

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

Go, Slow, Stop: Traffic lights to start popping up on campus



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GOING RED, YELLOW AND GREEN: TRAFFIC LIGHTS WILL BE INSTALLED IN SEPTEMBER IN THE VICINITY OF THE U.S. CENTURY BANK ARENA AND ON THE EASTERN AND WESTERN ENDS OF PG5.

MIRIAM ARIAS
Staff Writer

As the University continues to expand, so does the traffic.

In order to ease traffic flow, prevent accidents and enforce safety, the Modesto Maidique Campus will see the addition of traffic control lights and pedestrian crossing lights at three major intersections.

One traffic signal will be located in the vicinity of the U.S. Century Bank Arena between SW 113th Avenue and SW 11th Street.

Two other traffic signals will be located on the intersections at the eastern and western ends of PG5, between SW 10th Street and SW 108th Avenue and SW 10th Street and SW 109th Avenue, respectively.

“These traffic control devices will help organize the flow of traffic and pedestrians, ultimately maintaining a safe and expeditious flow of vehicular and pedestrian traffic,” Chief of Police, Alexander Casas said.

According to John Cal, associate vice president of Facilities Management, there have been several concerns regarding the uneasy flow of traffic and the need for safety on campus.

“The growth of FIU has increased vehicular and pedestrian traffic flow throughout the MMC

campus and, most especially, on the campus loop road,” Cal said. “It was clear that the road network was becoming saturated and would... lead to potential conflicts between pedestrian flow and vehicle traffic if no improvements were made.”

In response to these concerns, an engineering consultant was hired to improve traffic conditions. The consultant advised the implementation of traffic signals to reduce traffic and increase pedestrian safety.

Associate Professor and Associate Chair for the Department of Politics and International Relations, Paul Kowert expressed concern for the current state of pedestrian and vehicular traffic, while showing support for the addition.

“In principle, the traffic lights should improve the flow of cars and people, especially at the peak times, so I’ll be glad to see the new lights.”

According to Cal, the study, analysis and proposed courses of action were divided among Facilities Management, the Parking and Transportation Department and University Police.

Together, all three organizations recommended to the University leadership that three traffic signals with signalized crosswalks be installed.

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SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENT ARTS AND SOCIETY

Discovering nature’s mysteries one tiny crustacean at a time

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The sea is deep and so are its mysteries; one of these mysteries, however, has recently been solved.

A team, led by Assistant Professor Dr. Heather Bracken-Grissom in the Department of Biological Sciences, has recently discovered the connection between a strange larval crustacean and its adult

form, a deep-sea shrimp. Bracken-Grissom, a new hire at the University, who recently finished her post doctoral research in Evolution and Environmental Sciences at Brigham Young University in Utah, and completed her undergraduate studies at the University of California Santa Barbara and her doctorate at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, used

genetic sequencing to find the hidden connection between the specimens.

“To do genetic sequencing we needed a freshly-collected specimen,” explained Bracken-Grissom, “so it’s been a combination of good luck and timing that we had access to both a fresh larval form and adult form to study.”

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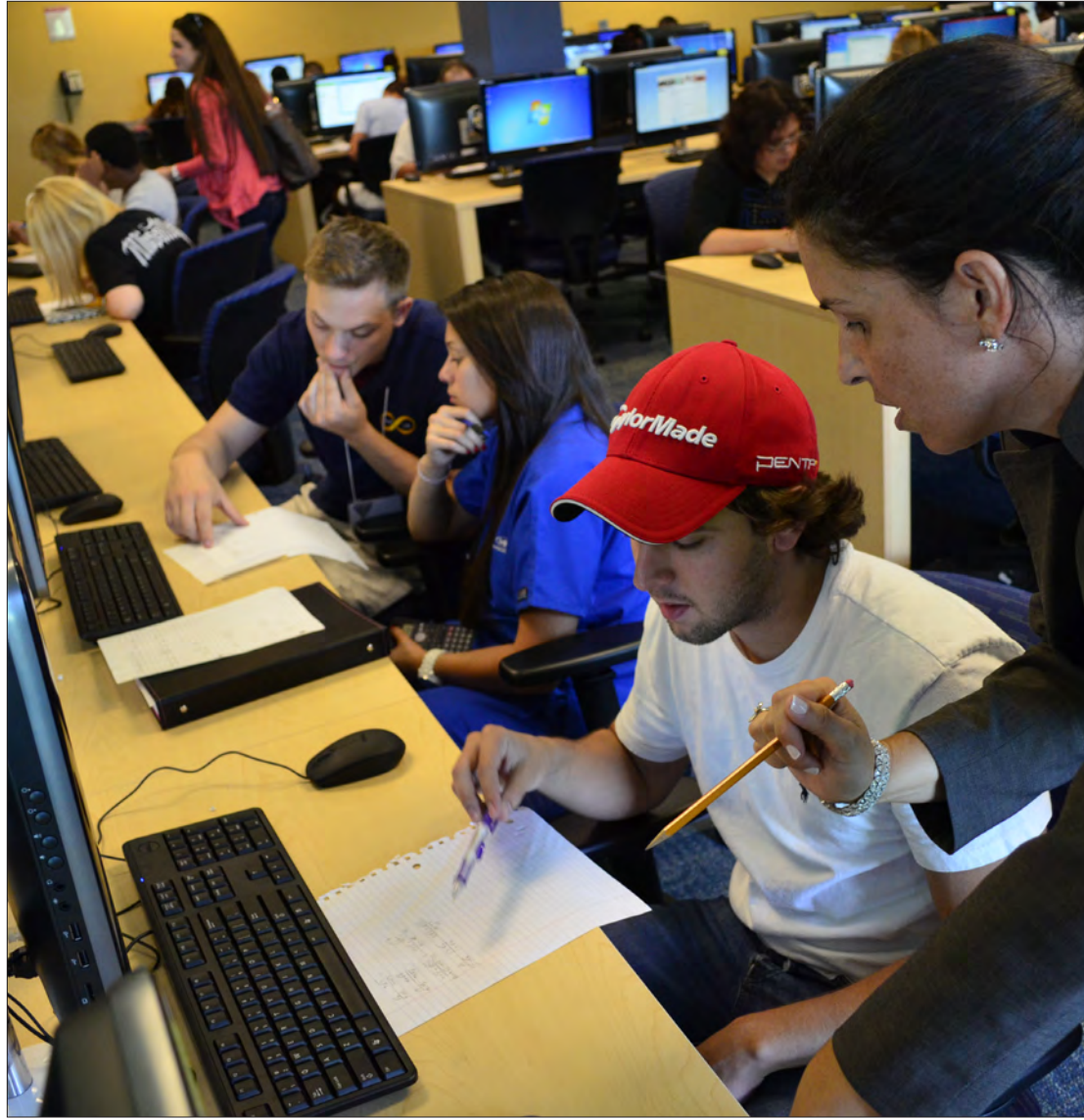
Despite its name being Monster Larva, this newly discovered creature is actually quite small.



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MATHEMATICS



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Ada Moserrat, professor of Mathematics, works with student at the recently opened Math Lab. Students enrolled in College Algebra or Pre-Calculus Algebra are required to meet in the Math Lab for a minimum of three hours each week.

University ‘one of the few’ in a voting initiative

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With weeks away from election day, the Student Government Council at Modesto Maidique Campus launched and hosted a voter registration initiative on Aug. 29 with the goal of registering 10,000 voters by election day.

Turbo Vote is intended to be the “primary mechanism to engage students in the upcoming 2012 General Elections on November 6,” according to an SGC-MMC press release.

According to the Director of Governmental Relations Dean Williams, students who register for this service are also able to sign up for text message reminders about elections and receive a sample ballot.

Students can register free of charge through fiu.turbovote.org. There, students fill out the form online and are sent a form to sign with a pre-stamped envelope.

Both students and staff came out to the launch event.

The University President, the Vice President of Student Affairs

and the Associate Dean of the Colleges of Arts and Sciences were also in attendance.

“We had 70 to 100 students come out,” Williams said.

Tabling will commence every Friday, beginning Sept. 7. on Student Programming Council’s Movie Nights until Sept. 28.

“We are still one of the few in the State University System and among all the colleges and universities in the state to use this service,” Williams said.

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Romney's convention promise: 'Jobs, lots of jobs'

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Mitt Romney launched his fall campaign for the White House with a rousing, remarkably personal speech to the Republican National convention and a prime-time TV audience Thursday night, proclaiming that America needs "jobs, lots of jobs" and promising to create 12 million of them in perilous economic times.

"Now is the time to restore the promise of America," Romney declared to a nation struggling with 8.3 percent unemployment and the slowest economic recovery in decades.

Often viewed as a distant politician, he made a press-the-flesh entrance into the hall, walking slowly down one of the convention aisles and shaking hands with dozens of delegates. The hall erupted in cheers when he reached the stage and he waved to his shouting, chanting supporters before beginning to speak.

"I accept your nomination for president," he said, to a roar of approval. Then he pivoted into personal details of family life, recounting his youth as a Mormon, the son of parents devoted to one another, and a married man with five rambunctious sons.

He choked up at least twice, including when he recalled how he and wife Ann would awake to find "a pile of kids asleep in our room."

Romney aimed numerous jabs at President Barack Obama, his Democratic quarry in a close and uncertain race for the White House, and drew cheers when he vowed to repeal Obama's signature health care law.

"This president can tell us it was someone else's fault. This president can tell us that the next four years he'll get it right. But this president cannot tell us that you are better off today than when he took office," Romney declared.

Clint Eastwood, legendary Hollywood tough guy, put the case for ousting Obama plainly

moments before Romney made his entrance. "When somebody does not do the job, you've got to let 'em go," he said to the cheers of thousands in the packed convention hall.

Obama, Vice President Joe Biden and the Democrats counter with their own convention beginning next Tuesday in Charlotte, N.C.

His own speech over, Romney was joined by running mate Paul Ryan, then their wives, and finally a stage full of their children and grandchildren. Confetti and thousands of red, white and blue balloons floated down from the rafters. They joined popular gospel singer BeBe Winans on "America the Beautiful."

Beyond the heartfelt personal testimonials and political hoopla, the evening marked one of a very few opportunities any presidential challenger is granted to appeal to millions of voters in a single night.

The two-month campaign to come includes other big moments — principally a series of one-on-

one debates with Democrat Obama — in a race for the White House that has been close for months. In excess of \$500 million has been spent on campaign television commercials so far, almost all of it in the battleground states of Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, New Hampshire, Ohio, Iowa, Colorado and Nevada.

Romney holds a fundraising advantage over Obama, and his high command hopes to expand the electoral map soon if post-convention polls in Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin and perhaps elsewhere indicate it's worth the investment.

Romney was often almost gentle in his criticism of Obama.

"I wish President Obama had succeeded because I want America to succeed," he said. "But his promises gave way to disappointment and division."

"This isn't something we have to accept," he said, appealing to millions of voters who say they are disappointed in the president yet haven't yet decided to

cast their votes for his Republican challenger.

"Now is the moment when we can stand up and say, 'I'm an American. I make my destiny. And we deserve better! My children deserve better! My family deserves better! My country deserves better!'"

Romney's remarks came on a night when other speakers filled out a week-long portrait of the GOP nominee as a man of family and faith, savior of the 2002 Winter Olympics, savvy and successful in business, yet careful with a buck. A portion of the convention stage was rebuilt overnight so he would appear surrounded by delegates rather than speaking from a distance, an attempt to soften his image as a sometimes-stiff and distant candidate.

"He shoveled snow and raked leaves for the elderly. He took down tables and swept floors at church dinners," said Grant Bennett, describing Romney's volunteer work as an unpaid lay clergy leader in the Mormon church.

Seeing red, yellow, and green

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According to Cal, the project design was made during the spring and summer semesters and the installation is expected in September.

"Once installed, FIU will follow an established traffic protocol to familiarize the community with blinking lights in conjunction with a traffic study that will determine the optimum timing and synchronization of the signals. This study can vary 30 to 45 days," Cal explained.

As per the results of the study, the lights will be timed according to the flow of traffic.

In accordance with Kowert, outreach coordi-

inator for the Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy and Citizenship Studies, Chaka Ferguson, said he doesn't think the lights will cause delays.

"I don't see so much of a problem with the use of traffic control lights. I believe stop lights would help facilitate traffic flow and make the campus safer for commuters and pedestrians," Ferguson said.

"Of course, it remains to be seen how effectively the plan works, but as enrollment increases, there will be more traffic and we need to find a way to reduce traffic congestion."

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SHOW 'EM OFF



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Students show off their Panther pride on Aug. 31 during College Colors Day.

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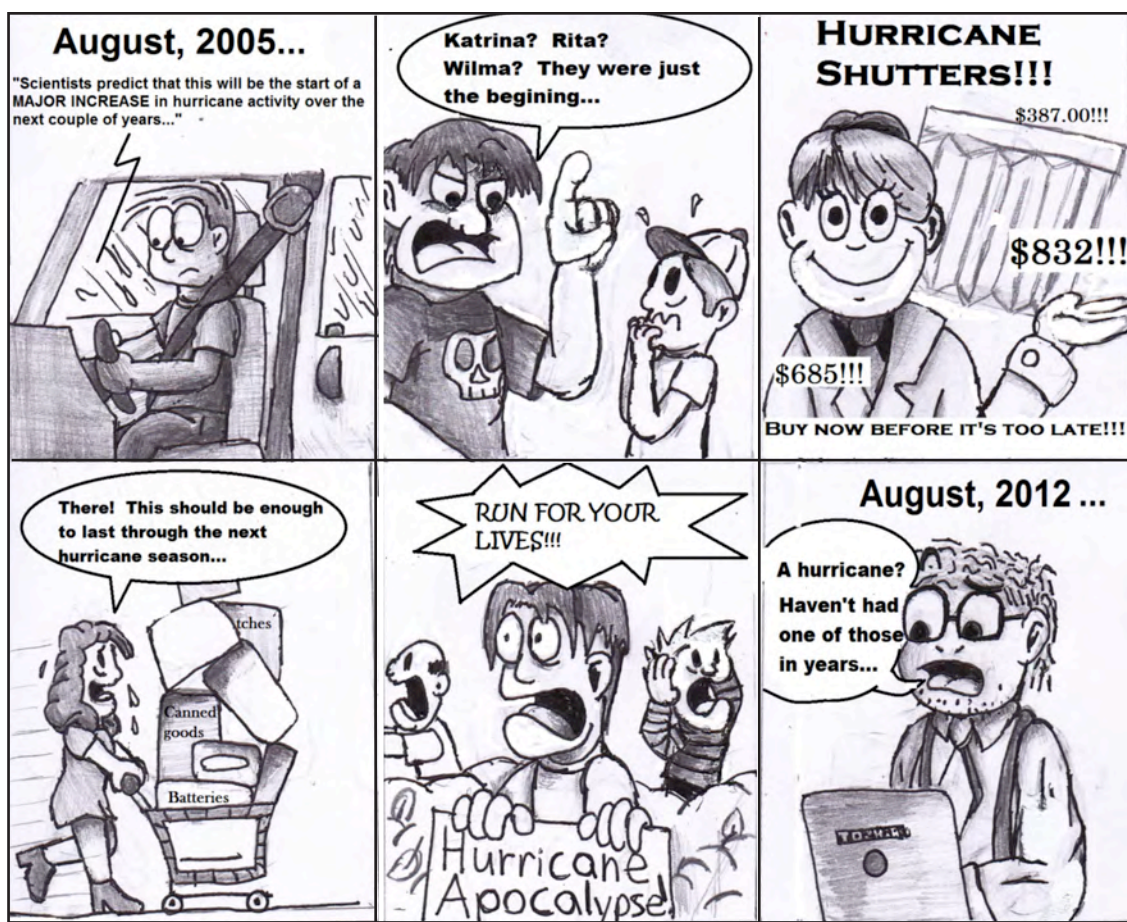
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HURRICANE WATCHING



More often than naught, scholarships go to waste

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Each year, millions of scholarship dollars go unclaimed. A major contributor to this is the common belief among current and prospective University students that, just because the scholarship has little criteria to be fulfilled, the competition will be overwhelming and they won't stand a chance.

My mother, who works as a Student Support Services (SSS) coordinator at Florida Gulf Coast University, shared a story with me about a male college student that received a scholarship for single mothers.

This particular student was in need of any form of financial aid he could find, so he began a boundless search.

The scholarship only asked for a 300 word essay about why he should receive the award. Just four months later, he received a

letter in the mail congratulating him: he'd won \$5000 for being a 'single mother.'

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Listening to a student complain about not having enough money for college and then seeing them do absolutely nothing to take

advantage of the many easily-achieved scholarships available online is pretty disappointing.

It's our responsibility as students and as adults to work hard for the things we deserve.

There are so many scholarships such as the one for single mothers out there that are easy, if not easier than that, to fill out.

Consider the advantage: if it takes you an hour to make \$5000, by simply writing a page-long essay, imagine how much harder you would have to work in a real job to earn the same amount.

It is absolute nonsense for any student to complain that they do not have enough financial aid to get them through college if they aren't doing the necessary research to find more; and equally absurd to pass up on an opportunity out of fear for what he competition might be.

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Plagiarism, the case of stolen words

Anything and everything can be stolen, even words.

However, you won't hear sirens when words are stolen. It's a much more subtle process, but it is still just as damaging.

While we're only, or already, three weeks into the semester we feel it's more important to stress to freshmen and remind seniors that plagiarism is as close to a crime as you can get at the university level.

We place emphasis on "the university" level as this is the point after the fun-and-games of high school but we're still allowed to make some mistakes before being considered professionals.

Plagiarism is one of the exceptions; the worst it can do to you is get you expelled.

The University's definition of plagiarism is: the deliberate use and appropriation of another's work without any indication of the source and the representation of such work as the student's own.

Any student who fails to give credit for ideas, expressions or materials taken from another source, including internet sources, is guilty of plagiarism. Any student helping another to plagiarize may be found guilty of academic misconduct.

Hopefully that information isn't new to you. But in case it is, there it is.

According to the Student Code of Conduct, it is up to the University's various colleges and schools how to deal with plagiarism. The colleges and schools then leave it up to the professors. If caught plagiarizing the student can face a formal or informal resolution.

A formal resolution could place a hold on your account and not allow you to register for classes as a vice provost evaluates the charges.

In addition to a reduced or failing grade, this could lead to suspension, disciplinary probation, not being allowed to use University facilities and expulsion.

If a professor deals with the plagiarism him or herself that's considered an informal resolution.

What might be new information to you, however, is the

pledge we made as students of this university.

We pledged to be honest in our academic endeavors, not present others' work as our own, and not to cheat or aid in someone else's cheating.

So once that highlighted text gets pasted into your paper without any credit and submitted, you'll eventually realize the University has positions you never knew existed but control your academic future. That applies to your classes, any research you may be involved with, or student organizations of which you're a part.

Yes, even those organizations. And yes, even this organization. Neither The Beacon's past nor present were immune to plagiarism, but hopefully our future is.

Plagiarism is so serious that we could file charges against one of our own reporters who we found to be guilty of plagiarism. That would be after we fire that person because, just like the University, we have a zero tolerance policy for plagiarism. Advisers could file a charge against a student caught plagiarizing.

So hope you have a forgiving professor, or student leader, if you intend to move on through college through other people's work and ideas.

As far as definitions of academic misconduct, the University puts plagiarism on the same page as bribery, collusion and falsification of records. The act you thought was minor and might have committed a few years ago has the same possible punishment of something you'd never dream of doing—we hope.

Why risk such a noticeable blemish on your transcript when a simple citation would keep you safe? Or if it's not that kind of paper, don't copy the inspiration; just look at it and then type the results in your own words.

So think twice before you decide not to cite. It's too late once you've plagiarized and got caught to take back your actions and not own up to them. Take on the consequences.

Your first year in college could be over before Halloween, or your spectacular walk could end up being a grand fall.

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HAUTE TOPIC

Panther sightings: students come to class in style



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[Left] Student Daryl Santos makes a statement with a splash of yellow. [Middle] Student Camilla Uzcategui wears high waisted shorts for a retro look. [Right] Student Anya Linyova rocks the stripes.

Miami is a city known to the world for its breathtaking beaches, celebrity hub hot spot and its unique fashion sense.

It hosts Mercedes Benz fashion week every year, the fashion industry is growing at an astonishing rate, and it's no surprise when you have designers coming to shoot their season's campaigns in this very town.

Local artists, DJs, designers and style icons have created a fashion niche for Miami that encompasses vibrant colors,

rising hemlines, punk rock jewelry and a rebellious attitude. At the University, you can find these style-savvy locals at every corner. Even though there is no fashion major at FIU, it doesn't hold anyone back from showing their true colors in neon shades of green and pink, or dip-dyed hair in teals and corals.

Biology majors wear high-low skirts in technicolor patterns and international relations students rock five-inch heels and Gucci messenger bags.

To say the least, the variety of personal styles seen on campus is affluent, daring and inspiring.

As college students, it is our top priority to open our minds

and take risks in these four years of youthful freedom through the classes we take, clubs we join, or people we interact with.

It is also time for us to test our creativity, take risks and to find ourselves.

Fashion has always been an outlet for people to visually express themselves. It is the first impression you make before you say, "Hello."

Still, it is also more than just materialism; it is about how we are inspired by our surroundings and how we interpret that individually. Best said by Coco Chanel, "Fashion is not something that exists in dresses only. Fashion is in the sky, in the

ideas, the way we live, what is happening."

That is why it is refreshing to see that the University's student body is taking full advantage of our city's influence and making it their own by strutting the halls of GC in head-turning ensembles.

There are backpacks in neon tie dye swirls, shoes covered with spikes, funky sunglasses and ring-filled hands.

Each of these students realize that this is the time in life for experimentation. We can call it the "Transition Period." One day you'll see a girl all in black wearing combat boots, and the next day you'll see the same girl in a white sundress wearing

platform heels.

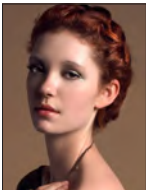
The massive cultural influence from all around the world makes the University special. Student's backgrounds vary from South American, Deutschland, Japan and South Africa.

Some Muslim students are seen wearing hijab's in extravagant prints and patterns or anime fans in the library with cartoon character hats and bags to match.

There is no limit to each student's personal style and clearly their non-art majors aren't affecting their fashion creativity one bit.

Haute Topic is a fashion column. Look for it this fall.

COLUMNIST



ASHLEY GARNER

PROFILE

Professor helps uncover a specimen from the deep sea

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First observed two hundred years ago, the larval crustacean, sometimes found in the stomach contents of various fish, often damaged and degraded, was originally described as a monstrous and misshapen animal, eventually earning the name *Cerataspis monstrosa*.

As a mid-water organism, living at 200 to 400 meters, it is so small that obtaining specimens have been rare. The adult form, living at depths of about 2,000 to 4,000 meters, also making it difficult to study.

"It's been really hard to identify because it's adult form looks completely different," explained Bracken-Grissom. "It's a spec-

imen that has been rarely collected fresh, so having the opportunity to study it, we pursued it and took our research to the next level."

The fresh larval specimen was found by Nicole Vollmer, a doctoral student at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, who was participating on a research cruise in the Gulf of Mexico

and came upon the larval crustacean while trawling.

"She [Vollmer] brought it back to her university and we then formed a team to identify the mysterious larval creature," Bracken-Grissom said.

For Bracken-Grissom, the experience of the discovery has been "exciting and rewarding" for the team as well as

the marine biology community.

"I think a lot of people think it's a cool discovery in biodiversity," said Bracken-Grissom. "It is fun and exciting to solve a mystery that has been ongoing for almost 200 years. It advances our knowledge about exploration and discovery and provides insight into the ecology, life

history and distribution of an organism."

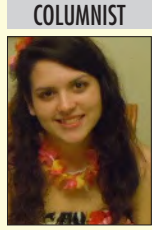
In the near future, Bracken-Grissom will continue to study crabs, lobsters and shrimp and advance the research of the evolution of marine invertebrates. She will also teach genetics starting this upcoming spring semester.

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EXPLORE INTERNATIONAL

A taste of Chinese culture, one dumpling at a time

Going out for Chinese? Beef and noodles may be on the menu, but any hint of Chinese culture there will be nothing like actually visiting China.



HOLLY MCCOACH

Certain areas of China have their own characteristics. Zheng Wang and Lixing Yang, both second-year electrical engineering students, share information on their hometowns and various other aspects of China.

Wang is from a small town in south China, called Shangrao, and Yang is from Tianjin, a big city in northern China. Although the culture is pretty similar throughout the country, there are some small differences. "People in the north are taller. In the north, they like to eat wheat. But in the south, people like to eat rice. Some people eat rice with every meal," said Wang.

Other differences include the dialects in each city. Unlike the United States and some other countries, the dialects are so different between the north and the south, that sometimes people can't even understand one another.

Dialects aside, Mandarin Chinese is spoken everywhere except in the province of Hong Kong. Cantonese Chinese is spoken there, along with

some British English.

Dumplings, known as "jiaozi," are one of the most popular foods among Chinese, especially for Chinese New Year. However, dumplings are also eaten as a breakfast delicacy in the south, while the northern Chinese prefer them for lunch or supper. Wonton is a breakfast item in the north. Tea is the sound choice for beverages nationwide.

"Tea is the most common drink. We drink tea before the meal. Some like to drink after the meal," said Wang. Other popular foods include Chongqing hot pot—a pot filled to the brim with beef, chicken, vegetables, and noodles—lychee fruit, and sugar cane.

As far as fashion goes, it's not too different from the United States. "The brands aren't the same. They're more expensive in China," said Yang.

There is a traditional style of dress, but it is not as popular. An example is the cheongsam (qipao in Chinese), a body-hugging dress made for females.

Clothing is not the only product more expensive in China. Although Lenova computers, Dell computers, and other Chinese products were created in China and are also sold in the United States, they are still more expensive in China.

Other products such as iPods, iPhones, and Mac books are just as

popular in the country as it is in the Western world.

Wang and Yang received a bit of a culture shock when first visiting the United States, but it also proved to be intriguing to them.

"People in the U.S. are more passionate and talkative," said Wang.

According to Wang, people in China mostly keep to themselves. When meeting a stranger for the first time, it is unlikely to ask for names right away. Generally, you introduce yourself in meeting them for the second or third time.

Chinese food in the United States is unlike authentic Chinese food from China. When it comes down to cooking their own food, Wang and his Chinese roommates find it difficult to get the ingredients they got back home.

"I think the reason why Chinese food is different here is because Chinese chefs in the U.S. are trying to make foods that fit Americans' appetite. A Chinese TV commentator once said, when he was in the U.S. and had a dinner in a Chinese restaurant, the owner thanked him for letting him cook a real Chinese meal, which he had not done for many years since he immigrated to the U.S.," said Wang.

Entertainment differs by age in China, like in the United States.

"We go to karaoke. That is very popular. You can see karaoke places

everywhere," said Wang. "There is a TV show that is very popular in China. A lot of young people like to watch Hunan TV."

Hunan TV is similar to MTV in that it is popular among young adults and young musicians. Older people usually play mahjong, a gambling game that is played with various colorful tiles.

Because of communist China, certain websites such as Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube are blocked, and voting is restricted. Still, similar websites are provided to the Chinese population, that also have very similar layouts.

Wang and Lang prove to be good sports, especially when others confuse them with being Japanese, Taiwanese, or even Korean. Wang has been approached with the Japanese translation of "Hello," "Konnichiwa," but never gets offended by those kinds of mistakes.

Fortunately, both Wang and Lang are usually greeted with a "Ni Hao," "Hello!" in Chinese, especially as international students at the University.

If you ever visit an Asian festival, or perhaps even China Apple Buffet, do not compare it to an actual visit to China, where you would eat, talk, and breathe like a true Chinese native.

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CAMPUS EVENTS

Environmental films followed by discussions

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With all of the attention issues like healthcare, immigration and education have been getting this past year, it's pretty easy to forget about other pressing matters. However, the School of Environmental Arts and Society anticipated this and offered a solution. Throughout the remainder of this fall semester and the coming

spring, the SEAS will be hosting its own "Environmental Film Series."

The first film, "Manufactured Landscapes," shows the devastating effect humans have had on the earth, in a different light or as organizers put it, "without simplistic judgments or reductive resolutions."

The film is to be shown on Sept. 4 in the Modesto Madique campus in WC 130 at 6:30 p.m. The

WHO WANTS COTTON CANDY?



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Junior Michael Gajardo [left], and senior Sergio A. Martinez sell cotton candy to support the Special Olympics.

remaining five films are by no means the same. One of the other film, "Cuban America," deals with the effect the Cuban Exodus has had on the formation of modern Miami.

While "Sun Come Up" follows the relocation of the world's first ecological refugees, the Carteret islanders.

With the films ranging widely in theme, there is

likely to be something to capture anyone's interest. When asked how the six films were chosen, Elain Pritzker, one of the event coordinators explained, "We tried to pick films that are connected to our departments or our centers. We went with films that had broad environmental themes that tie in with research being conducted in the school of Environment, Arts and Society, as well as in FIU as a whole."

One of the films in the series, "Coastal Carnivores," actually deals directly with FIU researchers and their work in the Florida Everglades. Other topics within this series will touch on photography, sociology,

journalism, biology and law.

Following each film will be an interdisciplinary panel-led discussion as well as a Q&A session. The panel for each film will be made up of experts on the specific topics of the film, with each chosen by the SEAS or other FIU organizations.

This film series is an opportunity to see the environmental issues from another angle. The spread of films not only depicts the damage humans are causing, but also captures the magnificence that is worth saving. There will be one film every month for the rest of the semester.

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"Manufactured Landscapes" is the first environmental documentary that will be shown in the fall semester.

COVER TO COVER

The story of a scientist gone wild

In a detailed account of a woman's path through loss and ultimate survival, Ann Patchett captures her audience in a world of mystery where danger lurks in every page.

Though an appealing novel for established fans of the award-winning author, new audiences might be hesitant to read "State of Wonder" because of Patchett's over-indulgent descriptions.

Marina Singh receives a letter from the wild jungles of the Amazon.

In the letter was the news of close colleague Anders Eckman's sickly death while overseeing

fertility drug research in Manaus, Brazil. Distraught and in need of finding closure, Marina agrees to continue her friend's pursuit of Dr. Annick Swenson, head fertility researcher.

As the heroine escapes her homeland and ventures into a new world, she confronts both physical and psychological struggles. From being plagued every night with childhood nightmares, to wielding a machete against a giant python, Marina pushes her way to finding Dr. Swenson and to uncovering shocking secrets.

Patchett's style of writing has built a fair fan base over the years with acclaimed works such as "Bel Canto," "The Magician's Assistant" and "Run."

However, for this particular

story plot of self-discovery and cast of bland characters, her reputation of poeticism came across as overbearing. In one instance, Marina gives her poetic condolences to Eckman's mourning family.

Patchett's writing shined and captured the sentiment perfectly, but it also causes the story's progress to suffer and smother pages with what feels unnecessary.

There are chapters, especially toward the end, of suspense and mystery that will keep any reader interested and the pages turning.

Overall, it is not a book I think students or teachers should get hooked on when they have work to attend to.

Cover to cover is a book review column. Email marcy.diaz@fiusm.com

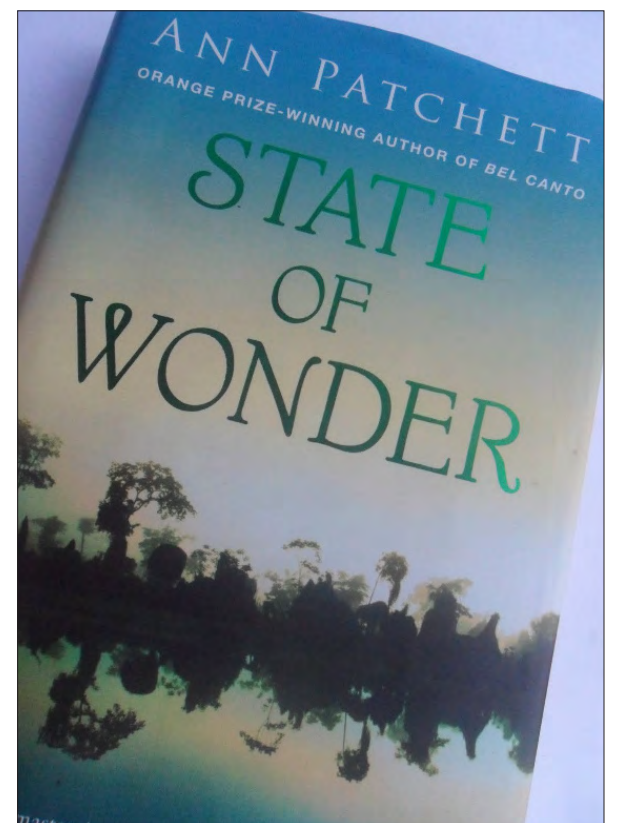


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Patchett wraps readers in a dangerous, suspenseful mystery.

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WHEN: 12-3 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: MMC Green Library Breezeway

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WHEN: 3-4 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: MMC Center for Writing GL124 G

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ONCE UPON A TIME IN LITHUANIA AND THE FLORIDA COLLECTION

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
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WHEN: 7:30 p.m.
WHERE: Wertheim Performing Arts Center - FIU @ Concert Hall 10910 SW 17 Street • Miami • Florida 33199

VOLLEYBALL

Injury bug bites Panthers early this season



JASEN DELGADO/THE BEACON

It is up to the lower classmen to fill Jovana Bjelica's void.

JONATHAN JACOBSSKIND
Staff Writer

She's like Kobe Bryant to the Los Angeles Lakers, Tom Brady to the New England Patriots or LeBron James to the Miami Heat.

Plain and simple, Jovana Bjelica is FIU's superstar. As the squad went through pre-game warm ups in last week's game against University of Florida, FIU's championship hope took a serious punch as did Bjelica's right hand, which resulted in a broken bone.

The outside hitter is expected to be out 4-6 weeks. If she misses the latter amount of time, it's roughly half the season.

Right on impact, the All-Sun Belt hitter knew right away she had suffered a serious injury.

"I am used to pain, but when I got punched on my hand it felt worse, so I knew something was wrong," Bjelica said. "I told the trainers I thought it was broken."

For the next four weeks, Bjelica

will have her hand secured in a cast and will undergo intensive therapy, and use arm stimulators to speed up the healing process. The team hopes they'll have their star back along with Maryna Samoday and Renele Ford who were also hit with injuries, before the Panthers take conference foes such as Western Kentucky and Middle Tennessee in October.

Instead of just shying away from the team and allowing the injury get the best of her, the senior maintains her veteran role and continues to mentor the younger players.

"I'm still trying to support the team and give the young players my knowledge anyway I can even if I'm not on the court," Bjelica said. "I'm not traveling with the team this weekend, but they are all smart girls, so I'm confident they'll do fine."

After being devastated by injuries, the Panthers are still trying to find a new identity as head coach Trevor Theroulde is plugging players in and out of different positions to find out the most effective lineup.

"I'm really looking for anybody to step up and everyone can rally around or maybe we have to do it by committee and everyone contributes," Theroulde said. "We're still looking for the right combinations of lineups, switching the girls to each position to see which one they are most comfortable with."

FIU will travel out west for the Rams Volleyball Classic where the Panthers will go to battle with New Mexico followed by matchups against a pair of 2011 NCAA Tournament participants in host, Colorado State and Pepperdine.

After the Panthers' match-up against the Lobos of New Mexico on Sept. 7, the Panthers will finish off the RVC on Sept. 8 versus the Rams in the morning, followed by their closing game with Pepperdine later on that day.

The Panthers will depend heavily on its freshmen if they hope to defeat top 25 level teams like Colo-

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Jiu-Jitsu becoming more prominent at FIU

LUIS D. GUTIERREZ
Staff Writer

Royce Gracie, the record-holder for most submission victories in Ultimate Fighting Championship history with 11, is widely considered by

colleagues and the best of fans alike, as an influential pioneer in the enshrinement of mixed martial arts in the national landscape.

Gracie used Brazilian jiu-jitsu to defeat opponents much bigger in size than his.

In the process, a new attitude emerged within the sport that placed heavy emphasis on one's technique rather than strength.

To date, jiu-jitsu has inspired many to overcome bigger obstacles and challenges both inside

and outside the octagonal ring.

Among the roots of those inspired is Ricky Semiglia, a current FIU student and president of the school's very own

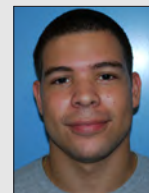
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VOLLEYBALL

The worst that can happen, happened

I remember when I first checked the lineups for the first FIU volleyball game on Aug. 24 against University of Florida. When I was curious to see who head coach Trevor Theroulde put into the lineup, there was one glaring omission: the best player on the team was not starting.

COMMENTARY



EDUARDO ALMAGUER

Finding out that Jovana Bjelica, the star of the team, broke a bone in her hand in warm ups literally minutes before the game began, was a heart-breaker. But if it hit me like that, I can only imagine the shockwaves that rippled through the team when they first found out. Here they were, stripped of one of the best outside hitters in the country, and now they had to face one of the top 20 squads in the nation.

Make no mistake about it, the situation is dire for FIU volleyball now that their best player is out four to six weeks.

First, we have to understand that there is no replacing Bjelica.

We can talk about coming together as a unit, picking up the slack, creating new chemistry together, and all the robotic stuff coaches love to spew when trying to overcome a player's injury on their squad.

But we can't talk about replacing a 4.52 kills per set mark, best in the Sun Belt Conference and 17th best in the country. We can't talk about replacing the player who led her team—and the SBC—in kills by almost a 2-to-1 margin. We can't talk about replacing someone who won SBC Player of the Week four times last season and had a strong case for Player of the Year.

Don't get me wrong, she's not just some sort of super volleyball machine that churns out spectacular numbers. She is one of only three seniors on the team, one of which is new to the squad, that is being counted on to lead the younger players.

Now, I still think she can do that, and so does she, but it's going to be painful watching your team lose a lot more games in your absence and then come back to practice and tell them to go back out here and do better next time without you.

It's one hell of a welcome gift for Theroulde who is in his first year as head coach for FIU.

He now has to scramble and patch together lineups as the season goes and cross his fingers that the freshmen will figure it out somehow.

The loss of Bjelica is a big blow to a team that is notoriously one of the best in the SBC.

FIU has made it to the SBC tournament in November every year for the last seven years.

There is a bit of silver lining, though. If Bjelica misses the four-week minimum, she will only be gone for the first two conference games.

But if she misses six weeks, she returns in the toughest stretch of the season, a six-game stretch where they face Middle Tennessee (No. 2 seed in 2011) twice, Western Kentucky (2011 SBC champions) twice, and North Texas (5-0 in 2012) once.

Last season, the team was able to overcome a loss of outside hitter Una Trkulja in late October and still made it to the second round of the tournament.

But Bjelica is a lot better and a lot more important. In the preseason SBC poll, FIU was predicted to finish third in the East division of the SBC.

Now that seems like an absolute longshot.

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After overhaul defense remains Dolphins strength

STEVEN WINE
AP Staff

The Miami Dolphins hired an offensive coordinator as their coach, then used their first-round pick to draft a quarterback who will give the ball much of the time to their best-known player, Reggie Bush.

And yet if they win this season, it will be with defense.

Dolphins defenders get overlooked and believe they're underrated.

"We don't have a lot of superstars," linebacker Karlos Dansby said, "but we all feel like we're superstars. That's our confidence level."

For the first time since the 1960s, the Dolphins have endured three consecutive losing seasons, but don't blame the defense.

Miami ranked eighth in the NFL in offensive points allowed each of past two years, and went 6-10 in 2011 despite ranking in the top 10 in rushing defense, sacks and third-down stops.

The offense sputtered through most of the four-year Tony Sparano era. So the Dolphins hired Packers offensive coordinator Joe Philbin as coach, then courted Peyton Manning before drafting Texas A&M quarterback Ryan Tannehill, who won the starting job in training camp.

There were also changes on defense. Philbin hired as his defensive coordi-

nator Kevin Coyle, who had been defensive backs coach for the Bengals. Coyle switched from a 3-4 scheme to a 4-3. And the Dolphins jettisoned two starters in the secondary, the weakest part of the defense in recent seasons.

This hasn't changed: Defense remains the strength of the team.

"We're going to have a bunch of guys that do their job at a high, high level each and every day," Coyle said. "I've got faith in this group."

Miami is especially stout up front, where the charge is led by end Cameron Wake, who has 28 sacks in three NFL seasons.

"Big players have to step up and make big plays," Wake said. "I consider myself one of those guys."

The Dolphins also expect to be strong inside, where the 4-3 alignment allows them to double up with Paul Soliai and Randy Starks. Each has made the Pro Bowl, and at a combined 650 pounds, they're the biggest reasons the defense should be good.

"In the scheme that we play, to have two interior dominant players is absolutely key," Coyle said. "It forces the offense into situations where they can't single block them, and then we'll have our linebackers freer to the football, which is what we want. They're guys that can not only eat up blockers, but they can make plays as well. That's what

we're counting on them to do. We have to be really strong inside for us to be successful on defense."

The Dolphins ranked third in the NFL in run defense last year, giving up just 3.7 yards per carry. A repeat performance would put the defense in a position to force mistakes, Philbin said.

"That gives you a starting point," he said. "If you can make a team get into a situation where they have to throw the ball, and they can't knock you around for 4 or 5 yards on first down on a consistent basis, I think that gives your defensive play-calling an advantage."

While the front seven returns mostly intact, the shaky secondary has undergone a shakeup. Safety Jeremiah Bell, a five-year starter, was released in March at age 34, and cornerback Vontae Davis was traded after losing his No. 1 job in training camp to newcomer Richard Marshall, who has 17 career interceptions.

Fourth-year pro Chris Clemons replaces Bell, and Coyle is hoping the changes will produce better ball-hawking. Over the past three years the Dolphins have 59 takeaways, fewest in the NFL.

Safeties Clemons and Reshad Jones have three career interceptions between them. Linebackers Dansby, Kevin Burnett and Koa Misi have not a single fumble recovery in a combined 76 games

with Miami. Even Wake, a Pro Bowl selection in 2010, has not a single career recovery or interception.

"It's a point of emphasis in every meeting we have and everything that we do," Coyle said. "It's kind of the type of thing that snowballs once you start to get a few early in the season. There's a tendency to expect it, and that's what hopefully will happen with us as we go through the season."

The offense could use the help. With a rookie quarterback, blocking issues and perhaps the NFL's worst receiving corps, points will likely be hard to come by. Dominating defense would take a lot of pressure off Tannehill.

"Next to the running game, we're his best friend," Burnett said.

Kicker Dan Carpenter and punter Brandon Fields are among the NFL's best, which means the Dolphins may find themselves counting on field position to win field goal contests — as was often the case under Sparano.

"Expectations for this team outside our locker room are pretty low," guard Richie Incognito said. "People don't expect us to do much, which is fine. We have to prove their expectation levels are wrong, and we can only do that by having success on the field."

Following an offseason overhaul, dominating defense remains the Dolphins' best hope.

Panthers to take on two Sweet-16 teams

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rado State and Pepperdine.

"What it does is that now you want to see them grow so they do not have that freshman block," Theroulde said.

"We have to guide them and make sure that they get as much touches and practice as possible. I always tell the freshman to play and practice like if you're going to start because you never know what can happen."

FIU will need another excellent showing from freshman opposite Lucia Castro, who played like a seasoned veteran in the Campus USA Credit Union Invitational, leading the squad with nine kills against the No. 18 Florida Gators on Aug. 24.

"It was so surreal, after the first game I sat back and said to myself, 'Wow! That was my first college game,'" Castro said. "But now that it's sunk in, I know my role and with Jovana being out, I have to step so we can accomplish our goal and win a conference championship."

The season will only get tougher as the Panthers will have to face the obstacles of playing without the services of their superstar hitter Bjelica.

"We just have to be mentally tough and continue to play, sometimes you have road blocks, but you just need to find ways to navigate around them," Theroulde said.

"We might have to make a few detours, but ultimately our goal is to get past it all and get to our destination."

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Technique, discipline key to success

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jiu-jitsu club. Semiglia first learned about jiu-jitsu training at a mixed martial arts academy in Weston, where he encountered difficulty at first, but immediately settled in.

"I didn't immediately grasp the concept of technique in jiu-jitsu at first," Semiglia said. "But as I kept on training and learning technique after technique, I started growing a strong passion for the art and when I started teaching young children, it fueled my passion even more."

Semiglia grew a certain fondness of the form during his time at the academy, acknowledging that it made him more disciplined as a person and if practiced in the right form, it could make any person a better

individual.

Jiu-jitsu is a martial art that generally deals with ground combat. According to Semiglia, the goal is to submit your opponent by making them tap out using proper chokes, arm manipulations and other techniques that abide by the sport's rules.

"Part of that discipline is learning as an individual when and when not to submit," Semiglia said. "I am 100% sure that jiu-jitsu, if practiced in the right manner, can change any person for the better."

With advanced trainers like Mauricio Huaroto, Jonathan Velez, James Garcia, Andrea Dupre, and Gonzalo Corral alongside Semiglia, FIU's club practices three times a week with proper technique and discipline in mind.

However, at these practices sparring is also a hot commodity.

"After a brief warm-up, we start what we call 'specific training,'" Semiglia said. "We train from a specific position usually correlated to the technique. Then we do 'free rolling,' which is a free match usually starting from the knees where everything is allowed, as long as we abide by proper Brazilian jiu-jitsu rules."

Although the club does not currently compete in tournaments and does not carry a rank system, Semiglia is looking to build good competition teams in the near future with "free rolling" in practice paving that road.

However, the club alongside a spot on a potential tournament team is open to all members.

"It is not an academy, but rather a place for those with a passion and interest for jiu-jitsu to come and learn," Semiglia said. "The best part is that the experienced grapplers come from different academies and they are all willing to share their acquired knowledge and we all grow from each other as a strong family."

Gracie introduced the concept of Brazilian jiu-jitsu back in 1993 and now Semiglia hopes to bring that same concept to FIU. With a tournament team looming, this jiu-jitsu club is primed for big success.

But for the time being, Semiglia and his squad continue to overcome their biggest obstacles one submission at a time.

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SHUTDOWN SESSION



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FIU shutout Bryant University 2-0 on August 24 in the Panthers home opener.

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Terror attack survivor becomes Paralympian

STEVE DOUGLAS
AP Staff

On the volleyball court far below her son's "Go Mummy Go" banner, Martine Wright abruptly slid on her backside across the floor.

That little burst of motion, a swift move to keep a long rally alive, was the culmination of a seven-year ordeal that began a day after London was awarded the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics.

On Friday, Wright completed her transformation from Olympic fan to Paralympic athlete, sitting bemused by a scrum of reporters after playing for Britain's sitting volleyball match against Ukraine.

"All I kept thinking of that morning was, 'How the hell am I going to get tickets for this?'" Wright said, remembering back to when her hometown won the right to host the 2012 Games. "Now in a weird, weird twist of fate, destiny — whatever you want to call it — I don't need tickets. I'm actually taking part."

Wright lost her legs on July 7, 2005, when four suicide

bombers inspired by Osama bin Laden detonated explosives on three London Underground trains and a bus, killing 52 commuters.

Wright shouldn't have even been on the train that day. She woke up late and took the subway into work instead of driving. After the explosion, she became trapped in the mangled metal of a disintegrated carriage.

She was the last person to be evacuated.

During her rehabilitation, she learned to play disabled sports, first wheelchair tennis before finding her niche in sitting volleyball. And on Friday, she was playing for her country in front of her 3-year-old son, Oscar, and other family and friends.

"To finally get on court, in front of my friends and family who have been such a great support, was an absolute dream come true. And a dream I never actually had before July 7," Wright said. "I suppose if people take something from my story, and my journey, then sometimes that gives me strength and inspiration."

On Friday, Wright came

on as a substitute early in Britain's 25-9, 25-20, 25-14 loss to Ukraine. She'll have at least two more chances to play in the sitting volleyball tournament before the Paralympics end next weekend.

Wright told The Associated Press earlier this year that she was one of the "lucky ones" on July 7. Some may disagree.

She told an inquest into the terror attacks that she recalled a flash of light and a sensation of being thrown from side to side when the bombs went off.

She looked up, and saw one of the new sneakers she had just bought. It was bloody, blown off her foot and skewered on a piece of metal. An off-duty policewoman, Elizabeth Kenworthy, found her, wrapped her leg in a tourniquet, held her hand, moistened her lips with water. She had lost three-fourths of her blood.

Her body swelled to twice its normal size because of her injuries. Her brother and sister saw her in the hospital and told the police it wasn't her.

Wright will tell you that she had help to get through the seven years since 7/7. It's about her team — what she refers to as "Team Me" — her support group of family and friends. It started in the hospital, with her mother, holding her daughter's face in her hands, telling her she could have died or suffered brain damage.

But that didn't happen. Martine was still Martine.

Wright saw the impact of the bombs on so many others. Families grieved. The city reeled in shock. She ultimately had to decide: What would it be, Martine?

The answer began with small steps on prosthetic legs. She fell down. But she got back up, again and again.

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Obama, GOP duel over rising college expenses

ALAN FRAM
AP Staff

President Barack Obama would make tax credits for college expenses permanent and expand Pell grants for students from lower-earning families.

The Republican team of Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan would emphasize the need to curb rising tuitions and federal education spending that are burdening families and the government.

The different approaches to coping with growing college costs highlight one way that Obama and the GOP ticket are competing for young voters.

This important group leaned heavily toward Obama in 2008 and still prefers him, according to polls, though less decisively.

Tuitions and fees for four-year public colleges grew by 72 percent above inflation over the past decade, averaging \$8,244 last year, according to the College Board, which represents more than 6,000 schools.

Student loan debt in the

U.S. has hit \$914 billion; the average borrower owes more than \$24,000, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York says.

Democrats are sure to reach for the college vote at the party's national convention in Charlotte, N.C., a week after Obama spoke to students in university towns in Virginia, Colorado and Iowa. Romney was counting on his youngest son, Craig, and the 42-year-old Ryan to court young supporters.

In 2008, voters age 18 to 24 sided with Obama over GOP candidate John McCain by a 66-32 margin.

A Gallup poll taken in July and August found that same age group preferring Obama over Romney by 56 percent to 36 percent, an edge that Republicans would love to erode further.

Well before the party conventions, both sides had issued proposals directly affecting college students — and their parents — coping with those mushrooming costs.

Obama would let the

current \$5,550 per year maximum Pell grant increase to \$5,635 next year, as scheduled under current law. That figure has grown by more than \$900 since 2008 for a program that is the largest source of federal aid for students, serving more than 9 million of them.

Obama would make permanent the American Opportunity tax credit, created as part of his 2009 economic stimulus program.

The credit provides up to \$2,500 a year per student for college costs but is due to expire Jan. 1. Renewing it would cost an estimated \$13 billion next year alone.

Obama has also proposed tying some federal aid, including Perkins loans and subsidies for students' work-study jobs, to schools' abilities to curb tuition increases. The president's proposals continue "the administration's commitment to keep college affordable for students and their families," his 2013 budget blueprint said.

Separate plans by presidential nominee Romney and his running mate focus more on containing federal costs.

In a May paper, Romney argued that even as federal spending for higher education has grown, the costs of attending college and student debt have ballooned.

Obama initiatives making the government the direct source of federal student loans, creating the American Opportunity tax credit and boosting Pell grants have not worked, it said.

"Flooding colleges with federal dollars only serves to drive tuition higher," said Romney's education paper, "A Chance for Every Child."

It said Romney would improve college access and affordability: "A Romney administration will tackle this challenge by making clear that the federal government will no longer write a blank check to universities to reward their tuition increases."

Romney would eliminate duplicative federal

college financial aid programs, direct Pell grants to "students that need them most" and put the program on a sustainable long-term path, the document said. It provides few details.

He would put private lenders back in the business of issuing federally backed student loans, let companies compile data about lending and colleges for consumers and help families save for higher education. The paper says little about how.

Campaigning in March, Romney was asked by a voter what he would do to make college more affordable. Romney replied that while it might be popular for him to answer that he would provide students with government money, "what I'm going to tell you is shop around."

Ryan, the Wisconsin Republican who is chairman of the House Budget Committee, wrote a House-approved 2013 budget that would let the American Opportunity tax credit expire in January.

It would freeze the maximum Pell grant at

\$5,500 for the next decade and it suggests rolling back some subsidies for student borrowers and recent provisions making the grants more widely available.

Ryan's budget says the Pell grant program, currently costing about \$36 billion a year, is unsustainable.

"Urgent reforms are necessary to enable the program to continue as the foundation of the nation's commitment to helping low-income students gain access to higher education," budget documents say.

Obama also proposed keeping interest rates at 3.4 percent for subsidized Stafford loans for undergraduates.

After initial Republican hesitation, Romney endorsed the idea and Congress eventually approved it.

Ryan's budget would have let the rates double to 6.8 percent, as was scheduled under previous law.

Associated Press writer Julie Pace contributed to this report.

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HOP ON

BREW club creates beer from scratch by the Bay

CONSUELO NARANJO
Contributing Writer

Bubbles tingle on the tastebuds as a sharp flavor touches the lips and a bitterness settles on the tongue.

A smell of hops inundates the nose. The cause? Beer with an apple twist – one of the most tasteful creations of the Biscayne's Renowned Engineers of Wort club at Biscayne Bay Campus.

BREW FIU is an organization of beer and science lovers. It was founded by Matthew Weintraub along with David Rodriguez and Nicolas Armada.

The club has created high quality products with the support of Barry Gumps, Beverage Management Professor and Harvey Chaplin Eminent Scholar Chair.

With thirteen members and eighteen types of beer distinguished by content and varieties of flavors, the brewers seem unstoppable.

"We want to explore the different techniques and ingredients that can be used to make beer while educating people about different beer styles," said Zhi Long Yang, a senior hospitality management major and BREW's vice president.

From their signature Apple Jack Ale to the Red India Pale Ale, the brewers use 100 percent organic ingredients to manufacture their products.

"We want to give the best to the people," said Matthew Weintraub, one of the founders and BREW president.

The team spends hours, with hard work and innovation, to see a piece of their creation in a glass, which for



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Zhi Long Yang, vice president of BREW and President Matthew Weintraub, both seniors in hospitality management, taste their newly made beer. Besides the beer, BREW produces soda, wine and sake. They also use spent grains to make whole grain bread.

them is also an art piece.

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The process takes a minimum of five hours beginning with malting, followed by milling, mashing, brewing, cooling, fermentation, maturation and finishing.

The flavor, texture, body and beer

aroma will vary depending on the components and the fermentation time. Most of their beers contain 6 to 8 percent of alcohol. Kegs and recycled glass beer bottles are their main utensil to store their beer.

BREW creations are produced once a week, sponsored by Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, and with the contribution of their own members who are

trying to improve and upgrade the equipments and supplements.

Besides the beer, BREW produces soda, wine and sake. They also use spent grains to make whole grain bread.

Even though none of their products are currently commercialized, they are looking forward to expanding their brand to the market.

BREW is looking for members

who want to learn the art of making beer and are willing to contribute while having fun.

There is no pre-knowledge required to enjoy the club. It is open to any student, 21 years old or older, who share a love for brewing.

Today, the club counts on an instructive blog, Facebook page and a YouTube channel to share their knowledge and beer production with the public.

BREW along with CSHTM are hosting "The Art of Beer Making", a course offering knowledge to Basic Home Growing on Sept. 8, Intermediate on Sept. 22 and Advanced on Nov. 7.

The courses include all necessary materials and the prices may vary depending on the course.

On Aug. 30 at the Key West Brewfest, more than 60 beer companies presented hundreds of their beer creations.

Representing Miami and Florida International University, the BREW brought 10 gallons of their signature beer, Back Apple Jack Ale.

The event began on Thursday, Sept. 30 at 2 p.m. and ended on Sunday, Sept. 2. The festival first started three years ago, but it is considered one of the most important in Florida.

Yang enjoyed representing FIU and interacting with other beer producers.

"We want to put FIU and the BREW out there so we can share to the world our high standard beer products our knowledge."

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Health Services: lost in plain sight

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University students are quick to take advantage of free events in Panther Square for complimentary food and giveaways, but many don't know about the free services offered all year-round at the Biscayne Bay Campus Health Care Center and Counseling and Psychological Services.

"What clinic?" said Fendi James, freshman biology major, when asked if she had ever used the services in what's also known as "the big blue building" at Biscayne Bay Campus.

According to the University Health Services website, the \$83.19 student health fee covers routine medical exams for illness and injury, physical examinations not requiring documentation, individual medical consultations, family

planning consultations, health education, and screenings for high blood pressure and other conditions.

Jeneice Simmons, junior psychology major, has never been to the clinic but said she would possibly consider going now if she ever needed to.

Freshman Jucely Cruz, finance major, said she heard about the clinic in the freshman orientation, but she probably wouldn't use the clinic unless she lost her health insurance.

However, Carlos Arce, senior history major, knew about the clinic but said he wouldn't go nor would he recommend for students to go due to his girlfriend's bad experience in the summer. Natalie Cimadevilla wasn't registered for summer classes, making her ineligible to receive health services.

Still, Ashraf Spahi, senior psychology major, once had

an allergic reaction and went to the clinic for assistance.

"They gave me the proper medication that I needed," said Spahi.

Aside from the health clinic, student fees cover counseling and psychological services like individual, group and couples counseling to registered University students.

Xuan Stevens, adjunct professor in the Department of Psychology, is one of the six University psychologists involved in CAPS.

Stevens said there is a lot of stigma around counseling and students' reactions are typically "I'm not crazy!" Still, Stevens contends that the students who attend group counseling are dealing with "normal everyday issues."

Stevens explained that group counseling, while seemingly intimidating to students, it is one of most used



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services among students, and according to Stevens, a more "powerful and effective" form of therapy.

There are also a number of specialized services, one of the newest being Student Bodies. It is an 8-week online program designed for improving body image for women, and Stevens contends that the program has received lots of positive feedback.

Other services include screenings for depression, anxiety, eating disorders, and even anger management.

According to Stevens, screenings for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder are provided at a much discounted price for registered University students—a price that Stevens describes as almost 10 times less than the market price.

Despite several attempts,

Director of Health Administration for University Health Services, Therese Boyd was unavailable for comments.

With rising tuition costs and a continuing debate over health care reforms, students can at least rest with the fact that there are health services available to them during their studies.

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