

WADE THROUGH THE (BRIDGE)WATER



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Darian Mallary broke free for the second FIU touchdown of the game in the second quarter. However, the Panthers were unable to overcome injuries to Mallary and quarterback Jake Medlock in their 28-21 loss to Louisville.

With athletic fee comes access

PHILIPPE BUTEAU
Editor-in-Chief

Fees usually bring access. The same holds true for the various fees University students pay, such as the athletic fee.

When the athletic fee increased earlier in May 2012 to \$16.10 per credit hour, it was to cover the cost of moving from the Sun Belt Conference to Conference-USA.

Increased by 3 percent the year prior to \$15.56, the fee brought with it a renewal to the 2008 agreement between the University's Division of Student Affairs and its athletics department, which guarantees students access to athletic venues.

"A student-athletic facilities agreement is imperative for students," said Helena Ramirez, former president of the Student Government Council at Modesto Maidique Campus and one of

the signers of the agreement.

"Students pay into the athletic fee and have access through a process through SGA of the stadium, stadium club, baseball stadium, and arena," Ramirez said in a message to Student Media. "This allows students the ability to use facilities for large scale events that in any other time would be difficult without the help of an agreement of the sort."

The facilities include Alfonso field at the newly renovated FIU Stadium, the US Century Bank Arena which was also renovated earlier in 2012, the soccer field, baseball field, stadium club, and stadium suites.

Along with those renovations, another action the University did earlier in 2012 was the 54-cent increase of the athletic fee.

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College of Law clinic to help with investment losses

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South Florida investors now have a helping hand.

According to Robert Savage, who leads the Investor Advocacy Clinic in the College of Law, the clinic's overall mission is to

provide legal service to underserved communities in South Florida.

The clinic represents people who have suffered the loss of some or all of their investor accounts or investment assets. In other words, if someone invests in a brokerage firm to profit from it and loses his

or her money, the person loses the investment.

The clinic's interns, University students, are the ones that represent the clients under Savage's supervision. These interns, who must be at least third-year full time law students, are trained by Savage, who holds seminars to teach

these students how to be lawyers. Savage holds mock interviews, engages the interns in discovery and the interns are drilled until they are ready to interact with actual clients.

Glastier Brown, law student and current intern for the clinic, explained that his experience has

helped him grow professionally, mainly because the students are the ones that represent the clients.

According to Brown, the training prepares him in building a professional relationship with his clients. "It makes us more comfort-

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French and British panelists weigh in on gun control

MARIA BRITOS
Contributing Writer

Across the Atlantic, gun control still a discussion. The College of Law is hosting "Gun Control: A transatlantic comparison between Europe and the USA Roundtable" to discuss the controversies surrounding gun control efforts in the U.S. and Europe.

The five discussion panelists are Assistant Professors Noah Weisbord and Megan Fairlie, both of the College of Law, local Judge Jorge Perez, French Consul-General Gaël de Maison-neuve and British Consul-General Kevin

McGurgan.

In an interview with Student Media, Weisbord said the shootings at the Colorado movie theater on July 20th and at the Sikh Temple in Wisconsin on July 29th were the reason behind the discussion panel. The roundtable's focus will be on the value that Americans and Europeans hold about the right for an individual to bear arms and how each culture deals with this controversy.

"The Second Amendment does not necessarily state that the right to bear arms allows for massacres and mass shootings," Weisbord said.

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GREEN POLITICS



ANDRES BEDOYA/THE BEACON

Students for Environmental Action and other organizations join together to demand politicians to stop accepting dirty money from "big polluters" and to propose solutions toward achieving a clean energy economy on Sept. 20th.



DRAGONESE



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A dance group from Shimane, Japan perform the "Iwami Karagura" in an event hosted by the Consulate General of Japan on Sept. 21 in the Graham Center.

Clinic to inform internationals on American investment rights

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able working with people as opposed to just the law."

He added that interacting with clients distills a legal language to something that their clients can understand, which you can't really experience in a classroom. "It's like translating in a way. This makes the clinic more unique in that aspect," Brown said.

The clinic focuses on clients that are not considered by mainstream legal offices because of their low-income salaries.

The investor can get legal counseling and find out if he or she has a claim or not. If

there is a claim, the investor is represented by advocates to get the investor's money back.

If a student or anyone outside of the University has suffered or been a victim of investment losses, they can receive legal counseling at no cost. Their office is located in the University's Rafael Diaz-Balart Hall, room 1010.

The clinic also aims to educate the public. According to Carrazana, they hold seminars to educate people on investments, scams and lend tips on how to avoid becoming a victim. Savage emphasized that these seminars also try to make people more aware of

the power they possess in America.

According to Savage, visiting clinical assistant professor, these seminars let the clients know that they have certain rights that they might not be aware of because they might have come from a country that did not give the people as many rights or as much power.

The College of Law's Investor Advocacy Clinic was founded in the fall of 2010 after receiving a grant by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority Investors Education Foundation.

Claudia Carrazana, spokesperson for the clinic, said the Investor Advocacy Clinic is

a non-profit organization that works with investment regulations. Savage said the clinic does not usually charge attorney fees. If there are fees, it's because for expenses the clinic does not cover, which is usually solved by signing a waiver clients must qualify for.

"The two things that we do to serve are represent and provide counseling to communities that can't find legal help elsewhere and we provide a service to the legal profession in which we train skilled and socially conscious lawyers," Savage said.

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Unemployment rates rise in half of US states

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AP Staff

Unemployment rates rose in more than half of U.S. states last month, the latest evidence that hiring remains tepid across the country.

The Labor Department said Friday that rates increased in 26 states. They fell in 12 states and were unchanged in the other 12.

Unemployment also rose in seven of the 11 key swing states in this year's presidential election.

Nationwide, employers added only 96,000 jobs in August. That's below July's gain of 141,000 and the average of 226,000 jobs a month added in the January-March quarter.

The U.S. unemployment rate fell to 8.1 percent last month from 8.3 percent in July. But that was only because many people gave up looking for work. The government only counts people as unem-

ployed if they are actively searching for jobs.

In August, unemployment increased in several competitive states in this year's presidential race.

The rate in Michigan rose to 9.4 percent from 9 percent. The rate ticked up a tenth of a point to 12.1 percent in Nevada, which has the highest unemployment in the nation. GOP nominee Mitt Romney campaigned in Nevada on Friday.

Unemployment rates also rose in five other battleground states: Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, New Hampshire and Iowa.

Still, unemployment was flat in three closely contested states that are rich in electoral votes: Florida, Virginia and Ohio.

The rate in Florida held steady at 8.8 percent. Florida also recorded the second-highest job gain in the nation last month, adding 23,200 jobs.

Ohio's rate stayed at 7.2 percent, and unemployment in Virginia was unchanged at 5.9 percent. Both rates also stayed well below the national average, as did the rates in Iowa (5.5 percent), New Hampshire (5.7 percent) and Wisconsin (7.5 percent).

Colorado was the only swing state to see a decline in unemployment in August. The rate fell to 8.2 percent from 8.3 percent in July.

Recent polls have shown President Barack Obama with a big lead in Pennsylvania, and also ahead of Romney in Virginia and Iowa.

That makes Florida and Ohio critical to Romney's chances of winning the election. Romney is launching a three-day Ohio bus tour Monday and will campaign in Colorado on Sunday.

Obama was scheduled to campaign in Virginia on Friday.

AP Writer Steven R. Hurst contributed to this report.

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USAID Rajiv Shah speaks security and technology

STEPHAN USECHE
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Rajiv Shah, director of U.S. Agency for International Development, spoke to Student Media following his visit to the University on Sept. 21.



Rajiv Shah

FIU Student Media: You said that USAID is mainly focused on solving issues around the world regarding health, technology and science.

Is it possible for students from other majors and interests to pitch in ideas to the USAID's fall semester

program as well?

Rajiv Shah: Absolutely, we believe that technology, innovations, new ways of doing things and great, new ideas from college campuses and student groups across this country have the potential to advance [a] large number of goals.

We can: prevent kids from dying... end hunger together and we can help promote a more open society with better journalism and more democratic governance.

We are encouraging all ideas from our new site, usaid.gov/fallsemester.

FIUSM: What will be the criteria used by USAID to select the project ideas from all those applicants around the country?

Shah: We focus first on results; we want to have real results that touch as many people as possible and really create the kind of change that is lasting and meaningful in the long run

because it's that kind of change that helps us ensure more security, more stability and helps people pull themselves out of poverty.

FIUSM: What do you think can be done to solve or help the situation that is occurring right now in the Middle East?

Shah: We engage in the Middle East with all of our capacities: our diplomacy, our development partnerships and our humanitarian efforts.

I think more people from around the world see America for its genuine values; they recognize those are our universal values and some of the violence you see is caused by a very small number of people and it's our job to create partnerships with the great majority who believe in peace, prosperity and stability.

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Rajiv Shah,
Director

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Alliance to fight for farmer labor rights

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SFA wants members and supporters to remember that sometimes the farm workers don't get paid, and the money they make is barely enough to pay for rent, for their trailers and for food.

“There are little kids working on the farms as well and the workers are sometimes chained up in trucks (that take them to these

farms) where they are beaten or sexually harassed,” said Campoy.

SFA has meetings every Tuesday in the Learning Center, Room 309 at 5 p.m. at MMC and they are also at the FIU Farmer's Market every Wednesday where anyone can become more informed.

The next event held by SFA will be on Oct. 23 in the FL Modern-day Slavery

Museum at MMC and students are encouraged to attend.

“These farmworkers sacrifice a lot and risk getting beaten, harassed, and abused to get food on our plates. If SFA was able to get Taco Bell and McDonald's to comply with us, then we know we can get Publix and Chipotle to do it too,” said Campoy.

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Panel to discuss gun control across the world

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Weisbord said that Perez, Maisonneuve and McGurgan's presence will allow for a diverse merging of ideas about the recent shootings and the true meaning of gun control between the American and European cultures.

“Students and the audience are encouraged to take part on the discussion by asking questions or giving their own opinions or commentaries,” Weisbord said.

According to Weisbord, the event is sponsored in part by the Miami-Florida European

Union Center of Excellence, a consortium between FIU and the University of Miami that encourages European studies. Other FIU departments, such as the College of Law and the Study Abroad Program, also contributed. The event will take place on Monday, Sept. 24 from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Courtroom 1000 inside the Rafael Diaz Balart Hall. It is open to the public and entry is free of charge.

Reservations to attend are to be made by Friday, Sept. 21 at calyc@fiu.edu.

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CORRECTIONS

In Vol. 24, Issue 18, on page 6, in the article titled “Tau Kappa Epsilon punts Sigma Chi in 39-0 victory,” John Marin is incorrectly spelled.

In Vol. 24, issue 16, in the article “SGA reforms elections code,” it was the Student Government Council at the Modesto Maidique Campus, not all of SGA.

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Spotlight continues to shine for campus events

ANTHONY CAVE
Staff Writer

A flurry of events have occurred over the last few weeks—and it's only September. In the span of a few weeks our University welcomed former U.S. President Bill Clinton, former Secretary of State Madeline Albright and ESPN commentator Stephen A. Smith.

Arguably, no public university had a better week, in terms of guest speakers. Between all the hoopla, NBC Miami even launched their Campus Week segment from the

University's School of International and Political Affairs.

And that is what benefits us students. The exposure factor continues to grow.

A quirky example, but the Clinton speech prompted a viral meme, courtesy of the FIU Meme Generators, a group of students who act as a comedy satire group, posting humorous news and memes about the university online. They have been at it since October 2011.

It depicts Clinton with his arms open, greeting the crowd, followed by President Mark Rosenberg. The

text: "I don't know about you, but I got a great parking spot."

On Facebook alone, the meme resulted in more than 1,500 likes and 1,000 shares. And that does not take into account our mention in a February 2012 Time Magazine article.

On Aug. 21, we launched the "Wall of Wind" hurricane simulator, which simulates up to Category 5 winds. In addition to extensive media coverage, NBC's "Today" show and The Weather Channel did live segments.

Even our entertainment rocks this school year. Our October home-

coming concert, "Panthermonium," features B.o.B., Cobra Starship and Kaskade. Icing on the cake, comedian Mike Epps performs the day after.

You can even see Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Jose Antonio Vargas at the Biscayne Bay Campus on Oct. 1. These events should excite us as college students. I have not seen a better semester lineup of diverse, engaging activities.

When I say I go to FIU outside of Florida, I do not need to spell out the acronym – and that is a really good thing as FIU continues to gain notoriety.

On Nov. 15, as Technology, Entertainment, and Design, the people behind those scholarly online lectures, will host "Beyond the World You Know." Students can submit a video and, if selected as a speaker, voice their opinion on how to change the world.

External Relations Senior Vice President Sandra Gonzalez-Levy calls it a "historic event"—and, if the University keeps rolling out the events at this frantic pace, we will make our own history.

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Enough with the shallow conversations

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FIU wants to be open-minded, but it's not.

Very few of our Golden Panthers are willing to discuss opinions and viewpoints that might directly contradict their own or incite unpleasanties. On many occasions it has been the case that one of these topics will flutter across my mind, demand my curiosity, and casually make its way into conversation in the form of harmless inquiry.

Out of a pure desire to learn, I will ask a friend to share his or her insight on the topic. Yet this friend will usually respond with a shrug and a face that resembles an infant's when given bitter medicine. Afraid to get into "touchy" subjects, my friend dismisses my question.

And if it is not the person with the infantile frown, I will usually encounter the self-righteous bigot whose close-minded assumptions prevent further discussion.

Sigh.

I understand that these affairs are controversial, but must we be so close-minded? We avoid these topics the way we avoid that one awkward dude from Chemistry lab two semesters ago.

Yet it is the implications of understanding controversial subject matter and forming intelligent thought that shapes many of our actions, ideals, and passions. And speaking of thought, is that not what this whole university thing is all about? Is a university not a place where ideas can be shared in a mature and peaceful manner?

I might be beating a dead horse here, but, as students, we should be having more than

just meaningless, shallow conversations with our peers. I would hate to think that when our Panthers are confronted by hot-button topics, they become scared cubs.

Paul Massingill, executive director of the FIU-MDC Wesley Community Group, is endeavoring to create an opportunity for open forum discussion here at MMC. After pairing up with students from a variety of different ideological backgrounds, mainly scientists, agnostics, atheists, Muslims, and Christians, Massingill is ready to dive into difficult subjects in a profound way.

Massingill will be organizing a series of discussion groups that will encourage students to discuss otherwise controversial topics in a relaxed, open-minded and unprejudiced context.

"My hope is that students would be challenged

to think about their own world view. Whether or not their world view changes is not up to me, but my hope is that students would be open to people of other perspectives and opinions."

His group will focus on discussing scientific and religious concepts and how they might be reconciled. Participants will be encouraged to submit to the group topics that they would like to watch, read, or discuss; these could be articles, YouTube lectures, ideas, and so on.

I cannot help but applaud Massingill for upholding scholarly conversation. Surely the University can benefit from the free exchange of ideas. Although Massingill's group will primarily focus on scientific and religious material, it is certainly a grand leap in the right direction.

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HOMECOMING

Students anticipate “big” artists to perform at concert

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Contributing Writer

Take a 25,000-seat stadium, throw in about 15,000 music fans, add a little bit of Panther pride to go with Cobra Starship, B.o.B., and Kaskade and you’ve got yourself this year’s Homecoming Panthermonium concert 2012.

The Homecoming committee is in charge of hosting the event. They gathered student opinions and planned this concert since January, in hopes of making the night perfect.

But is an American pop/electronic band, an R&B artist and a worldwide known DJ enough to make the Panthers happy? Freshman marketing major Karina Nogues thinks so.

“I went to the Kaskade concert and it exceeded my expectations, so I’m really excited to see what he’s going to bring this time around,” said Nogues.

Kaskade ranked 30 out of the top 100 DJs in the world, according to DJ Magazine’s Top 100.

“We tried our best to get artists that are big in the music industry. It took a lot of bargaining, but thanks to our HC

agent, it’s finally happening,” said Kelly Ibarra, homecoming intern. She says she can’t wait to see B.o.B. “I know all of

lution of FIU students and the number of fans in the community that can purchase a ticket.

if the music genres selected affect the turnout of the concert.

The HC chooses artists that classify under an “upbeat” genre. The point of homecoming is to get everyone pumped up for the fall semester.

Freshman political science major Harry Guerrero is counting down the days to watch Kaskade perform.

“I couldn’t go to his concert, so it worked out perfectly that he’s coming here. I’m so pumped,” said Guerrero.

And he isn’t the only one that missed out on the concert back in July and is taking advantage of the free opportunity. With all the buildup about Kaskade, B.o.B. and Cobra Starship better come prepared to steal the spotlight.

There’s a lot of pressure on the committee and about 30 members to make it happen for an event that took \$1 million to set up.

As for next years’ performers, the Homecoming committee has a couple of ideas, but has decided to focus all its attention on making this concert memorable for all University students.

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Kelly Ibarra
Intern
Homecoming Committee

his songs; he is the best.”

As hard as it was to get these performers, some students aren’t pleased with the selection and are deciding to skip the Panthermonium concert, which is understandable considering the popu-

Junior psychology major Janelle Lopez said, “House isn’t really my thing, and I just like to come to class and go home. I don’t spend much time on campus.”

The HC will have to wait and see

TUNE IN

Go Radio

Close the Distance



Tallahassee band slightly changes style, but still delivers

ASHLEY SOLAGE
Contributing Writer

On their second full-length album, “Go Radio” wanted to step out of their comfort zone and create an album with different sounds and themes. While some songs stay within the relationships theme, like “Collide” or “Baltimore,” there are other songs, such as the title track, “Close the Distance” and “The Ending,” about finding happiness in yourself and in life.

The best song, though, has to be “Go to Hell,” a powerful break-up song that front-man, Jason Lancaster, had to admit, was a different song for that band to do.

Set it Off

Cinematics



Orchestra rockers redefine the term “beautiful tragedy”

From the first track, Vocalist, Cody Carson lays out the rage brought on by problems in relationships, family and of course, inner conflicts.

But, unlike your rowdy, loud album where you’ve got a screaming lead singer and a guitar with crushingly high notes, you’ve got songs like “Plastic Promises,” with an organ in sync with guitars and drums or “No Control,” where the band manages to incorporate a string quartet with their music.

Moreover, Carson’s poetic composition makes the darkest songs sound lovely. It’s like Beethoven meets Rock n’ Roll.

The Amity Affliction

Chasing Ghosts



Thrashy, but bearable

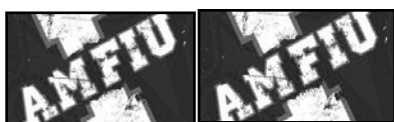
From the outside, The Amity Affliction looks like one of those depressing scream-o bands that have been around for the past few years. Well, you’d only be half right. From their opening track, “Chasing Ghosts,” there is some screaming, but also a decent amount of vocals to make it through the song.

Remembering that I shouldn’t judge an album by its cover, I went on listening and the first track provided pretty much half of the album. But the guitars aren’t unbearably overdone and there is a significant amount of attention paid to the drums.

If you’ve never heard of bands like Pierce the Veil or For All Those Sleeping, then this piece might not be for you.

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WHEN: 3:30-5 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: BBC WUC 221

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WHEN: 12-1 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: BBC Wolfe University Center 255

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SPC HISPANIC HERITAGE KICK-OFF
WHEN: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: MMC TBA

RESUME WRITING WORKSHOP
WHEN: 2-3 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
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 4:00PM - Haiti, Dominican Republic & Brazil | WUC Theater

MONDAY, OCT. 1ST

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Dancing series with Bachata instructor Mambo Yoli
 6:30PM - 7:30PM | Panther Square

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Dancing with the Wolfe Series: Salsa

Dancing series with Salsa instructor Mambo Yoli
 Beginners: 6:30PM - 7:30PM | Panther Square
 Intermediate: 7:30PM - 8:30PM | Panther Square

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 12:00PM - 4:00PM ALL DAY SHOWINGS | WUC Theater

THURSDAY, OCT. 4TH

Black in Latin America Series: All Day

Feature Documentaries: Entire Series
 Peru & Mexico, Cuba, Haiti & Dominican Republic, Brazil
 12:00PM - 5:00PM ALL DAY SHOWINGS | WUC 155

FRIDAY, OCT. 5TH

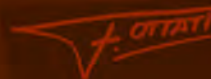
Fuego: Fashion Show

Fashion Show
 7:00PM - 9:30PM | WUC Ballroom 244

SATURDAY, OCT. 6TH

Pachanga by the Bay Festival

Festival Featuring: Angel y Khruz & Toby Love
 6:00PM - Food Trucks by the Bay
 7:00PM - 11:00PM | Open Field Behind Aquatic Center



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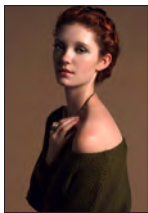
How to dress to impress for electronic music fest



PHOTOS BY ASHLEY GARNER/THE BEACON

Jakiera Burns, undecided, shows off her music festival attire.

COLUMNIST



ASHLEY GARNER

With FIU's Homecoming concert just around the corner, it seemed more than appropriate to dedicate this week's style sightings to perfecting the music

festival attire.

Living in Miami, host city to the Ultra Music Festival and Winter Music Conference, music festivals are a huge part of our lives and our style.

Girls and guys have handmade beaded bracelets crawling up their arms, neon clips peeking out of their hair, and beaten-up tennis shoes on

campus, after a night out at a rave or one of Miami's many local clubs.

When you think of a music festival — particularly an electronic music festival — you think of neon tutus, furry knee-high boots, pacifiers and gloves that light up, but thankfully not everyone is as flamboyant as the rave die-hards.

With your college swag, pair some of your most comfortable closed-toe tennis shoes with a loose tank top and a flash of neon underneath.

Not only are you keeping your feet safe from people that may step on you at least once, but you are also allowing comfort and airflow to your body.

I can guarantee that you will

sweat, and that bodycon dress that you thought was really cute before you left, is sure to be ruined by the end of the night.

So let's try to avoid ruining perfectly good clothes for the sake of cuteness and dress for the occasion.

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Students view the exhibit "Painting in the Gardens" in the Graham Center piano room.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Leading goal scorer pushes forward in career

MICHAEL ORTEGA
Contributing Writer

On a muggy South Florida afternoon, Chelsea Leiva plays her best game of the season so far.

She works wide on a defense she can read, noticing that they are playing high on the line. She attacks the team at the weakest point running the edge and taking advantage of her speed. The junior does easy work with the defender and finds the first goal with ease.

Leiva doesn't let up at keeping pressure forcing the team to cover her on the edge, allowing her teammates to perform giving her a pass in the perfect location where she pushed the ball pass another defender and making her second goal look easy.

Towards the end of the game she noticed the fatigue on the other team she knew this was her time to make her first Hat Trick of the season. She attacked again without missing a beat passing the defenders and scoring that third goal.

Leiva is without question the best player on the FIU women's soccer team. She

leads her team in goals and has twice as many shots on goal as the next closest teammate. Despite this, Leiva puts a lot of emphasis on teamwork.

"I couldn't have done this without my teammates, they played great," Leiva said. "I saw what the other team was doing and I attacked wide."

"Chelsea is a great teammate, she works for team," Head coach Thomas Chestnutt said. "She is a forward so sometimes she has to be a bit selfish to be a good forward. But on the field and off the field she is a great teammate, she always looks out for her teammates if even it's doing a little extra like helping out after practice with equipment."

Leiva comes from a very athletic family. Her father was an athlete and her two older brothers both played sports as well. Leiva always knew she wanted to play a sport but she didn't know she wanted to play soccer at first.

"When I was about five or six, I played softball and basketball, but then I tried soccer and I kept going with it; I loved it from the beginning," said Leiva. "My day was usually school, practice, and

sleep and when I was home I was never inside watching TV me and my brothers were outside playing kickball or something."

According to Leiva, she has taken past experiences into her play now knowing that they will lead her to her goals and dreams for the future.

"I knew I wanted to play in college, most girls drop out after travel clubs but that wasn't an option," said Leiva.

Her play on the field has shown that she is taking the next step to her goal. You can even say she is playing like her favorite soccer player Forward Alex Morgan from the USA Women Soccer Team.

Leiva knows that she is moving in the right direction thanks to her coach and mentor Chestnutt

"I've taken so much from playing here at FIU and with this team. I love my teammates they are great friends. Thomas has taught us a lot of things not just on the field but things you can learn off the field too," said Leiva. "One thing I really took from coach is to play hard and set goals for the future."

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JONATHAN SEGAL/THE BEACON

Leiva (left) leads her team this season with four goals and two assists. Her hat trick against Idaho on Sept. 9 earned her national recognition from TopDrawerSoccer.com.

WEEKEND GAMES



JASEN DELGADO/THE BEACON

The Panthers dropped a heartbreaking five set match to the UALR Trojans on Sept. 21.

FOOTBALL



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FIU (3-10) 2

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MEN'S SOCCER

Young soccer star taking advantage of new chances

FRANCISCO RIVERO
Staff Writer

In a soccer team that has a player tied for second nationally in goals, it's easy to overlook the other key cogs that keep the machine running smoothly.

While sophomore forward Colby Burdette doesn't have numbers that star teammate Quentin Albrecht has, Colby certainly has the same passion.

Burdette, a Boca Raton native, discovered his passion for soccer at an early age.

"I think it was the second grade and one of my neighbors played soccer. I always saw him come home in a jersey and one day I asked him, 'hey what do you play?'" Burdette said. "He told me that he played soccer so one day I said 'I want to play with you.' So he brought me into an indoor league over the summer and that's where I just started loving to play soccer."

In his career, Burdette has gone through a slew of soccer coaches. However, he singles out his parents as his biggest influences.

Burdette was the first athlete in his family and his parents did everything they could to make sure he attended every practice and game.

Burdette continued developing, then

scored a goal that he says will stick with him for the rest of his life.

"In high school — the year we went to states — we reached the regional semi-finals and there was a play at the top of our corner. I did a couple of combination plays in the middle of the field and I was able to cut it outside and score a diving header," Burdette said. "That was the goal that was able to take us to states, so to me, that's the goal that stands out the most."

For head coach Kenny Arena, Burdette's aggressive playing style is no surprise.

"Colby is an attacker, he can stretch teams and he's very dangerous when he's running with the ball at his feet," Arena said. "He's good in the air, and in the box I'd say he's even a winger or a high forward."

As Burdette got older and enhanced his skills, he found himself at crossroads when it came to picking a university.

"Up until the last couple weeks of my senior year, I had no clue of where I was going to go.

I was kind of struggling in school, I wasn't sure of what I was going to do until I was offered a scholarship here at FIU," Burdette said. "My mom and I

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Student clubs, organizations receive high priority

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During a hearing for the fee increase, Pete Garcia, executive director of sports and entertainment, said the exposure the University will get from C-USA will attract attention not only to athletics but to the academics as well.

"This is the one thing that, with all due respect to all other fees, actually brings value to the degree, it brings monetary value when they're applying to jobs..." Garcia said.

Some of the attention Garcia mentioned also goes to athletic facilities both SGCs wanted to guarantee student access.

"Cristin 'Cici' Battle and I added things that we felt were pertinent to the growth of students. We met and spoke for a good time to assure all students were going to be affected by this agreement and have the opportunity to use the facilities."

Wesley Hardin, assistant athletic director for facilities and operations, said in 2011-2012 nine requests to use athletic venues were filed and all were approved. As of this writing, Hardin has received eight requests.

It is not written in the agreement whether individual students can request an athletic venue for themselves, but it does recognize students who are members of Greek organizations, student organizations, or University departments.

According to Eric Arneson, assistant vice president for Student Affairs, high priority is given to student organizations.

"It's easier to hold them accountable," Arneson said.

Student clubs are able to hold their meetings either in the stadium club, locker rooms of the visiting team, or in a meeting room the R. Kirk Landon Football Fieldhouse is required to contain, according to the agreement.

Of the those venues, five to 10 requests are filed for the stadium club alone, according to Arneson. The club is a 6,500-square foot space that can hold up to 300 people.

Arneson said Greek

organizations file the most requests because the number of members they have means they need larger rooms for meetings and holding events.

He also said student leaders of student organizations typically know they have access to athletic venues but he isn't sure if that information trickles down to their other members.

A voicemail was left with Lily Wilson, president of the Black Student Union but a response was not received as of press time.

Arneson approves applications after the SGC-MMC president approves, and the Campus Life director at Biscayne Bay Campus, Craig Cunningham, approves after the SGC-BBC president approves.

Frye said they've made this decision because the University's football team practices during the day and intramural championship games for flag football take place at night. If intramurals were to hold their post-season games at the stadium, Athletics would charge them for using the stadium lights.

Hardin, the person within Athletics who approves requests for athletic venues, said any charge Athletics places on student organizations and departments are done to cover overtime employees and equipment used after hours of operation.

"If an event occurs during the day then we don't charge," Hardin said in an interview with Student

“Space is a premium on this campus and whatever I can do to get students space, I'll do it.”

Eric Arneson,
Assistant Vice President
Student Affairs

Students can find applications in the SGA office at their campus.

Arneson said so far he's always agreed with the SGC-MMC president.

"Space is a premium on this campus and whatever I can do to get students space, I'll do it," Arneson said.

The agreement also directly applies to the University's various intramural programs. It is written in the agreement the head football coach, Mario Cristobal, will approve making the field available to intramural teams for their playoff and championship games.

However, Recreation Services, the department which manages intramural teams, has decided to not use one of the facilities guaranteed in the agreement.

"Because of availability, we wouldn't be able to use the stadium," said Rob Frye, director of Recreation Services.

Media.

For example, Recreation Services would face a charge of \$250 per hour for using the lights, according to Hardin.

Requests to use the stadium field must be placed 30 days in advance for review and approval, using the field must not interfere with the football program's yearly operations: recruiting, training camp and mid-season training, regular season games, pro day, etc.

While the agreement was signed and has been in effect for more than a year, neither Recreation Services nor their intramural teams knew they could use the stadium.

"I was there during the vote and it was mentioned this could be a possibility, but nothing officially came to me," Frye said.

Peter Perez, junior and member of the Pi Kappa Alpha intramural

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football team, said he never knew.

"I figured ... intramurals were meant to be kept in the intramural fields," Perez said. "No one has ever made that common knowledge. That gives us more of a reason to want to make the playoffs. A chance to play in a college stadium for the big cup isn't something we'd want to pass up."

Perez's teammates, senior Santiago Figueroa and junior German Quesada, both had no idea and think using athletic venues would be a positive for the

University.

"I don't think anyone knew, but I'm sure we'd jump on the first chance to play a football game in the cage, a soccer game in the official pitch, a basketball game in the arena," Figueroa said.

"If there's a chance of playing in any of these arenas it should be taken advantage of being that it would attract a larger audience to these events," Quesada said.

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Strong resolve propels sophomore

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thought that we should take the offer in order to get a good education and continue playing soccer."

Now in his sophomore year, Burdette hopes to further improve his skills with every opportunity.

He says that a lot of it is about the mental aspect of the game.

"I've learned a lot more, I'm a little more quick-minded, my fitness is a lot better and with Kenny coming in, my all-around game has just increased

significantly."

As of Sept. 21, Burdette ranks second on the team in goals and shots. Arena suspects that his success will only go up from here.

"I think that Colby just expects himself to be successful now," Arena said. "He expects himself to be dangerous, expects to score, to get assists and to do his job defensively. He's got a good level of understanding of what is expected of him and he demands it of himself as well."

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JONATHAN SEGAL/THE BEACON

Colby Burdette has two goals so far this season, second only to Quentin Albrecht who has six.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sniping from within GOP adds to Romney's struggles

DAVID ESPO

AP Special Correspondent

Mitt Romney struggled to steady his presidential campaign on Friday, buffeted by an outbreak of sniping by frustrated Republicans, fresh evidence of a slide in battleground state polls and President Barack Obama's accusation that he was writing off "half the country" in pursuit of the White House.

Republican running mate Paul Ryan drew boos at an AARP convention in New Orleans when he said Romney would repeal Obama's health care law, which closed a gap in coverage for seniors' prescription drugs. The Wisconsin congressman accused the administration of weakening Medicare and flinching from tough measures needed to stabilize Social Security's finances, adding that the president has "put his own job security over your retirement security."

Obama rebutted Ryan's charges point by point in a video appearance to the same audience. He said the Republican prescription for Medicare would mean "billions in new profits for insurance companies" and replacing guaranteed benefits with a voucher that would bring higher out of pocket costs for seniors.

Romney campaigned in Nevada as aides released a 2011 federal income tax return showing he and his wife, Ann, paid \$1.94 million in federal taxes last year on income of \$13.7 million. Their effective tax rate was 14.1 per cent, lower than many families pay because most of the couple's earnings come from investments.

The campaign also released a letter from Romney's doctor saying the 65-year-old former Massachusetts governor is healthy and physically up to the demands of the presidency. Republicans tried to yank the campaign focus back to the economy.

"While President Obama and Democrats will try to distract voters, Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan are focused on fixing the economy, getting Americans back to work and ensuring a better future for our children and grandchildren," Sen. John McCain, the Republicans' 2008 presidential candidate, said in a statement.

But there seemed no letup in the bad political news for Romney, hit by a barrage of it since he was seen on videotape saying that his job as a candidate is not to worry about the 47 percent of Americans whom he said pay no income taxes and see themselves as victims.

Obama, for sure, was eager to keep the controversy alive. Campaigning in Woodbridge, Va., he defended himself against Romney's jabs in response to his own statement that change is impossible from the inside in Washington. "It can't happen if you write off half the nation before you even took office," he said.

According to Wall Street Journal/NBC News/Marist Poll surveys, the president has opened leads among likely voters of eight percentage points in Iowa, with 6 electoral votes, and margins of five percentage points each in Colorado (9 electoral votes) and Wisconsin (10.) Earlier surveys published this week pointed to leads for Obama in both Virginia, with 13 electoral votes, and Ohio, with 18.

National polls have been far closer, including an AP-GfK survey this week that had it a statistical tie among likely voters. They have also suggested progress for Obama in terms of his handling of the economy, the No. 1 issue in the race.

Despite Romney's difficulties, recent soundings on employment have not been encouraging for the president's re-election. Newly released figures show joblessness ticked up in five swing states in August, fell in two and was unchanged in two others.

Romney's allies also point to a series of presidential debates beginning Oct. 3 as a chance to shake up the race.

But for now, Romney's troubles have sent shudders down ballot, where Republicans are in tough races that will settle the outcome for the struggle for control of the Senate this fall. Tommy Thompson, dropping in the polls in Wisconsin, said "the presidential thing is bound to have an impact on every election."

That produced a quick retort from John Sununu, a top Romney surrogate. "My good friend Tommy Thompson sounds like Barack Obama, blaming it on somebody else," he said on CNN.

But Thompson wasn't alone. Rep. Rick Berg, running for the Senate in a closer-than-expected race in North Dakota, became the latest in a string of Republican candidates to say they disagreed with Romney's 47 percent remarks.

Apart from his self-inflicted political wounds, Romney has been under pressure from fellow Republicans to draw clearer distinctions with Obama on the economy, and say more clearly what he would do to bring down the nation's 8.1 percent unemployment rate.

Associated Press writers Mark Smith in Woodbridge, Va.; and Ken Thomas, Jim Kuhnhenn, Julie Pace and Kasie Hunt in Washington contributed to this report.

WINE AND DINE



PHOTOS BY VON CLINTON/THE BEACON

Hospitality students take on the roles of chefs and prepare Mexican, Italian bistro or Spanish tapas during the Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management Dining Events. Lunch and dinners are served Tuesdays through Fridays. Lunch begins at noon and dinners begin at 6 p.m. Wednesday dinner events: Sept. 26, Oct. 17, Nov. 7, and Nov. 28. Thursday lunches will be held Sept. 27, Oct. 18, Nov. 8, and Nov. 29. Friday Lunches will be Oct. 5, Oct. 26, and Nov. 16. Reservations can be made by calling 305-919-4526.

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Students form alliance for farmers' labor rights

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Contributing Writer

Some Floridians may think oranges are the sole fruit produced in the state, but over 95 percent of all tomatoes are grown in Mexico, Florida and California.

Others are unaware that Florida farms have had many reports of abusing their farmworkers.

According to the National Farmworker Alliance, the most a farm worker can earn in a year is \$12,000 by working 10 hours non-stop in the sun with no breaks.

They receive 49 cents per bucket of tomatoes picked.

Because of these conditions, Daniela Saczek, junior political science major, started the FIU Student Farmworker Alliance to help gain awareness for the

cause.

"I was a site leader for alternative Breaks at FIU and my site was Immokalee. I volunteered at the Coalition of Immokalee Workers [...] and got inspired along with members of our aB group and we decided to start a chapter. Since, I became an intern with two ally organizations here, just harvest and inter-faith action," said Saczek.

SFA already has the support of companies like McDonald's, Taco Bell, Whole Foods and Burger King as they've signed the Fair Food Agreement.

Their next goal is to get Publix to sign this agreement.

"It's a code of conduct that companies abide by which basically gives one more cent per bucket and makes sure the farmworkers can get breaks and better working conditions," said

“Our goal is to end sweatshop conditions and modern-day slavery in the fields by working with the farmers...students should care about because it's slavery that's happening right in Florida.”

Alexandra Floresmeyer Campoy,
Marketing and Advertising chair
Student Farmworker Alliance

Alexandra Floresmeyer Campoy, the marketing/advertising chair of the alliance. "By agreeing to this, there is a system to make sure the farms these companies buy from are also complying with the code of conduct."

On Labor Day, Sept. 3, SFA went to hand-deliver letters to

the Publix manager at the Publix across from Modesto Maidique Campus.

There were over 100 letters from different people asking them to sign the Fair Food Agreement provided. SFA is still waiting for their decision and is optimistic.

"We're a new club on campus with few members so far. So attaining the companies we have so far has definitely been a great success for us," said Campoy.

Although SFA mainly operates and holds meetings on MMC, they are looking to do more at Biscayne Bay Campus to get more students on both campuses involved.

"Our goal is to end sweatshop conditions and modern-day slavery in the fields by working with the farmers," said Campoy. "Right now we're focused on targeting Publix and Chipotle in order to get them to sign the fair food agreement like other corporations have. This is something that students should care about because it's slavery that's happening right in Florida."

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A BALANCING ACT

Working women on campus break typical mom stereotype

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Contributing Writer

The word "mom" is often related to the image of a soft and genial mother goose, but in the workplace, this image does not always follow. At the Biscayne Bay Campus, it's easy to find full-time mothers working at a full-time job.

Barbara Barrero, a hospitality major, notices some of these women.

"They're more willing to accept roles. It's a challenge, but now you can see the advancement."

Female professors, assistants and staff may have to carry the same pressures of learning how to take on multiple titles, including disciplinary.

Sonya Robinson, office manager of the Multicultural Programs and Services at BBC has raised three kids.

“You even get students who take your niceness for granted...Don't take us for granted. Don't take kindness for weakness.”

Sonya Robinson,
Office Manager
Multicultural Programs and Services

Robinson has worked for the University for 20 years, but not without the worry of her children in the back of her mind.

She remembers working previous jobs and wondering about her children's commute and whether or not they were walking home safely.

John Zoeller, a social studies instructor and the husband of a full-time working mother can empathize and offers some of the advice his wife uses.

"Balance [your] future career with immediate and future family concerns."

Being equally responsible as she is with the family, he knows how difficult it can become for his wife.

"Obviously what was once a woman's role is now shared by the spouse, but my suspicion is that most women still carry most of the responsibility."

Simple discussions such as asking for a raise or a day off can be intimidating.

"When your kids get sick, you're scared to call in because you have a position where you feel you must show up. There are bosses that aren't understanding that your kids and you get sick," said Robinson.

Common events such as maternity leave, school pick-up hours or family emergencies can be a deal breaker when applying for jobs. Janet Rodriguez, the food service supervisor at Moe's Southwest Grill at BBC, admits that getting to her position wasn't too difficult because she had past managerial experience, but that often times employees "won't look to [women] for promotions and when they do, they think, 'I won't listen to her.'"

Assistant Director of the Women's Center Sabrena O'Keefe said employers can assume that women will be taking care of their children and it will affect how they perform at work, when it doesn't.

"Besides getting bigger and having to take a month or two off, they're seen as getting softer after giving birth."

Robinson can relate to being seen as getting soft.

"You even get students who take your niceness for granted. I had a student that would come in at 6:30 when we close at 7:00 and begin to type her papers up. I'd have to have my husband take care of the kids. Don't take us for granted. Don't take kindness for weakness."



SANA ULLAH/THE BEACON

Maria Amabo works as a cashier in Grille Works at the Biscayne Bay Campus Mondays through Fridays. She is also a mother and a grandmother.