they give all

the members a chance to get their material ready for the exhibition.

The winners of the bi-weekly competitions are going to have a special section in the exhibit.

“If you really think about it, we’ve only been an official

club for about a month now and we’ve already been able to host this exhibition,” said Von Clinton, vice-president of the club. “I have a funny feeling our club is going to get so big.”

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### HOMEcoming TRANSPORTATION

- For the *homecoming parade* on Sat. Oct. 13, the shuttle leaves at 1 p.m.
- Students must sign up in Campus Life or Bay Vista Housing by today at 12 p.m.
- For the *Panthers vs. Middle Tennessee game* at 6 p.m., the bus leaves at 2:30 p.m.