

TWO ON TWO



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[From left] SGC-MMC President Patrick O'Keefe, SGC-MMC Vice President Sanjeev Udhvani and Panther Rage Coordinator Jeff Fermin speak with FIU men's basketball coach Isiah Thomas before the Nov. 2 SGA meeting.

GLOBAL & SOCIOCULTURAL STUDIES

Department of Anthropology reacts to remark

ANGEL VALLEJOS
Staff Writer

The main goal of anthropology professors is to train students to understand humans, but the recent comments of Gov. Rick Scott are making it hard to understand him.

"Is it a vital interest of the state to have more anthropologists? I don't think so. It's a great degree if people want to get it, but we don't need them here," said Scott. Scott's aim is to help students find employment by preparing them for fields that are in demand.

Scott, who decided not to accept the federal stimulus money even though some argued the state needed it, now wants to threaten the freedom for students to choose what education they want.

He believes that state money will be better spent in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics programs.

To Dennis Wiedman, an anthropology professor at the University, it doesn't make sense to radically alter higher education. As

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Court upholds convictions of five in terror plot

CURT ANDERSON
AP Legal Affairs Writer

A federal appeals court on Tuesday upheld the convictions of five men accused of plotting to join forces with al-Qaida to destroy a landmark Chicago skyscraper and bomb FBI offices in several cities.

A three-judge panel of the Atlanta-based 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected numerous claims by ringleader Narseal Batiste and his followers, including questions about the sufficiency of the evidence, the FBI's use of an informant posing as an al-Qaida operative and the dismissal of a juror by a federal judge during deliberations.

Batiste, 37, and the other four were convicted in May 2009 of conspiring to provide material support to al-Qaida and wage war against the U.S. stemming from a plot to blow up the 110-story Sears Tower — now known as the Willis Tower — and bomb FBI offices in five cities, including Miami.

The eventual goal, testimony showed, was to overthrow the U.S. government.

It took federal prosecutors three trials to obtain convictions; the first two ended in mistrials and two of the original "Liberty City Seven" were acquitted.

One of those found not guilty, Lyglenson Lemorin, was nonetheless deported to his native

Haiti.

The case was built on recordings of FBI conversations and

terrorist led them in a videotaped oath of allegiance to Osama bin Laden.

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Attorney

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the group never came close to staging an attack, although the FBI informant posing as a

They also videotaped the Miami FBI office and downtown courthouse buildings as potential

targets.

The case was a prime example of the post-9/11 Justice Department strategy of disrupting terror plots in the earliest possible stages.

Prosecutor Jacqueline Arango said during sentencing hearings that the U.S. "shouldn't have to wait for people to be harmed to punish these people for their desire to inflict harm."

The U.S. attorney's office declined comment Tuesday.

Ana M. Jhones, who represented Batiste, said in an email that she is disappointed in the outcome.

"Our country is no safer, and

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COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Medical students create chapter of Phi Chi fraternity

ANGEL VALLEJOS
Staff Writer

University students eager to learn more about the process of applying to medical schools will soon have a fraternity dedicated to helping them do just that.

Phi Chi Pre-Medical Society has opened

its first chapter in the state of Florida at the University, joining 14 others across the nation and the world including the University of Michigan, Tulane University and St. George's University in Grenada.

Blas Montezano, a third year biology major and the founding president of the chapter, stated that support for the orga-

nization is growing. Montezano has 25 members that are ready to pledge this semester but he plans to stop at 140 members.

Currently there are 14 medical organizations at the University of which three are pre-medical.

Although it is a fraternity, female

students interested in joining are allowed to apply for membership.

Montezano stated to Student Media that one of the main goals of the fraternity is to help members stand out on medical school applications.

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NEWS FLASH

LOCAL

Miami-Dade police capture escaped prisoner

A prisoner who escaped police custody has been captured in Miami.

Miami-Dade police say John Paul Garrido escaped Tuesday morning after being arrested on a criminal mischief charge.

The 26-year-old man had been taken into custody but managed to free himself from his plastic handcuffs. At the time, he was in a vehicle that had transported him to the county jail for processing. He was somehow able to then flee from the vehicle.

Police spokeswoman Nancy Perez tells the Miami Herald investigators aren't sure if Garrido reached his hand over the window or picked the lock.

NATIONAL

St. Louis E. coli probe focuses on grocery salads

Investigators were looking into a possible link between salad bars at a major grocery chain and 33 suspected E. coli cases in the St. Louis area, a state health official said Tuesday.

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services said 26 people have tested positive for the E. coli strain 0157:H7. Results of tests on seven other people were pending.

St. Louis County had just five cases of E. coli in all of 2010, county health department spokesman John Shelton said.

"We are calling this an outbreak, which is a word we don't throw around loosely," he said.

WORLD

Israel test fires missile that could hit Iran

Israel on Wednesday successfully test-fired a missile said capable of carrying a nuclear warhead and striking Iran, fanning the public debate over reports the country's top leaders are agitating for a military attack on Tehran's atomic facilities.

While Israeli leaders have long warned that a military strike was an option, an intense round of public discourse on the subject erupted over the weekend by a report in the Yediot Ahronot newspaper that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Ehud Barak favor an attack.

That was followed by a report in the Haaretz daily Wednesday that Netanyahu is now lobbying senior members of his Cabinet for an attack, despite the complexity of the operation and the high likelihood it would draw a deadly retaliation from Iran.

—Compiled by Melissa Caceres

Gov. Scott's statement creates resentment among the liberal arts

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he states: "They should be focusing with the science and mathematics earlier in education, it's a little too late at the university level."

A lot has been made out of the fact that Scott's daughter has a bachelor's degree in anthropology from the College of William & Mary.

"He may be reflecting upon the challenges that his daughter might have had trying to find a job with a bachelor's degree in anthropology," said Wiedman. The Miami Herald has reported that due to the current job market she is studying towards her master's in business administration.

"He is business oriented and focused on balancing the budget," said Wiedman. Which fits into his campaign promises, however, most don't believe his latest target was carefully chosen.

"We now live in a global world and for us not to know other people, for business leaders and doctors and lawyers it puts them at a disadvantage," said Wiedman.

Some students believe actions like the one Scott proposes undermine the true value of anthropologists.

"This country has always been about helping other nations survive and advance, none of that work would have been done without anthropologists," said Kaler Wolberg an anthropology major at the University. "Missions are bred from cultural anthropological research. I'm part of the human race, and in this world you encounter many different people. Anthropology is very important to society."

While programs like anthropology are being threatened with extinction, athletic programs are seeing a boost in funding. During the spring 2011 semester the University's athletic fee was raised by three percent bringing the total to more than \$230 per semester.

As Wiedman notes "Sports at the University level follow a business agenda. It's run like a business."

Due to the revenue that college sports attracts Wiedman believes that universities are more inclined to fund athletics because of the potential for income.

"Income comes into the schools from television rights; It fits within Scott's view of business," said Wiedman.

Dr. Hugh Gladwin, another professor of anthropology at the University, believes moves like these should not be a surprise.

"It's expected," Gladwin said. "In times of limited resources these governments have to make choices."

However, Gladwin doesn't believe it is Scott's decision to make.

"No!" laughed Gladwin. "Students should have the right to choose, the educational system is based on free choice."

Wiedman understands the financial hardships the state government is facing, but he believes that for the better of the nation, anthropology should stay.

"In the short term there are certain jobs that need to be fulfilled but in the long term freedom of speech must be preserved," he said.

Wolberg likens Scott's anti-anthropology crusade to the Red Scare of the 1950s where many suspected communists were imprisoned because of their views. She believes it is similar because both actions seek to censor speech.

"Saying what a student can and cannot study is a form of censorship."

Chapter will be the first in Florida

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"We want to help members get research, volunteer opportunities, shadow physicians. We want to help members get their GPAs to the right level," said Montezano.

Aray Rivera, a student at the University who founded Stand up for Love, believes that joining student organizations are important for students.

"You learn a lot from different people. you get a better perspective on life and the different views," said Rivera.

Montezano shares this belief that organizations are important for students to gain a perspective on society.

Montezano plans to allow students to gain this perspective by having students participate in missions. Missions are basically a charitable act of goodwill to those less fortunate.

Although in its infancy Phi Chi has started to make plans for missions, but no concrete plan has been made until the fraternity has the amount of members it needs.

Montezano believes that

the fraternity will grow in numbers once the challenges of starting a medical society.

"The challenges have been a lot of work. I have a new e-board being built, limited number of people helping, students are also a bit iffy about joining a new society because they may want to see what the society does first."

Phi Chi has been working on getting a sponsorship from local businesses.

"Missions cost money, and we want to see if we can do some without charging our members," said Montezano.

Aside from missions, the society plans on giving its members free tutoring for the Medical College

Admission Test, the medical equivalent of the SAT, and for their classes. Montezano wants to make sure that every member has the opportunity to achieve their dreams.

Montezano believes that starting a chapter of Phi Chi at the University will add to the students' selection of pre-med clubs at the University.

"I was looking at all the other societies that were pre-medical and it started looking like a 'clique,'" Montezano said. "They were more social than [working on] getting things done."

If students were not able to attend Phi Chi's meeting they should contact Montezano at neuro_science@hotmail.com.

Group intended to bomb 5 cities including Miami

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indeed probably less so, as a result of the government's actions in this case," Jhones said.

Batiste, who was sentenced to more than 13 years in prison, testified at all three trials that he never intended to carry out any attacks and was only going along for a promised \$50,000.

But jurors rejected that, and the appeals panel concluded there was evidence that Batiste and his followers intended to offer their services to al-Qaida.

The appeals judges cited tapes in which Batiste is quoted as saying things like, "We're not just talking about taking over Miami or some Dade County, we're talking about taking over Allah's world" and "I got a mission...this is the time for jihad."

They also agreed with U.S. District Judge Joan Lenard's decision to remove a juror following the third trial because she refused to deliberate and follow instructions.

The other four men are serving sentences of nine years or less in prison.

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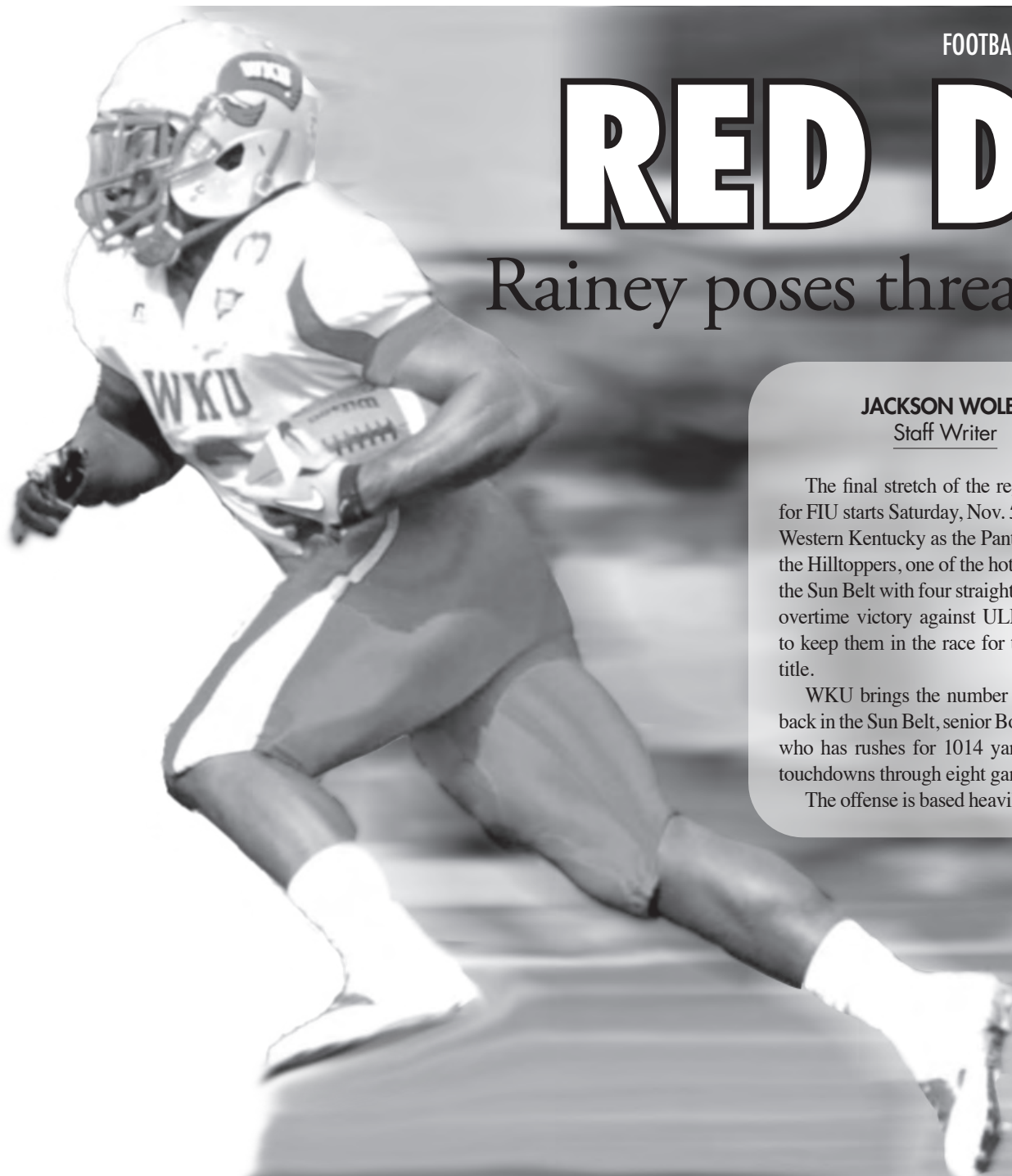
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FOOTBALL

RED DAWN

Rainey poses threat to FIU defense

JACKSON WOLEK
Staff Writer

The final stretch of the regular season for FIU starts Saturday, Nov. 5 at 4 p.m. in Western Kentucky as the Panthers take on the Hilltoppers, one of the hottest teams in the Sun Belt with four straight wins and an overtime victory against ULM last week to keep them in the race for the Sun Belt title.

WKU brings the number one running back in the Sun Belt, senior Bobby Rainey, who has rushes for 1014 yards and nine touchdowns through eight games.

The offense is based heavily on Rainey

and the rushing attack and has gone to the ground 133 more times than through the air.

"The one thing I notice about Bobby Rainey is that as the game goes on, he gets stronger," said head coach Mario Cristobal. "There's a reason he's up for the player of the year in the conference, it's because of what he does and the fact that he does it against good opponents, during tough times and late in the game."

However, the Panthers' strength on defense has been stopping the run this year and is number three in the SBC by

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INTRAMURAL ROUNDUP

Sig Ep earns championship

**KEVIN CASTANEDA
AND
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On a Halloween championship showdown, on Oct. 31, Sigma Phi Epsilon beat Tau Kappa Epsilon 12-6, with two second half touchdowns.

Sigma Phi Epsilon opened up the game with a new formation that bewildered the defense. The formation had two running backs instead of two offensive linemen. This gave quarterback Jared Rok the opportunity to either pass the ball or lateral the ball to one of his running backs. They in turn could either run or pass. This unorthodox method spread the defense thin.

The new scheme worked wonders as it allowed Sigma Phi Epsilon to drive down 75 yards with ease. Sigma Phi Epsilon met a roadblock at the goal line though, because

they did not have enough room to spread the defense out like before. Therefore, they turned the ball over on downs.

After exchanging possessions a few times, Sigma Phi Epsilon had to punt. The punt only went 15 yards, leaving Tau Kappa Epsilon in great field position.

Only 25 yards away, Tau Kappa Epsilon quarterback Junior Villegas tossed a perfect spiral to the end zone. The receiver elevated over three Sigma Phi Epsilon defenders to haul down the touchdown, giving Tau Kappa Epsilon a 6-0 lead.

Tau Kappa Epsilon finally got pressure on Rok and was able to get an interception to end the half.

To open the second half, Villegas threw an interception that proved costly.

Rok wasted no time with the possession provided by

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VOLLEYBALL

Bjelica, Egan propel late season surge

EDUARDO ALMAGUER
Staff Writer

This is not the team you knew one month ago.

This is not the team that had its practice cancelled because of lack of effort. This is not the team that lost four of five games in early October to Sun Belt Conference leaders Middle Tennessee and Western Kentucky.

This is now the team that will be damned if they do not end the season on an 11 game winning streak.

Over the past two weeks, the Panthers (16-7, 8-4 SBC) may have discovered the perfect lineup, which has led to five consecutive wins for the squad and has raised expectations to win the remaining six games of the season. The streak is the longest since they won seven in a row from Sept. 4 - Sept. 25.

What has been the key to their recent success? Redshirt freshman setter Jessica Egan.

With Egan now fully entrenched in the setter position, a spot she did not have to begin the season, she has begun to spread the ball among her offense more during games. Senior Andrea Lakovic pointed out that when Egan was handed the setter role earlier in the season, she only trusted, that is, gave the majority

of the sets to junior outside hitter Jovana Bjelica.

"Now, she's trusting everyone on the team," said Lakovic.

This is a far cry from the days when Bjelica led her squad in kills and the nearest teammate was 15 kills behind. This newfound strategy of spreading the ball led to FIU's two most recent victories. The match against South Alabama saw four Panthers exceed or match eight kills. One week ago against Troy, three Panthers matched or exceeded 14 kills.

"My job is to serve my team. That's what I do," said Egan. "I'm supposed to make an impact on the girls. To hear that it's working means a lot."

DÉJÀ VU

Bjelica received her second consecutive SBC Player of the Week award after another series of stellar outings. This marks the fourth time she has received the award this season, as she is the only player in the conference with that many awards. She posted 51 kills against FAU, Troy and USA to pad her conference-leading 362 kills. Her elite 4.47 kills per set mark ranks 17th in the nation. CVU.com also named her a Top Performer for the

second consecutive week.

Bjelica, however, still believes she is not performing at her best.

"I'm doing worse than what I should be doing. Sometimes I expect even more than this," said Bjelica. "I have goals but my goals weren't that I have to win [SBC Player of the Week]. My goal is to play the best I can and be a leader on the court. I'm doing worse than what I should be doing."

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

For the first time since Oct. 16, FIU will play a game on the road. Their first game takes place in Monroe, La. against ULM (9-13, 3-9 SBC). The Panthers then travel 160 miles south to Lafayette, La. to face Louisiana-Lafayette (11-17, 3-9 SBC) on Nov. 6. Both matches, while deemed must wins for the team, are not being overlooked.

"We always respect the opponent," said Lakovic. "We just try to focus on the little things on our side of the net."

Egan welcomes the atmosphere that traveling on the road brings.

"We've been playing games at home a lot and we've been getting complacent," said Egan. "When you get on the road it's like a challenge. I love that."

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Fast start propels Panthers past Red Wolves in first round

ANTHONY GUIVAS
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After the end of a very successful season for our Golden Panthers, FIU headed to Murfreesboro, Tenn. to take on Arkansas State to start the SBC tournament.

The last time these two teams faced off was back on Sept. 25, which led to a thrilling Golden Panther victory, as FIU beat the Red Wolves 2-1 in overtime.

In that victory, the Golden Panthers' April Perry provided the crucial goal to give FIU the win. And on the Nov. 2 game, Perry was again crucial in helping the Golden Panthers move forward in the tournament, as FIU defeated the Red Wolves 2-0.

Both teams took to the pitch at exactly 11 a.m., and right from the get go the game seemed to go in favor of Arkansas State.

The Red Wolves offense attacked early on but fizzled soon after as the Golden Panthers were able to withstand their early onslaught.

The Golden Panthers were able to silence the Red Wolves offense in the 21st minute

as Ashleigh Shim (who was just honored as the freshman of the year in the SBC) gave a beautiful assist to Kim Lopez, who drove it home to give FIU an early 1-0 lead.

If the Golden Panthers' season has taught the team anything is that every scoring opportunity is crucial, and FIU made sure to execute on each one.

In minute 35 of regulation, the Golden Panthers struck again this time with senior April Perry. The goal was an absolute gem as Perry was awarded a free kick from 40 yards out and was able to drive it pass the defense and through the net.

"We did what we wanted to do, we came out early and did well throughout the game," coach Thomas Chestnutt said.

The two goals were more than enough for an FIU victory as the Golden Panther defense was on their A game, keeping the Red Wolves at just six shots in the second half.

With the victory, the Golden Panthers look to take on the winner between the Denver Pioneers and Alabama Jaguars on Nov. 3 at 5 p.m.



JONATHAN SEGAL/THE BEACON

April Perry [above middle] and Kim Lopez scored in FIU's 2-0 tournament win.

FANTASY CRUZ

Quarterbacks, not running backs, now a hot commodity

The NFL is a quarterback-driven league. Special rules are put in place to protect the all mighty saviors of the sport. Running backs used to be the hot commodity in fantasy football. With different leagues including the point per reception/yard leagues, quarterbacks are the hot topic among fantasy football players.

Tim Tebow has been ridiculed his entire career. It is almost as if everyone wants to see him fail. Fantasy owners of Tebow definitely want to see him use his athleticism and make progress. After carrying the team back towards a victory

against possibly the worst team in football last season, Tebow received praise as well as criticism.

Last week, Tebow was man handled by the Lions, being held to 172 yards and an interception.

Cam Newton can not seem to catch a break, after putting up Brady-esque numbers this season as a rookie. Even with nearly 300 yards and three touchdowns, somehow his team is sitting at two and six because his defense is nonexistent.

Christian Ponder beat Cameron last week throwing for a cool 236 yards and a touchdown. Rookie quarterbacks are really making a strong impact this season.

The Bengals got rid of their two big mouths, Carson Palmer and Chad Ochocinco, and they are better than ever. With a young and

dynamic offense, the Bengals have a lot of promise.

Andy Dalton is an impressive rookie up to this point. Last week was not a great one for Dalton, but he did throw for nearly 175 yards and two touchdowns.

THE TRASH BIN

Michael Jenkins (Minnesota Vikings)- Against Carolina, which is probably the worst defense in the NFL along with the Pats, Jenkins caught the ball for only 30 yards with two receptions. If he could not get going against Carolina, I doubt he will make any progress soon. Basura.

Bernard Scott (Cincinnati Bengals)- Cedric Benson is coming back from suspension this week, so I highly doubt Scott will get many

touches. Trash him.

Ben Obomanu (Seattle Seahawks)- He is an inconsistent player. Do not let his 100-yard game fool you. He can go from a four-catch game to a game with no catches easily. Trash him.

UNDER THE CRUZAR

Javon Ringer (Tennessee Titans)- With Chris Johnson not playing up to potential, Ringer will earn his 550,000-dollar salary. They both are going to split carries for the rest of the season, but look for Ringer to maintain his positive yardage. Pick him up.

Tashard Choice (Washington Redskins)- Shanahan switches quarterbacks and running backs like he changes underwear. Up to this point, the only player Shanahan

has faith in is Tashard Choice. Snag him.

Kevin Faulk (New England Patriots)- Finally, Mr. Faulk is back from injury. Faulk was the Wes Welker of the Pats before Wes Welker. He showed a sample of this on Sunday against the Steelers and barely missed the end zone as well. Faulk will probably be Brady's second favorite option behind the famous Welker.

CHASTISING CHAD

For some reason, Ochoconco did not play against Pittsburgh. Maybe the genius Belichick realized he was playing like garbage and did not deserve to step on the field.

Who knows if Ocho will step back on the field for the Pats this season.

Panthers look to stay in contention for Sun Belt title

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allowing 3.5 yards per carry.

"We've made adjustments through our calls and through our plays," said linebacker Winston Fraiser on how the defense is preparing to stop Rainey. "Honestly it's just executing and knowing your assignment, it's on us as a defense to know our job and make sure we get it done."

The other weapons that the Hilltopper offense likes to utilize are the tight ends. Junior

tight end Jack Doyle is the team's leading player in receptions with 32, and freshman tight end Mitchell Henry has caught four passes and two touchdowns in just his last two games.

Quanterus Smith has been a tough defensive lineman to handle this season and has 6.5 sacks making him second in the conference. Western Kentucky also has linebacker Andrew Jackson, leader in the conference with 81 tackles and senior Derrius Brooks, who is tops in the Sun Belt with 11 passes defended, four being for interceptions.

What has been hurting the Panther offense the most however, has been the offensive line penalties, and with WKU having drawn 59 flags on opponents this year for second in the conference, offensive lineman Caylin Hauptmann knows not to fall for their tricks.

"Rupert (Bryan) had a hard time last week because the guy was jumping, and this week we have a lot of jumpers, their whole defensive front likes to jump a lot, they're very undisciplined when it comes to how they play football," said Hauptmann.

"That's either going to make or break us, it's either going to make our run game and pass game easier on us if we're disciplined on our side of the ball or it's going to make it a hell of a hard night for us."

This game could be the Panthers' last chance of winning the conference championship outright this season. Last year, FIU tied with Troy for a share of the championship. With a loss to Western Kentucky or a Louisiana win against ULM, FIU will be out of contention for sole possession of the Sun Belt once again.

Alpha Xi Delta dominates Alpha Omicron Pi in final

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his defense and threw a 40-yard touchdown pass on the first play. This tied the game at 6-6.

Villegas threw another interception on his next drive.

The interception left Sigma Phi Epsilon only 15 yards out this time. Rok threw yet another first play touchdown pass, giving his

team a 12-6 lead.

The deflated and dejected Tau Kappa Epsilon team simply had no answers for Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Villegas even threw an interception on the last play of the game to give Sigma Phi Epsilon the win.

Dustin Elliot, Sigma Phi Epsilon's assistant coach, gave some insight on this wild night. When

asked if the win felt great he replied, "Yeah, it does. When I played we never won a championship, so it feels nice to coach these guys to one."

ALPHA XI DELTA 27, ALPHA OMICRON PI 6

As Halloween approached, quarterback Christina Brador was a nurse, and her Alpha Xi Delta

team ran a clinic, defeating Alpha Omicron Pi 27-6 to end their season in grandiose fashion.

With nearly two months of blowout victories, Alpha Xi Delta might have forgotten what defeat felt like, but they were not reminded in their championship game against Alpha Omicron Pi.

The defending champions played inspired football leaving

their blood, sweat and tears on the field against their opponents who played very physical football.

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THEATRE DEPARTMENT

Artistic director talks behind the scenes



ALEXIA ESCALANTE/THE BEACON

"The House of the Spirits", the Theatre Department's second production of the semester, features Jair Bula as Esteban Trueba and Victoria Collada as Clara del Valle Trueba. The next play will be "Arabian Nights."

HEATHER ARMAS
Staff Writer

Before the director is chosen and the actors are cast, Marilyn Skow, the artistic director of the Theatre Department, has some hard decisions to make. "We only have four slots for productions, so balancing all of the considerations to produce a quality, interesting season is very challenging," said Skow.

The play selection committee is headed by Professor Michael Yawney, the department dramaturge, a consultant for play production. The committee includes faculty representing the different disciplines within the theater department like design, performance and literature. Students are also invited to join in order to represent the student body overall.

"We [have] the option to join the committee [to] decides which plays

will be put on the following semester," said Jesula Lubin, a senior theater major.

The nomination process is a group effort, so the titles reflect a varied taste by the students and faculty. Many genres and subjects are considered.

"The student representatives solicit play titles from the theater majors and faculty committee members [solicit

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THE HIGH LOW



Bank of America drops plans for their \$5 debit card usage fee.



Five Guys opens across the street from campus.



A new study from Ohio State University proves that the "freshmen 15" weight gain is a myth.



FBI classifies the Insane Clown Posse and their fans as a gang.



Shorter College in Georgia bans gay employees.

Miami ARTletics network brings youth to FIU



ALL PHOTOS BY SHAWN STEVENS/THE BEACON

Kappa member Zacchur Porter plays in the Frost Art Museum with his sponsor.



BSU and Kappa Alpha Psi took the kids from the Overtown Youth Center to spin the cube to teach FIU traditions.



Reggie Richardson of the BSU helped make clay gargoyles for Halloween.

Athletics and the Frost Art Museum teamed with the Black Student Union and fraternity Kappa Alpha Psi to sponsor 16 4th and 5th grade boys from the Overtown Youth Center for the day. Students showed the boys around campus, tour the Frost, and took them to meet wide receiver T.Y. Hilton and men's basketball coach Isiah Thomas. This was Miami ARTletics networks' first year.

FIT FOR LIFE!

Consciousness is key when eating snacks on campus

When you walk through campus, it is nearly impossible to escape the mixed aromas of Starbucks frappuccinos, Greek life cupcakes and delicate, flaky pastelitos from Bustello.



RATASHA IRIBARREN

In order to resist these easily accessible temptations, it is imperative that I leave home armed with a cooler and a bag filled with nutritious snacks. Here are some low-calorie snack options for you to try the next time you feel the need to give in.

If you are in the mood for something crunchy, go for carrots or celery sticks with hummus. One cup of chopped carrots adds up to just 50 calories! Pair up this sweet, vitamin A-rich vegetable with two tablespoons of creamy fiber-filled

hummus for a snack that is sure to nip the sodium-filled chips and dip craving away. Hummus goes great with just about anything, so experiment with celery sticks or whole wheat pita bread to keep you feeling full. Also, remember that you can have as many carrots and celery sticks as you like because they contain a very minimal amount of calories.

Peanut butter is a great source of protein and it is packed with omega-3 fatty acids - healthy fats that are essential in cognitive and behavioral function and aid in lowering heart disease and cancer. Combine two tablespoons of peanut butter with one medium apple for a snack that weighs in close to 300 calories (which is about the same amount of calories as that Snickers bar that you grab around 2 p.m.).

Fueling up for an exam? Spread four crackers with peanut butter and top each with another cracker for your own peanut

butter cracker sandwiches. Keep in mind that this option is more calorie-dense because of the combination of carbohydrates and protein in the crackers and peanut butter. Four peanut butter cracker sandwiches total to about 350 calories, or about as many calories as there are in a Starbucks double chocolate chip frappuccino.

For a snack that is quick and easy to munch on, try a handful of pretzels or two cups of popped popcorn.

One serving of pretzels contains no trans-fat and comes in at 100 calories. However, pretzels are known to have a high sodium count, so do yourself a favor and read the label so you know when enough is enough.

For an extra kick of flavor, try Snyder's of Hanover pumpernickel and onion braided twists. Or if you are in the mood for a sweet and salty flavor, go with Snyder's of Hanover honey wheat sticks. Any one of these

pretzel flavors tastes great with a couple of tablespoons of peanut butter.

Popcorn is a great source of fiber; it keeps you full and satisfied. Two cups of popped popcorn is about seventy calories. Instead of buying the greasy butter coated packaged popcorn, pick up a bag of real popcorn kernels and make your own from scratch. All you need is vegetable oil, a bag of kernels and a sprinkle of salt!

Not only do you skip the artery-clogging fats, but you also can enjoy the non-artificial taste of natural popcorn! For a sweeter approach, add in two tablespoons of trail mix. I prefer Planters sweet and nutty trail mix because of the chocolatey M&M pieces and sugary raisins.

The popcorn and trail mix combination will provide you with some protein from the peanuts, adding on an additional 160 calories.

Another snack that is filled with protein has also been proven to boost your mood, which may be practical in fighting the stress that comes with being a college student.

Turkey contains serotonin-promoting tryptophan in every 48 gram serving (about 54 calories).

In addition to boosting your mood, turkey also helps you regulate appetite and sleep cycles. Roll a few slices of calcium-rich cheese inside a few slices of turkey for an extra 100 calories.

Avoiding processed, calorie-dense foods around campus may seem difficult, but it is not impossible. With your new arsenal of healthy snacks, you are sure to kick your cravings to the curb!

Fit for Life! is a bi-weekly food and fitness column. Look for it every other Friday this fall.

Plays take consideration

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play titles] from the rest of the faculty. The number of plays suggested is initially quite large, as many as sixty or more sometimes," said Skow.

The committee then begins to weed out the impossible and inappropriate plays to bring the number of prospective plays to about 25.

"Each member of the committee is then assigned three to five of these plays to read and give an assessment on the quality of the script, the breakdown of the cast and the production challenges. The number of plays is again narrowed down based on these assessments," said Skow.

The committee has numerous points to consider when choosing a play. This includes the type of cast each play requires in relation to the number and skill levels of the students, availability of the performance rights of a given script and educational mission

for students.

An important factor is to consider when choosing a play to produce is the commercial aspect. Plays that can be easily marketed, because the show is better known or discusses a subject that University students will relate to, have a better chance of being chosen.

"We do take into consideration how we are going to sell [during] the season," said Skow. It is difficult to balance the kinds of plays that will sell well and the kind of plays that students will learn from.

"We accept [each show as a] challenge because every experience allows us to grow into becoming a great actor. I wouldn't say I dislike [any of the shows], I'd say I am disappointed that the list is limited to the same kind of plays that are assumed to sell," said Lubin.

The process of selecting shows for each season takes about four months and sometimes plays are held for upcoming seasons.

"Really, we are working two years in advance, although the second year season is subject to change. There is already a preliminary season in place for 2012-2013, but it is being looked at right now to see if we want to change any of the plays or rearrange the order or plays. Then, the focus will shift to the 2013-2014 season and a preliminary season will be selected," said Skow.

Directors are also considered based on their style and experience.

"I will talk with the director who has the strongest feelings about which play and who would be the best match for which play," said Skow.

The same thing is true for the designers. I rely heavily on the advice of the head of performance in choosing the directors and on the head of design and production in choosing the designers."

The process takes a lot of consideration, but the end result is worth the stress.

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UPCOMING WEEKEND EVENTS

FRIDAY, NOV. 4

- **AMA Heat Up Your Career 4th Annual Florida Regional Conference:** 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m., To register please visit www.amafiu.com, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., MMC
- **What the Future Holds: Balancing Law, Liberty and National Security:** 6:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m., All are invited RSVP @ <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/2206726378>
- **FIU Federalist Society and Law Review Symposium: What the Future Holds: Balancing Law, Liberty and National Security:** 8 a.m.-6 p.m., MMC RBD 1000

SATURDAY, NOV. 5

- **The search for the next Masterchef in Miami:** 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Le Cordon Bleu
- **Roles in Parasite Viability and Pathogenesis:** 12-3 p.m., MMC AHC2 655
- **1st Annual NeighborhoodHelp Summit:** 9-12 p.m., MMC AHC-3 Room 110
- **FIU Football at WKU:** 4-7 p.m., Bowling Green, Ky.
- **FIU Women's Basketball vs. Barry:** 6-9 p.m., U.S. Century Bank Arena
- **Sleepless Night:** Ongoing, The Catalina Hotel & Beach Club

SUNDAY, NOV. 6

- **Chris Cornell:** 8:30 p.m., The Fillmore Miami Beach, \$37.50
- **Women Drivers:** 8 p.m., Women's Theater Project at Six Star Studio, \$15-\$25

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SGC-MMC COMMENTARY

Political parties admirable, but possible complication

The focus of the Oct. 31 meeting was a brief and encouraging presentation outlining the early foundations of a plan to create political parties at the Student Government Council at the ModestoMaidique Campus.

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Delivered by SGC-MMC Advisor Jose Toscano, Assistant Director of Campus Life

Michelle Castro and Graduate Assistant for Student Government Carlton Ng, the presentation displayed an outline for how the political parties would function.

As Toscano was quick to say, the idea is far from fleshed out. Plenty of research, planning and debate await the actual creation and subsequent autonomy of these parties and the system to which they will belong. Early as it is, the prospects sound promising so far.

One of the distinctive features, which may or may not surprise anybody, will be the exclusion of Democratic and Republican parties.

As Speaker of the Senate Donovan Dawson explained, the



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[From left to right] Associate Chief Justice Erica Estevez, Speaker of the Senate Donovan Dawson, Speaker Pro-Tempore Samir Patel and Finance Committee Chairman Giovanni Correale at the SGC-MMC meeting on Oct. 31.

parties in national politics are interested in carrying the nation toward different goals, whereas with University politics, “The overarching goal is the same: how can we make FIU a better university?” Thus, the campus parties.

Enticingly progressive as it appears, though, the thought is inevitably tainted by the sobering sense that this will probably only complicate things, will become one more source of frustration and bureaucratic heckling.

Imagine going out with somebody who is just insanely attractive and perfect but who, on the first date, is already throwing jealous glares toward whoever looks at you, muttering the occasional Latin curse through gritted teeth and sporting a clear affinity for sixes. The prospective delights are endearing, but the chaos so clearly there, waiting to surround every minor delight, is equally harrowing.

SGC-MMC’s model is influ-

enced by other universities – where political parties have been around long enough, looked over and regulated enough to ensure success. By taking them as our influence and composing our own system from what is hopefully the assembly of their strongest parts, things should kick off smoothly, and the adjustment period will be a brief and easy one.

Nonetheless, there will invariably be a learning process as the first-generation party candidates

acclimate to the rules, wherein they will likely exploit some of the system’s first-stage flaws.

Thus, given the precariousness with which transparency is currently being upheld, the addition of another political entity in demand of considerable attention probably means that something else will be neglected, certain duties will be forgotten and the council will fall back to the governing Dark Ages of this past September.

The ambition here is admirable, and an intelligent and penetrating Q&A explored the nuts and bolts of how it would work, the limitations on funding and the formation of caucuses – few of the answers were concrete, young as the project is, but the answers seemed imminently attainable.

If, for whatever reason, neither Toscano nor his associates had a solid answer, they were able to say when and how it would come to light.

Political parties seem like a step toward a boosted political legitimacy for SGA, looming contention and all.

SGC-MMC Commentary is a feature that evaluates the student council’s performance. Look for it every Friday.

DADT repeal does not advance LGBTQ civil liberties

BOBBY JOE BRACY JR.
Staff Writer

It surprises me that the repeal of the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy is considered a victory for civil rights. During the public debates over the soundness of DADT, activist Dan Choi, as a guest on “Democracy Now!”, defended his involvement with the United States military by unflinchingly declaring that “war gives us meaning.”

I wonder how anyone like Lt. Choi can say that with a straight face — no pun intended.

What I find even more surprising is that Choi could make such a pro-war comment just feet away from respected liberal journalist Amy Goodman without rebuke or further questioning by her.

Last year, MSNBC political commentator Rachel Maddow used her pulpit to rebuke Republicans for blocking the repeal of DADT with filibusters. “The right wants a culture war against gay people... that’s a war that anti-gay politicians lose and pro-civil rights politicians win,” says Maddow.

I respect Maddow, but she is wrong.

As civil rights advocates, we should reject the framing of the DADT repeal as a wholesale pro-civil rights issue. Nothing is more damning of civil rights than the institution of war — and repealing DADT changed nothing about that.

Funneling more troops, regardless

of orientation, into unjust wars does not advance our civil liberties. The environment we liberal queers find ourselves in — one that glorifies military service — is the environment where we find the PATRIOT Act, the suspension of habeas corpus and the assassination of American citizens without due process of law. It is in this environment where presidents, both Democratic and Republican, can commit troops to combat without a formal declaration of war from Congress.

To feed the war machine, we toss our freedoms into the furnace. By repealing DADT and joining the military, we now fling our bodies into that fire.

We have lost our way as a collective movement for justice. It puzzles me why some in the LGBTQ community want to fight wars for a queer/trans/homophobic government that still considers our kind second-class citizens. We can be sent to the front lines of foreign nations to witness death in war, but we are still not allowed to be with our loved ones in their final moments back home.

Repealing DADT was deceptively framed as pro-civil rights, but regardless of how you “reform” the input side of the military, the output end is still the same: wanton raids on innocent people, drone strikes and torture still goes on in our name.

Going to war is, arguably, a choice. Yet, every day the autonomy of that “choice” is diminished. Military recruiters often

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recruit from underprivileged communities. One look at the Department of Defense’s numbers tells it all: Nearly two-thirds, 64 percent, of recruits come from counties that have average incomes lower than the national median.

So, joining the military is a choice, but it is a choice you’re about half as likely to make when you have other options. It’s nefarious that our government makes budget cuts against education and financial aid, yet increases defense spending and sells us the military as a career move.

For LGBTQ people who might still be considering the military as a career “choice,” I must warn you: according to The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, about one-third of all homeless people in the U.S. are veterans, and about 1.5 million more veterans are at risk of homelessness “due to poverty, lack of support networks, and dismal living conditions in overcrowded or substandard housing.” Were those “benefits” really

worth fighting for?

This is less about so-called “choice” and more about resisting militarism. Militarism is not a progressive stance for the flourishing of queer life. Queers are blown to bits by drone strikes, but our government won’t tell us how many civilians we’ve killed with that program, so good luck finding out.

That’s why the LGBTQ movement for justice needs to shift course. Instead of begging to be assimilated into the heteronormative war machine and the failed model of marriage, let’s focus back on the causes that truly bring justice to our communities, like increasing access to HIV therapy for low-income communities, resisting employment discrimination of transgendered Americans and the end of militarism.

Repealing DADT was not a “mission accomplished.” We must not be pacified. Boys, girls and the glorious in-between: our war for equality has just begun.

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SOUNDS OF THE BAY



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On Nov. 2, the Wolfe University Center saw a variety of students such as [left] Jethro Decimus, junior journalism major, and [above] Denys Ivasechko, freshman chemistry major, and Lionel Duvalsaint, a freshman economics major, serenade crowds and jam on to pass the time on a quiet Wednesday.

Statutes, resolutions, appointments, all passed

JONATHAN SZYDLO
BBC Managing Editor

The Oct. 31 weekly Student Government Council at Biscayne Bay Campus senate meeting saw a flurry of new business being brought up for voting before the senate and the passage of four motions by the BBC legislators, and the institution of a new set of SGC-BBC statutes.

SGC-BBC senate unanimously voted in favor of dissolving the current statutes that govern the council, to be replaced with an updated, and modernized, set of statutes to be signed by SGC-BBC President Denise Halpin.

The senate voted on the freezing of Panther Power's funds due to their being delinquent on submitting their events reports, which were requested by the Operations Review Committee

on Oct. 3 from all BBC Activity and Service fee funded organizations, and were due by Oct. 7 at 5 p.m.

The motion was carried by a vote of eight in favor, two opposed, and one abstention.

Representatives from Panther Power have been summoned to appear at the Nov. 7, SGC-BBC senate meeting to give reason for their delinquency.

Oluwatamilore Odimayo, SGC-BBC finance chair, then motioned for the addition of electrical outlets to the swinging tables, located behind the Wolfe University Center, outside of Bistro on the Bay.

The motion was passed by a vote of 9-1-0, and will be brought before Halpin, to be signed within five days on its passage.

The next order of business was the approval

of the new Student Government Association Accumulated Cash Budget Account Policy, which was unanimously approved by SGA's University-Wide Council on Oct. 21. However, the new ACBA policy was never brought before the campus specific councils for approval, thus negating the UWC's original vote, and will be, once again, brought before the UWC on Nov. 4.

The council read through the ACBA policy but tabled it to be voted upon at the Nov. 7 SGC-BBC senate meeting.

Wrapping up the new legislative business, Odimayo presented a resolution for the addition of umbrella bags to BBC in light of the recent rain storms that have swept South Florida in the past weeks. The council passed the resolution by a unanimous vote.

Rafael Zapata, SGA advisor and assistant

director of Campus Life, addressed the senate in regards to the WUC's Printing Lab, and the unexpected costs the WUC seen during the 2011 year.

SGC-BBC sets aside \$2000 to cover the cost of printing. However, thus far, the printing lab has seen nearly \$60,000 worth of printing that WUC will be paying for out of pocket. As a result, Zapata informed the senate that WUC is considering cutting back from allowing students to print 30 free pages a day, to only allowing 5 pages per day per student.

Chaplin School of Hospitality Tourism Management Senator Appointed

Xu Yan, a senior hospitality tourism management major, was unanimously appointed by the senate to serve as the CSHTM's senator for the remainder of the 2011-2012 academic year.

TSA will expand test for faster airport security

EILEEN SULLIVAN
Associated Press

Testing for a new program aimed at getting certain travelers through airport security with less hassle has gone so well that the Obama administration plans to expand it to another round of airports and travelers, the government said Wednesday.

The expanded testing will not affect most travelers expected to crowd the airports during this year's busy Thanksgiving travel season. But the government has made other changes in the past year that could make for a less intrusive trip through airport security.

Invasive pat-downs and full-body imaging machines are still a central part of the air traveler's experience in

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the U.S.

But now children 12-and-under are less likely to be patted down or forced to take off their shoes. And about half of the full-body imaging machines have been upgraded to show an outline of a person instead of a blurry naked image, a feature of all new machines the government purchases, Transportation Security Administrator John Pistole told Congress.

The pre-screening test program

and policy changes represent the Obama administration's attempts at a more risk-based, intelligence-driven passenger screening program aimed at responding to complaints that the government is not using common sense when it screens all travelers the same way at airports.

Details of which airports and airlines would be eligible for the next round of testing for the pre-screening program are still being hammered out,

Pistole said. Currently about 280,000 frequent fliers from American and Delta airlines — the two airlines eligible for the first round of testing — are participating in the program, according to TSA. The program is being tested at airports in Atlanta, Dallas, Detroit and Miami.

“This new screening system holds great potential to strengthen security while significantly enhancing the travel experience, whenever possible, for passengers,” Pistole said in a prepared statement at a hearing before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.

But some enhanced security measures put in place at U.S. airports since the 2001 terror attacks continue to be controversial.

Some travelers and privacy advo-

cates object to the intimate pat-down, a measure Pistole called for to give screeners the best chance at catching someone hiding a bomb in his underwear like the man authorities say nearly brought down an airliner over Detroit on Christmas Day in 2009.

Also, not everyone is comfortable going through a full-body imaging machine that produces a blurry image of their naked bodies so that TSA screeners can check for contraband. And there are still complaints about having to take off shoes to go through the machines.

Others are concerned that radiation from the machines is dangerous. Though TSA has said the machines are safe, Pistole told lawmakers he would call for an independent study to evaluate their safety.