

FLASH MOB



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Flash mob promotes FIU Theatre's upcoming 'Songs for a New World.'

Elections, controversial issues and student responses

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As election day approaches, this year's presidential candidates close in on Florida.

Following Nov. 6, President Barack Obama will begin his second term in office or Presidential Candidate Mitt Romney, will succeed him. With 29 votes in the Electoral College, Florida citizens will have a say in the outcome.

Both candidates are attempting to appeal to Hispanic voters, a group particularly large in South Florida.

According to a CNN news report, 21 million out of 200 million registered voters are Hispanic and Florida has 15 percent of the Hispanic vote.

In addition to ads and commercials in Spanish, the candidates made an appearance at the University of Miami this past week on Wednesday and Thursday. Romney was scheduled on Wednesday and Obama was scheduled on Thursday.

The candidates arrived at UM for individual interviews with hosts from Univision to discuss education and future plans among the Hispanic community.

Prominent supporters from the campaign are also attempting to reach out to the Florida community.

First Lady Michelle Obama, visited the University of Florida on Monday, Sept. 17, while former Democratic President Bill Clinton gave a speech at FIU last week.

"It is a combined effort to appeal to those in Florida, particularly Hispanics," said Jorge Mendez, political science graduate and alum. "Going to a university is the best way to achieve this."

As the candidates attempt to appeal to the community and Hispanic voters, many controversial issues surround the candidates, such as their stance on abortion and taxes.

Handell Gonzalez, accounting major, believes that abortion is understandable in issues such as rape, incest, or if the pregnancy poses harm on the mother's life.

"I'm a homeowner and I kind of do like paying taxes because, in Florida, all my property taxes go towards my schools," said Muffy Barbaran, sociology and women's studies major. "I want them to prevail."

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New SIO, Hilarion Martinez, strives for a greater global impact

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Hilarion Martinez, former U.S. diplomat and attorney, was appointed University's first senior international officer in the hope that his international experiences and participation in U.S. foreign affairs would expand the University's influence on a global scale.

The University created the position of Senior International Officer to improve the international connections within the University by coordinating deans and faculty across the campus.

It was also to make "a repository of web-based shared information and experience that informs the campus and the world about internationally related programs and activities underway at FIU," according to Martinez.

The position was created from a collective professional review at the University, along with international stakeholders of the University.

"As the university expands its international portfolio, I needed

someone who could coordinate all the international programmatic activities and be the interface between the university and our many international partners," said Douglas Wartzok, provost and executive vice president. "Dr. Martinez has the right combination of academic and professional diplomatic experience to fulfill these important roles."

The SIO will work with representatives from each college at the University to identify global initiatives while strengthening any projects each school has already begun developing.

He will also be meeting with potential international partners in order to expand the University's multinational influence, representing both the University president and the provost in delegations when influential interlocutors visit.

"Thanks to my experiences abroad and my wide network of contacts, I have already been able to help grow the University's international imprint and influence and launch new initia-

tives that have helped many of our students," said Martinez, who served as a U.S. diplomat for 26 years.

The Office of International

Student and Scholar Services, the Office of Study Abroad and the Assistant Provost for programs in China will now report to the SIO.

"I have been given a position

where I will be able to do more to 'pantherize' the world," Martinez said.

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HOME CHALLENGE



ANDRES BEDOYA/THE BEACON

FIU's offense will face the challenge of a Louisville defense that has only given up 55 points in three games.



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Chicago students return to class as strike ends

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Chicago children returned to school Wednesday, less than a day after teachers ended a seven-day strike that disrupted the daily routines of thousands of families and made the city a flashpoint in the debate over union rights and efforts to overhaul the nation's public education system.

For Erica Weiss, the resumption of classes spared her from having to take her 6-year-old daughter to work.

"I am elated. I couldn't be happier," said Weiss, who had to leave her office in the middle of the day to pick up her daughter from one of the schools that stayed open and then bring her back to her finance job downtown.

"I can't even imagine the people who could have possibly even lost their jobs over having to stay home with their kids because they have no alternate care," she added. "It just put everyone in a pickle."

Union delegates voted overwhelmingly Tuesday evening to suspend the walkout after reviewing a proposed contract settlement with the nation's third-largest school district. They said the offer wasn't perfect, but that it included enough concessions on proposed new teacher evaluations, recall rights for laid-off teachers and classroom conditions.

The contract will now be submitted to a vote by the union's full membership of more than

26,000 teachers and support staffers.

The strike stranded roughly 350,000 students and left many parents scrambling to arrange alternative care for their children even though the district kept more than 140 schools open for several hours a day for meals and activities.

Some parents expressed hope Wednesday that the tentative agreement would benefit students in a district grappling with high dropout rates and poor performance.

"They'll win from the strike," said Leslie Sabbs-Kizer, referring to her children as she walked them to a South Side elementary school.

Wilonda Cannon, a single mother raising her four children in North Lawndale, a poor West Side neighborhood beset by gang shootings, said she was relieved that her two youngest were returning to class after spending the last seven weekdays with their grandfather.

She said she hoped the agreement was the beginning of something new for Chicago's public school system, which has long struggled with high drop-out rates and low test scores. It will take months if not years before parents and teachers will see whether the changes and contract provisions pay off for students.

"I don't know all the ins and outs (of the contract negotiations) ... but it does seem as though it's a step in the right direction," Cannon said.

As the strike dragged into a second week, Mayor Rahm Emanuel sought a court order to send teachers back to the class-

SPIN IT AND WIN IT



Alexandra Sardi/The Beacon

Sophomore Javier Sahagun, majoring in computer engineering, spins the wheel in hopes of winning prizes ranging from McDonald's gift cards to hand fans.

room, a request that was moot after schools reopened.

"This is an exciting day for the city of Chicago," Emanuel said Wednesday. "I'm excited that the kids are back doing the most important thing," learning in the classroom.

The deal offered "major gains," including a longer school day and language clarifying that principals have the right to hire the teachers they want, he said. And the three-year contract will cost taxpayers more than \$30 million less than the four-year contract that expired in June.

Union leaders pointed to concessions by the city on how closely teacher evaluations will be tied to student test scores and to better opportunities for teachers to retain their jobs if schools are closed by budget cuts.

"We said that we couldn't solve all the problems of the world with one contract, and it was time to end the strike," said Chicago Teachers Union President Karen Lewis.

With an average salary of \$76,000, Chicago teachers are already among the highest-paid in the nation. The district's final proposal included an average 7 percent raise over three years, with additional raises for experience and education.

But the evaluations and job security measures stirred the most intense debate. The union said the evaluation system relied too heavily on test scores and did not take into account outside factors that affect student performance


such as poverty, violence and homelessness.

The union also pushed to give laid-off teachers first dibs on open jobs anywhere in the district. The tentative settlement proposed giving laid-off teachers first shot at schools that absorbed their former students and filling half of district openings from a pool of laid-off teachers.

Susan Hickey, a school social worker, said she is eager to learn how the students she counsels fared over the summer.

"How are they? Are they OK?" she said. "I'm glad to be back for all kinds of reasons."

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Do it yourself, or it won't get done

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New and refreshing learning experiences are bound to take place in college, the key difference being that it's no longer anyone else's responsibility but your own to keep track of what you need to succeed.

It is up to you to keep track of the important dates that pertain to your success at the University, especially after being given the information on several occasions.

Not only do we repeatedly receive important emails about any and everything that the University deems important, but fliers and posters are continuously placed around the University as reminders.

Another example is Freshmen Orientation.

Individuals from various University departments took the time to explain to incoming freshman and transfer students what is expected of us, how to navigate the university, how to check our Panther email and where to go for assistance.

But, instead of students taking advantage of resources like these, I constantly overhear them saying, "I didn't know we have to do that? Do we have to do that? How? When?"

Why aren't students taking the initiative to utilize them?

Faculty and staff at the University work diligently to provide freshman with an Academic Advising Center, striving to "help students become good decision-making, independent individuals."

At the Academic Advising Center freshman

can learn about the University Core Curriculum, get help with passing their classes and tutoring in any subject they deem difficult.

Another valuable service offered here at

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the University is Career Services. Career Services aims to help students that don't have the slightest clue as to what they would like to be in life, how to

choose the appropriate major for their career, and what classes are needed in order to get started in that major of their choice.

In my opinion, it is because most of us are still stuck in the high school state of mind.

In high school, we had morning announcements, emails and phone calls and letters home to our parents, home-room reminders. Our elders carried us through.

We don't have that here. and should stop expecting it.

It's time to wake up. Freshman year is crucial to your academic well-being. The experience begins now, utilize the aforementioned services, and take pride in your own independence.

Become one with your brain, people. Do it today. Do it now.

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Hours of operation are there for a reason

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Dear Almost Every Place on Campus,

I don't wake up at 7 a.m. for anything. I probably wouldn't wake up at 7 a.m. if my house was burning. So I hate when I have to wake up early to go do something at FIU, and FIU isn't even there.

If your hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. that doesn't mean you get there at 8:45 and you leave at 4:45; it means that you get there at 7:45 and you leave at 5:05. You should at least be there 15 minutes before the office opens; I'm not saying that you need to be there an hour beforehand, but seriously, 45 minutes after you're scheduled open? That's ridiculous.

I know that there are circumstances out of your and my control and you can't always be in at work on time, but this happens at FIU a little too often to be dismissed.

And if your job starts at 9 a.m. and you're late, you have no excuse. If you expect people to come by and pick up tickets for a football game, that, mind you, brings in a whole mess of money for this university, between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. and you aren't there at 9, that's just not okay.

You got there at 9:05 a.m. so that's okay, but still, I have places to be and you are hindering my being in other places.

If people arrived on time to their jobs at FIU, for example Housing and Financial Aid, I'm sure people would be a lot less angry and reluctant to deal with them.

Dealing with Housing and Financial Aid is never a picnic, but it really makes a day worse, at least for me, when there are people to whom I'm trying to give enormous amounts of money and they don't show up on time.

Now Financial Aid has always been on time when I need to talk to them, but they should be a little more diligent about answering their phones between the times of 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. in the morning or tell people to just not call until 9 a.m.

Housing, however, seems to always be late. I don't think I've ever been helped promptly at 8 a.m. when I've dealt with Housing. And I deal with Housing quite a lot, I live on campus.

I have to say, however, that most other departments I've dealt with have been punctual and very helpful. Financial Services needs a special shout-out for that. You guys make my life better; I don't feel like crying when I leave there. So thank you, so much.

And yes, I am usually early, so people don't need to be there when I am necessarily, but at least show up on time rather than having me stand outside at 8 a.m. angrily waiting for you to show up.

Also, you're not allowed to be in a worse mood than I am if you're 30 to 45 minutes late. If you're on time, be as angry as you want, but don't be rude to me after you made me wait for over an hour.

Thanks.

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It's raining 'free' goodies

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Now that I have been a college student for exactly one month, I am certain of two things:

- Always carry an umbrella.
- I am slowly turning into my grandmother. Offer her anything for free and she will take it without question.

The first week of school, I stopped by the Graham Center for lunch every day and would complain about how crowded and noisy it was.

However, that Friday I had gotten to GC before the madness began and I found tables set up in the pit with FIU paraphernalia.

I went up and learned that if I played a simple game anyone of these items could be mine.

I ended up taking home an FIU umbrella and an increased awareness in my surroundings.

In high school, nothing was ever just given to you unless it was a note informing your parents about something they probably didn't know existed in the

first place.

In college, there is free stuff every corner I turn, and I'm not about to let it pass me by.

Free movies on Fridays, free counseling at the library, free tickets to see Bill Clinton, free hugs- even the \$1 (hey, that's practically free!) iced tea or coffee at the bookstore's Starbucks during "Panther Pride" days.

By the end of the second week I had accumulated seven red "Student Work-Great Pay" pens (never given to me by the same person) and a new found thrill in knowing it didn't end there.

Sure, most of these perks might be included in our tuition under some obscure fee, but that doesn't mean the University has to provide us with the ones they do.

I'm not just talking about free objects, but opportunities as well. Free workshops on how to write a resume, free academic tutoring, free downloads of Microsoft Office, free lectures on a wide array of topics; even the speakers chosen to share their research and experience.

The University goes out of its way to provide relevant, essential and useful

extras and everyone should be taking advantage of them.

A lot of these things I figured out on my own and when I shared them with my friends they usually had no idea they were being offered.

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In college, there is free stuff every corner I turn, and I'm not about to let it pass me by.”

Keep an eye out! You might just end up with a free umbrella.

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ELECTION 2012

Students discuss how elections will affect the job market

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In this election season, the University has been running with buzz on political news. Volunteers have wandered campus since the first day of the fall semester, asking students if they have registered to vote, and fliers all over campus are set up to do the same thing.

Of course, students are also aware that this election is an important one, considering that during this presidential term, many students will be affected, especially by the job market.

Both candidates differ in policies pertaining to the job market but are constantly selling their ideas to the public, trying to win the votes of Americans.

President Barack Obama's plan, is called the American Jobs Act. This act is specifically designed to put two million teachers and construction workers back to work, renovate roads, bridges, schools, and homes and provide the long-term unemployed with a job-search plan to get them working again.

Mitt Romney's plan, is to reform the

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Elle Plau
Finance Major
Honors College Student

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National Labor Relations Board, which is an independent agency charged with resolving disputes between businesses and labor unions. Moreover, he wants to support states that back right-to-work laws and wants to create a program in which workers will be retrained to work modern day jobs.

Freshman biology major Cindy Martinez said that the American Jobs Act wouldn't affect her so much as it would her family, who are struggling with the job market right now. "If this job act

works, it should benefit my family," said Martinez.

Natalie Cortez, senior biology major weighed both candidates' plans. "I would consider Obama's plan better because it would allow those who currently do not have a job to have one, whereas Romney's plan would require retraining, and I don't think that's really necessary right now," said Cortez, adding that Obama's plan would more likely benefit students.

Finance major and honors college student Elle Plau also agreed that the

Obama plan was more likely to succeed.

"I think that by influencing education and promoting better teachers, a better system of growth, I feel the country could advance more and create more jobs," said Plau.

Considering both plans, students should learn about their presidential hopefuls, whether they plan to vote or not, so they can learn about the job market they will enter after graduation.

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PREGAME

How students can get the best out of tailgating

When most people hear the word "tailgating," they think one thing: "Let's get drunk." I tend to err on the side



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BRANDON WISE

of caution when it comes to that. The activity known as tailgating in college should be about more than just drinking.

This should be the opportunity that students use to network and meet new people that they would not have met without tailgating.

Think of tailgating as one giant meet and greet, similar to the one we all went to at orientation, except this time people are a lot looser.

Before any sporting event kicks off, many fans like to use the opportunity to eat and drink as much as they can before they get into the stadium because it is a lot cheaper than paying \$3.50 for a 20-ounce bottle of water inside.

Here are some of the things that will make your tailgating experience a lot more enjoyable.

Before you get into planning who brings what, make sure that somebody has a grill. This



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Students hang out before FIU's football games and get ready to support their Golden Panthers.

keeper-of-the-flame will make sure that you are able to eat anything your stomach desires, whether it's burgers, hot dogs, or even *churrasco*. However,

it's crucial that somebody knows how to operate it. Otherwise,

you're going to end up with hockey pucks for burgers, and nobody wants that.

Next, somebody needs to bring a cooler. Unless someone in your group has decided to take it upon themselves to scien-

tifically figure out how to make sure every single drink stays cold for the next three hours, a cooler is a must for any gathering. Who wants to drink warm water and soda?

After that, somebody needs to

take care of bringing snacks for the group. Chips and salsa will do, but a lot of people like to mix it up with some potato or pasta salad.

Now, the most important part, especially for people that have never been to a tailgate or are trying to meet new people: Don't be afraid to leave your group. There's absolutely nothing wrong with deciding to go for a little walk while you're waiting on a burger. Go and see how other people are tailgating. A lot of times, going around and seeing how other people are running their tailgates will give you ideas for the next time, like maybe music selection or bringing a football to throw around before the game.

The possibilities are endless, as long as you go into it with an open mind. You might meet someone from Louisville, hit it off, exchange numbers and some recipes — like for country biscuits and gravy.

While a lot of people see this as a drunkfest, I say don't knock it until you try it because it could be a lot different than what you see from the outside looking in.

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FALL 2012 EVENTS



FRIDAY, SEPT. 21

MOVIE: BRAVE
WHEN: 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: MMC GC 150

FIU THEATRE PRESENTS: SONGS FOR A NEW WORLD
WHEN: 8 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Tickets: \$10-\$15, Musical tickets: \$15-\$20
WHERE: Wertheim Performing Arts Center 10910 SW 17 Street, Miami, FL 33199

SATURDAY, SEPT. 22

FIU GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP
WHEN: 8 a.m. -12 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: Miami Beach @ 79th street

FIU'S EPA GREEN GAME DAY CHALLENGE
WHEN: 2-8 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: MMC FIU Tailgate - Lot 6

SUNDAY, SEPT. 23

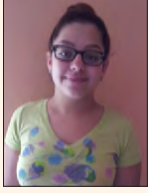
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FALL TV PREVIEW

What you can expect to see on television this fall

Between classes, work and studying, what better way to take a load off than to indulge in the best new and returning fall television shows? This season things will get bigger and better, so get ready to plan your schedules around what will possibly become your favorite shows of the year.

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RETURNING SHOWS

Dexter, returns Sept. 30 @ 9 p.m. on Showtime.

After five seasons of meticulous killing, Dexter is finally caught in the act in the sixth season's last episode. The seventh season of this exhilarating drama will keep viewers on edge as Lt. Debra Morgan has finally been introduced to the real Dexter, a serial killer.

Both stepsister and co-worker to Dexter, Morgan has been developing some very un-sisterly affection toward her stepbrother.

This season, fans can expect to see their complicated relationship unfold, along with the arrival of a few new characters, including a mysterious woman and a Ukrainian crime lord. This season will enthrall newcomers and keep the Dexter enthusiasts coming back for more.

Homeland, returns Sept. 30 @ 10 p.m. on Showtime.

This shock afflicting series is back for round two. After ending in a gut-wrenching situation in which Carrie has lost the memory that connected Brody to terrorism, season two will introduce a lot more than we can swallow.

Ready? Brody is a congressman and Carrie is back to work on a potential terrorist attack on the U.S. after six peaceful months post-electroshock. And if that's not enough to deal with, according

to Entertainment Weekly, Executive Producer Alex Gansa added, "The centerpiece of season two is the doomed relationship between Carrie and Brody." This season will also introduce new characters to the show, including Roya, a spy for Nazir. So if you enjoy spies, secrets and dangerous relationships, tune in to the return of one of the most throat-knotting series.

American Horror Story, returns Oct. 17 @ 10 p.m. on FX.

After a terrifying and captivating season one, American Horror Story is back, and this time it's taking viewers on a trip to an asylum. American Horror Story-Asylum will have you "watching behind your couch," according to Entertainment Weekly.

It will have everything from nuns and serial killers to nymphomaniacs and aliens. Set in 1964 at Briarcliff Manor for the criminally insane, viewers can expect a variety of characters and stories.

Every year, the show will have a different story and different characters, although some actors will return to play other roles. This season will be a workplace drama, so if you thought it couldn't get crazier than season one, think again, and stay tuned for this series.

NEW SHOWS

Ben and Kate, starts Sept. 25 @ 8:30 p.m. on Fox.

In this new sibling sitcom, Kate's older brother Ben, a wacky bachelor, moves in with her to help raise her five year-old daughter.

While her life is being turned upside down by her too-spirited brother, Kate tries to help Ben make something of himself. So if you enjoy quirky comedies and crazy relatives, tune in to "Ben and Kate."

The Mindy Project, starts Sept. 25 @ 9:30 p.m. on Fox.

This new comedy about a successful ob-gyn stars Mindy Kaling, best known for her role as Kelly Kapoor on "The Office." In this new sitcom, she plays Mindy Lahiri, a smart, young woman who's in search of love. If you love romantic, workplace comedies, you might just love this comedy about Mindy being Mindy.

Last Resort, starts Sept. 27 @ 8 p.m. on ABC.

When submarine officers object the command to launch a nuclear missile at Pakistan, they instantly become enemies of the state.

Finding rescue on an exotic island, the crew tries to create a new life for themselves, all while attempting to clear their names. This series will provide viewers a look into friendship, treason and strategy. Catch "Last Resort" if you enjoy action-thrillers.

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HAUTE TOPIC

Alpha Kappa Psi takes us 'From Paris to Tokyo' in this year's fashion show

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Alpha Kappa Psi, the largest professional business fraternity, will host its second Annual Professional Fashion Show on Sept. 25 at the MMC Graham Center Ballroom from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Alpha Kappa Psi hopes this year's show, themed "From Paris to Tokyo," will be as successful as last year's show when more than 150 students attended.

The focus of the show will be on educating the student body about professional attire, with topics on dress codes such as business casual, business professional, cocktail and a "what not to wear" segment.

The event will offer live music

and entertainment. Sponsors of the event include Brooks Brothers, Old Navy, Flamingo Formal Wear, Bobby Brown, Paul Mitchell, Blade and more.

Part of the proceeds will go to His House Children's Home, a faith-based social service that provides care and support to children in need.

Tickets are on sale now at www.wepay.com/events/Professional-FashionShow2012 General Admission tickets are \$6, food included. Tickets sold at the door will be \$8. VIP tickets are \$10 which will include special VIP food, seating and prizes.

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90s Teens' Ric Diaz, FIU art program graduate, plays at Churchill's Pub.

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VOLLEYBALL

Panthers limping into home opener against UALR

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Nine losses and five injuries later, the Panthers are finally playing a home game after a grueling 12-game stretch that saw FIU take on six top-25 opponents.

Trevor Theroulde has not had the smoothest transition into the head coaching role because he has been forced to play with a different line up in virtually every match due to the injuries that have devastated the team.

After witnessing five key players go down with “freakish” injuries, Theroulde insisted that the team’s strength and conditioning program needs to do a better job of keeping his players physically ready to compete.

“One thing we are really trying to do is go back to basics and implement drills that improve volleyball conditioning,” Theroulde said. “We need to control the things we can control and make sure the girls train hard so they can be physically ready to play through our passing and serving drills.”

Despite the Panthers possibly getting back some of their injured players — including senior setter, Renele Ford as well as All Sun Belt hitter, Jovana Bjelica — Theroulde must gradually allow them to get back into volleyball shape.

“Even if they’re back, they

need to get volleyball ready. They have not been able to do the things that they need to do in order to get back into shape,” Theroulde said. “It takes a little longer to get back to playing at the tempo of a real game situation and other volleyball activity.”

Forde is recovering from an abdominal injury that has limited her cardio exercise, and Bjelica continues to recover from the broken bone in her right hand which she suffered before the first game of the season.

CONFERENCE CLASH

Theroulde and the squad will finally embark on the portion of the season that matters the most, the Sun Belt schedule. FIU will get their first glimpse of Sun Belt action as they prepare to take on the University of Arkansas Little Rock Trojans (4-8). The team will finally come to play in the friendly confines of the U.S. Century Bank Arena.

With the matchup against UALR approaching, Theroulde is putting emphasis on battling their first Sun Belt foe of the 2012 campaign and stressing its importance. This match marks the first time many of the girls get to play in front of a home crowd.

“For a young team like us, it’s just great to be home after playing in the road for the last four weeks it just feels great to



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Kimberly Smith (above) has the highest attack percentage (.211) on the team through the first 12 games.

be in the friendly confines of FIU,” Theroulde said.

FIU will take on a UALR squad that has a premier player worth boasting about in Bosnia native, Edina Begic. The 6-foot-2 outside hitter is coming off an exceptional year where she was tabbed as the 2011 Sun Belt Freshman of the Year.

Begic posted huge numbers last year as she notched 30 kills in one match against Middle Tennessee.

“Edina is an exceptional player and can single handedly destroy a team,” Theroulde said. “She has the ability to take over a game and she is definitely someone we need to address.”

The match is slated for Sept. 21 at 5:30 p.m. The Trojans will try to avenge to 0-3 shutout that Panthers handed down in their 2011 bout. The Panthers continue their Sun Belt schedule as they take on Arkansas State on Sept. 23 at 1 p.m.

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INTRAMURALS

Tau Kappa Epsilon pounds Sigma Chi in 39-0 victory

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Tau Kappa Epsilon showed up to the FIU intramural football fields with their caravan of fans, ready to show everyone exactly why they made it to the championship last year.

They ran all around Sigma Chi and played great defense, finishing the game with dominance in a 39-0 victory on Sept. 17.

Proving that speed kills, TKE burned Sigma Chi with their speed at the wide receiver position. John Maran blew open the first half with two receiving touchdowns of 20 and 40 yards. Maran’s swiftness was key to TKE’s strategy for winning.

“It’s a game about speed and I am going to outrun them and we are going to throw it over the top and score,” Maran said.

Back-up quarterback Junior Villegas exploited the defense, running often and scoring twice. TKE showed great defensive play, racking up four sacks and two interceptions, one of which was returned for a touchdown.

Sigma Chi was not only stopped by the suffocating TKE defense, but by their own disorganization on offense. They committed five false start penalties, three of which came consecutively when they were trying to punt away after failing to convert a first down.

The breakout player of the game didn’t emerge until the second half. Second-string quarterback George Landis, who started this game, shredded the defense and led TKE on three consecutive scoring drives.

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INTRAMURAL FOOTBALL STANDINGS

FRATERNITY	FRATERNITY			FRATERNITY (CONT.)			
	W-L-T	PCT	PD	W-L-T	PCT	PD	
Tau Kappa Epsilon	2-0-0	1.000	44	FIJI	1-1-0	0.500	32
Sigma Alpha Mu	2-0-0	1.000	23	Pi Kappa Phi	1-1-0	0.500	42
Phi Sigma Kappa	1-1-0	0.500	-4	Sigma Chi	0-2-0	0.000	-68
Sigma Phi Epsilon	1-1-0	0.500	15	Theta Chi	0-2-0	0.000	-60
PIKE	1-1-0	0.500	18	Beta Theta Pi	0-2-0	0.000	-42

*All records up to date as of Sept. 19

FOOTBALL

Panthers to face ‘best quarterback [they’ve] seen...’

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After suffering their second straight road loss last weekend, the Panthers will be at home against the Louisville Cardinals (3-0) this weekend. Both these teams met for the first time last year and the Panthers (1-2) left Papa John's Cardinal Stadium with a victory, 24-17.

This season, the team has dealt with filling the offensive hole that T.Y. Hilton, former Panther star receiver, left behind after graduating last year. So far the offense has done a good job in making up for the loss of the program's biggest offensive threat in its tenure. As a team, the Panthers have averaged 420 yards a game along with 29 points.

The issue remains to be this season on the defensive side of the ball.

On average, teams are scoring 39 points a game against FIU as well as 420.7 total yards. This lack of execution three games in, questions whether the offense should feel the pressure to score early and often against a Louisville offense that scored in its first six possessions against UNC this past weekend.

“Absolutely not, it's a football game, it's an opponent, and we go out and play against an opponent every Saturday,” said senior left tackle Caylin Hauptmann. “It's the same as every other game, no matter how they perform. On a normal day basis we're going to go out there and



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Darian Mallary (left) will likely carry the load this week with Kedrick Rhodes still dealing with an ankle injury.

try to perform better than they are.”

Unfortunately for the Panthers, scoring early has been an issue this season. Slow starts have plagued FIU this season and have left them with too much of a deficit to recover, as seen in the games against UCF and Duke.

According to Cristobal, the team has not started quick enough this season.

“We are generating enough yardage and moving the ball,” Cristobal said. “We just need to get more points than we have in the first half in the past couple games. It's important

to maintain and finish.”

If FIU is going to have any chance against No. 20 Louisville, it will need to keep up with an offense led by Heisman-watch quarterback and Florida native Teddy Bridgewater.

According to ESPN, Bridgewater has been on watch as a potential Heisman trophy candidate resulting from the success he found early on this season. He has a completion rating of 82 percent on 72-88 passing for 855 yards and five touchdowns. So far this season, FIU's defense has allowed 875 passing yards and 11 passing touchdowns.

“He is the best quarterback we've seen on tape in a long, long time and that's saying something because we've seen some highly ranked ones,” said Cristobal. “He just does everything right. He's been very well coached and he's performing at a high level.”

This game at FIU marks a homecoming of sorts for Bridgewater and a good number of the Louisville Cardinals roster. Thirty-three of the players on Louisville are from Florida and 20 of those are from the Miami area. Those 33 players will be seeking revenge after FIU embarrassed them

at their house to a national audience.

“I remember seeing a team that came here and sucked the breath out of us,” said Bridgewater in a press conference. “They defeated us on our home turf and it's something that we want revenge on, but they are a team that plays with a lot of energy.”

Little mental mistakes doomed the Panthers in their two losses so far this season and it's something that Hauptmann knows needs to be corrected moving forward in the season.

“It's pretty obvious we had some mistakes, we had some mistakes all around, on our entire offense, our defense. We have to go back and fix them,” said Hauptmann. “You know, there is only so many times you can say you're going to fix something, so now it's actually time to fix it.”

Last year, the team relied heavily on Hilton who provided 201 of the 298 yards of total offense as well as two highlight-reel touchdowns. This week, Cristobal expects more of a team effort against the Cardinals.

“These guys always step up, this is not a soap opera,” said Cristobal. “This is a group that's always going to work hard, they've worked hard for a long time. They've been together for a long time and they're [continuing] to work. Have we played exactly how we want to play? Absolutely not, this is a long season with a lot of football games and that's what we're looking to get better at every day.”

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Sigma Phi Epsilon shuts out Phi Sigma Kappa 21-0

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He did it all on the field, finishing the game with four touchdowns, including an interception return for a touchdown on defense.

Landis's ability to step up and dominate the game, and TKE's starting quarterback injured, proved vital to the team's success.

“My arm feels great; it's my first day of playing quarterback and it's good, I like it.”

-Oscar Baldizon

In a game plagued with interceptions, the Sigma Phi Epsilon flag football team was able to walk away with a 21-0 victory over Phi Sigma Kappa on Sept. 19 in the FIU intramural fields.

Phi Sigma Kappa opened with an impressive first drive led by quarterback Danny Arguello. He drove the offense down the field, converting on three straight third downs.

The sloppy plays did not take long to surface as three interceptions were thrown in the first half.

With less than two minutes remaining in the half, Sigma Phi Epsilon quarterback Jared Rok led his team down the field. Starting from their own 18-yard line, Rok drove his team down the field in a hurry-up offense.

With 35 seconds remaining in the half, Rok capped the drive by finding Christian Maribal in the end zone. After converting the extra point, it was 7-0 Sigma Phi Epsilon.

“I came in worrying about what kind of

rush Phi Sigma Kappa was going to send at me, so we were focusing our offensive plan around what their defense was showing us,” Rok said.

In the second half, Sigma Phi Epsilon had all the momentum after their scoring drive. On the opening possession, Rok found Marinal who made an impressive one-handed diving catch.

Rok eventually capped off the opening drive with a 13-yard touchdown pass to Javier Diaz and an extra point to Eric Mendez, putting Sigma Phi Epsilon up 14-0.

Phi Sigma Kappa's first drive of the second half resulted in another Arguello interception. Jared Rok, like in the first half returned the favor, throwing his second interception of the game.

On the very next play new quarterback Andres Martinez threw the fourth Phi Sigma Kappa interception of the game.

But Rok would make up for his interception by taking his team down the field capping off an impressive drive with a two-yard touchdown pass to Jonathan Ocampo.

After Rok rushed in the extra point, making the game 21-0 with two minutes left, the referees called the game due to mercy rule.

Following the loss, Phi Sigma Kappa captain Allan Cabrera kept his head up.

“It was a rough game, but look out for us next week we're coming strong. We will learn from our mistakes.”

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TANNER TRANSFERS



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Tanner Wozniak (left) has decided to transfer out of FIU to play at Jones Junior College in Ellsville, Miss. after initially deciding to come back and play for new coach Richard Pitino.

SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION

WHEN ISLANDS BECOME CLASSROOMS

SJMC takes students to the Galapagos

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A four hour plane to Quito, followed by a second shorter flight, a ferry and two buses to Santa Cruz Island.

This is the journey some students will take to go to class in December.

The destination? The Galapagos Islands, an archipelago located 500 miles off the coast of Ecuador. The class? Environmental Communication.

Environmental Communication in the Galapagos is hosted by the School of Journalism and Mass Communication from Dec. 10 to Dec. 23. Seven students may enroll in a three-credit course over the winter mini term, living and studying in the islands. The program has only been done once before, in 2009.

Juliet Pinto, assistant professor in the SJMC, is organizing the study abroad program and will teach the class.

“We’re very excited to be offering the program again. It was a tremendous experience the first time, and it’s going to be even better the second time around,” said Pinto.

Pinto feels that the program is different because it allows students to stay in a town in the Galapagos, interacting with the locals and seeing their way of life, which is something most tourists never experience.

The goal of the program is for students to get an appreciation about what is it to cover environmental issues and all of what that entails.

“It is a course designed to teach students to better understand journalism in terms of environmental issues,” Pinto said.

Students will spend most of their time in Isabela Island, the largest island in the archipelago and the least populated. The students will stay in family-style homes and can go out for a night in the town once the course

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activities are over.

Every day will have a scheduled activity and lectures enhanced by excursions, snorkeling, volcano hikes, trekking in wetlands and visiting the Charles Darwin Foundation.

The classes will cover writing and reporting skills, with a focus on reporting on issues like resource management, sustainability and conservation.

“I would love to go the Galapagos, Darwin went there. They

have all sorts of animals and I would love to see that,” says Oscar Baldizon, a junior journalism major.

Baldizon thinks it would be useful to take a class in environmental communication because a journalist needs to be able to inform about all areas of life.

“I’m very green and I care about the earth, so I could see myself reporting about these issues,” he said.

Katherine Lepri, a junior

majoring in journalism, is one of the students that will spend her winter break in the Galapagos.

“The Galapagos have a lot to offer, with its preserves and the animals that aren’t hunted,” she said. “I’ve never been in a place like that.”

Lepri did extensive research before she chose the study abroad program. She thinks the Galapagos will offer something extraordinary.

“The fact that there is even an opportunity like this was a red flag for me because I just needed to take advantage of this opportunity,” she said.

Lepri hopes to be able to get hands-on experience on environmental issues and especially about how to report them.

“I would like to come back with the ability to report on extremely complex issues in a compelling, fun article that people actually want to read.”

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Foreign students adjust, one cortadito at a time

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Farewells at the airport are the first step into a University for thousands of international students who, during their education, find more challenges than just deadlines, assignments and homework.

“Being an only child, studying away from home is self-sacrificing. China has a different social structure, values and way of living than the United States,” said Juan Du, a graduate student in the Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management.

In 2012, Florida International University received a total of 2,938 international students: 978 undergrads and 1,230 graduates.

“FIU is well known around the world for its diversity of ethnicity, bright futures and extraordinary worldwide study programs. We represent Miami, a city rich in culture and unique people,” said Mark B. Rosenberg, University president, at the International Students Welcome Dinner.

International students come from more than 125 countries, the majority of which from China, Venezuela and India. Most of the international applicants register in the schools of Business and Management, Engineering, Journalism and Mass Communications and CSHTM.

Du said she is ready for the challenge, but she had some difficulties adapting to her new environment.

“Studying in a completely different language can be demanding, but I am looking forward to make this opportunity one of the best experiences of my life,” she said.

Some international students also receive financial support and scholarships, which are provided to students with outstanding performance.



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Juan Du and Lu Lia, International graduate students from the Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, sit side-by-side on the Golden Panther Express shuttle and chat.

In 2010, Ziad Bentaleb, an international student from Lebanon, received a Fulbright Scholarship to finish his masters in public health and social work.

Now, as a doctoral student and teaching assistant, Bentaleb remembers when his homeland went through a revolution against the government last year during the Arab Spring. He was in Miami and lost all communication with his family.

“I was completely devastated. Focusing on my studies was extremely difficult,” he said. “Fortunately, I was surrounded with a supportive circle of friends, most of them members of International Student Club and great professors who offered help when I needed it the most.”

ISC is a non-profit organization dedicated

to fostering diversity at FIU. According to Ammar Bahsan, public relations representative of ISC, the club is working constantly to create a friendly environment to entertain and educate their members.

“Our mission is to promote inter-cultural communication and understanding among students, as well as to provide academic and social assistance,” he said.

The organization is not exclusively for International Students; anyone can join.

Besides ISC, the University also has the Study Abroad Club. This organization promotes study abroad programs and supplies students with information about application process, regulations and financial support.

“Our school offers amazing credit and noncredit programs to study abroad around

the world. We also provide international connections and scholarships to award deserving students,” said Fernando Andres Gualda, vice-president of the club.

With more than 22 years of experience working with international students, Nancy Hernandez, director of International Student and Scholar Services at Biscayne Bay Campus, understands the circumstances that foreign students have to face in the course of their careers.

“Our mission is to inform and help our students with all their concerns in terms their profession and adapting to Miami,” Hernandez said.

Every semester, with the Student Government Association support, the Office of International Student and Scholar Services prepares an agenda as part of campus life activities with workshops and events for students to integrate the students.

This fall the International Student Committee will offer free events open to the public at BBC when students will learn about study abroad programs, immigration rules and commitments while they celebrate exposure to different cultures.

“Participants will also be able to enjoy other people’s languages, traditions and cuisine,” Hernandez said.

Becoming an international student was a life changing experience for Mujtaba Sharief, a biochemistry graduate student.

“From Bollywood movies to the homeland of cortaditos, I traveled 8,500 miles from Bangalore, India to Miami,” Sharief said. “Being far away from my comfort zone and facing new challenges has helped with my auto discovering process. Studying in another country is an opportunity that no one should miss out [on].”

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