

THE FALL OF TROY

Field goal in overtime gives Panthers victory



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Jacob Younger [right] runs into the endzone after receiving a touchdown pass from Wesley Carroll in the fourth quarter vs. Troy.

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Despite having four turnovers in regulation, the Panthers were able to force the game into overtime and end it on a 22-yard field goal from Jack Griffin in a thrilling overtime victory over the Trojans on Oct. 25, to keep hopes of another conference title alive.

In the 23-20 win, FIU relied on the play of sophomore running back Kedrick Rhodes as he rushed for a career-high 174 yards on 30 carries.

“Rushing for a career high makes it even better because we won the game,” said Rhodes. “If we hadn’t won the game, it wouldn’t really have meant anything. But we did so now we can celebrate.”

With the win, FIU (5-3, 2-2 SBC) still remains within striking distance of catching the number

one team in the Sun Belt, Arkansas State (5-2, 3-0 SBC), for first place with four conference games remaining.

“The conference is so crazy and you don’t know what’s going to happen,” head coach Mario Cristobal said. “Our team is starting to understand more and more that all these games are going to come down to the fourth quarter.”

Penalties killed the Panther offense throughout the first half, as the offensive line got flagged five times for 35 yards from both right tackle Rupert Bryan (three for 20 yards) and left tackle Caylin Hauptmann (two for 15 yards) with three coming on third down plays.

“There was some talking in the locker room... it was a good thing we had those doors closed,” said Cristobal.

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OFFICE OF ENGAGEMENT

University partners with FPL to provide internships

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Florida Power and Light powers up Florida’s homes, and the company’s partnership with the University aims at doing just that for students’ careers.

The FPL-FIU partnership has had its fair share of development since its official start in January 2011. Their objective is to provide students with job experience and

opportunities, while at the same time providing FPL with a new set of customer service representatives.

Working out of the FPL Customer Care Center in the Marketing and Research Building at Modesto Maidique Campus, the student interns are able to make it to work in a matter of minutes – traversing from class to work.

“The students’ performance has been outstanding,” said Divina Grossman, vice president of engage-

ment for the University.

Out of the original 20 students that were enrolled in the internship, 12 of them have already been awarded positions as full-time employees of FPL.

This prompted more students to apply, allowing for a new influx of student employees.

This “2011 class” represents the second generation of interns; they began training in mid-August and are currently working on campus.

Eight students from the original class of interns still work at FPL’s Customer Care Center on campus.

One of them is Jose Angel Perez, a senior international business major, who has linked the partnership’s mission with his own personal development.

“My possibilities to grow are very high. I’m grateful for this opportunity overall,” Perez said. “This internship is awesome.”

In addition to obtaining employ-

ment from a Fortune 500 company, the student interns are pushed to exceed in the workplace through the use of performance targets and evaluations. This has allowed for the accurate tracking of progress in the FIU Care Center.

The interns have performed well in these daily evaluations exceeding the expectations of many facilitators. It has been noted that the intern

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LIFE!

Japanese tsunami inspires clubs to host film festival

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In memory of a Japanese tragedy, a gamut of films will be hosted this semester in order to commemorate and teach about the rich culture of

Japan.

The University’s Le Cercle Français and Pi Delta Phi use this resource every semester to screen different films based on the topic they choose.

The films are intended to spotlight a motif and bring

awareness to diverse issues throughout the world. On Oct. 12, the two clubs co-hosted a screening of the Japanese film “Maboroshi,” a film about suicide and trying to understand the reasons why some people opt for that choice.

These two French clubs are the hosts of the Japanese film festival, which began on Aug. 31 and will run until Nov. 23.

Along with the French films, the clubs also screen a separate set of films with some kind of French influence

or connection, like Franco-Polish or Franco-African.

“The reason for doing Japan this year was because of the tsunami in Japan,” said Professor Maria A. Garcia.

Garcia received her master’s degree in French

from Middlebury College and has been a French professor at the University as well as an adviser to Le Cercle Français and Pi Delta Phi for over seven years.

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Check out the Oct. 31 issue for a review of the theater department’s production of “The House of the Spirits,” directed by Michael Yawney.

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NEWS FLASH

LOCAL

Program has Fla. neighbors ratting on each other

Officials in Hollywood are signing up volunteers to rat out their neighbors as they seek economical ways to deal with a shortage of code enforcement officers.

The South Florida Sun Sentinel reports the trained volunteers will warn residents about problems such as overgrown grass and putting trash cans out too early. But they won't be allowed to issue violation notices.

If a warning isn't taken care of within seven days, a Hollywood code enforcement officer will follow up.

So far, 25 volunteers have signed on for the program, which is being tested in the Hollywood Lakes neighborhood. If the test goes well, the program could be expanded city-wide.

NATIONAL

Hearing scheduled in John Edwards criminal case

A federal judge in North Carolina will hold a hearing Wednesday in response to five motions filed by lawyers for John Edwards seeking the dismissal of the case against the former presidential candidate.

Edwards' lawyers argued in motions filed last month that the judge should throw out all six felony and misdemeanor counts, alleging the case was sought by a partisan Republican prosecutor bent on taking down a big-name Democrat.

Prosecutors, in turn, filed a stack of motions ridiculing the arguments seeking dismissal as baseless and ignorant of the law.

Edwards is accused of using about \$1 million in undisclosed payments from campaign donors to cover up an affair during his 2008 White House bid.

WORLD

UN, drug makers to pool data on tropical diseases

Eight drug makers have agreed to create a U.N.-administered pool of patented information and other data to spur new research into 21 tropical diseases and ailments, industry and U.N. officials said Wednesday.

The collaborative database will include data drawn from patents, compounds and unpublished results and made available to qualified researchers through royalty-free licenses, said Francis Gurry, director general of the U.N.'s World Intellectual Property Organization.

Gurry told a news conference that eight drug makers and numerous academic and nonprofit research organizations will cooperate.

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Overtown program dreams big



PHOTO COURTESY OF J.K. ALEXANDER

La-Kayla Lymus, an "I Have a Dream" program participant, makes a bridge of Popsicle sticks.

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Playing games and having fun isn't necessarily thought of as a way to get ideas on future careers, but that is what the "I Have a Dream" Foundation does for young children from Overtown.

The "I Have a Dream" Foundation is a national organization dedicated to encouraging children from low-income communities to pursue higher education by providing them with a long-term program composed of mentoring, extra-curricular activities and ultimately a full-paid tuition to a public university or other institution.

Eugene Lang created the foundation in 1985. It now has nearly 200 local-based chapters in 27 states and has served over 15,000 students, or "dreamers," as they are fondly called. More recently, in 2004, thanks to Mark and Margie

Buchbinder's sponsorship, "I Have a Dream-Overtown" was born.

The first grade class at Phillis Wheatley Elementary School was selected to be the first group of South Florida dreamers.

Dharam Persaud, a University graduate student, said he became a mentor for the dreamers two years ago to help provide America's future with a better chance for success.

"I'm maybe one of five Americans in the whole biomedical department. This definitely demonstrates that our American colleagues are falling by the wayside, and it's worrisome since the youths in America are our future and they lack opportunities to progress and succeed in a global market," Persaud said.

For the past two summers Persaud, who is studying biomedical engineering, has engaged in activities with the dreamers that encourage them to pursue careers in the science field.

The foundation has the dreamers conducting activities to get them thinking about their own futures, according to Persaud.

"We do different activities to get them thinking about different possible career options – something that's attainable. Not like being a rockstar or a professional athlete because

the chances for that are very slim," Persaud said.

One example of the activities the dreamers have been involved in this summer is a bridge building assignment in which the children used Popsicle sticks to build a small-scale bridge.

Eighth grade student Christian Cruz enjoyed the activity and got some career inspiration out of it.

"Building the bridges is a lot of fun. I would like to be an engineer when I'm older and make a real bridge some day," Cruz said.

The goal of the mentoring portion of the program is not only to reinforce what the children learn in the classroom by applying it to real-life situations, but also to simply be there for the children by offering them a listening ear and experienced counsel.

"Reminding the group of expectations, goals and consequences is a constant campaign as they are now teenagers facing a world full of distractions," said Eric Lewis, the project coordinator for the foundation's Overtown chapter.

Persaud counsels the dreamers with real-world advice.

"I'm there to tell them what they can expect as they further in their academic careers, as well as to just talk to them and

motivate them to persevere. Basically, I'm there to be real with them," he said.

The dreamers have formed a strong bond with their mentors, but the bond they have formed with each other is an even greater one.

"The dreamers, we're like a family. We're all going through the same things, and even though we fight sometimes, we all love each other so much and always help each other," said dreamer, La-Kayla Lymus.

This feeling of family within the group has helped the children move forward and succeed so far with the program.

"When you start wanting to give up, you remember your friends are all in this with you, and that really makes you keep going," said dreamer Jamee Smith.

Consisting of higher level coursework, frequent mentoring and consistent educational screenings, the long-term program the "I Have a Dream" Foundation practices with the children, faces obstacles outside of the program's control.

"We're encouraging the children to stay in school, while on the other hand at home, they may be told that they should just go out and get a job. This is why it's so important for them to stay focused and understand what opportunities are available to them as they move through their academic career," said Persaud.

As of July 2011, the group of 54 dreamers from Phillis Wheatley are right on track with successfully completing the program, with some even exceeding its expectations.

"Academically most of our dreamers have maintained their expected requirements, with nine being accepted into High School Magnet programs across the [school] district," said Lewis.

The success of this group may lead to further development of the program and student recruitment.

"These kids are the pilot study for other groups of children who may get sponsored," Persaud said. "Everything is riding on their success."

Center located on campus

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group has out-performed other customer care groups within the company. These improvements have also caught the attention of the staff at FPL.

"I'm extremely pleased with the success of the internship," said FPL spokesman Neil Nissan. "As long as the students continue to perform at high levels, great things will continue to come from this partnership."

With the unemployment rate slowly rising, college students are typically left with the short end of the stick, but this partnership has spawned a new resource both for students and the company.

The relationship is reciprocal as FPL

Customer Care interns attain highly demanded employment while FPL gains potential employees.

Based on the overall success of the program, there are already talks within the University of emulating the idea for future partnerships with corporations and the community.

Having already identified the possible benefits, the continuation is without question for Grossman and the Office of Engagement.

"We're endeavoring for many more internships and cultivating more partnerships with companies," Grossman said. "I'm extremely excited about the opportunities we have available, especially with the struggles of today's economy."

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FIU 23, TROY 20 (OT)

Times, Rhodes lead the way for slim win



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Wayne Times flies into the end zone for a touchdown, giving FIU the lead early in the third quarter against Troy on Oct. 25

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"I was really frustrated by guys who really have worked at it hard and had tremendous success throughout the course of the week, but we came out in the second half and just played a much cleaner football game."

Troy scored the first and only touchdown of the first half on a 14-yard run from running back D.J. Taylor with 5:24 left in the first quarter. The Panthers could only answer back with a 38-yard field goal from Griffin, even after making it within 40 yards on the endzone four

times.

Towards the end of the half, quarterback Wesley Carroll threw off his back foot and right into the hands of defensive back Dimitri Miles for his third consecutive game with an interception. However, Troy could not convert off the turnover and both teams headed to the locker room with the score 7-3 in favor of the Trojans.

At the start of the second half, the Panthers got things going on offense. On the first drive, Carroll found wide receiver Wayne Times open down the field, who took it 76 yards to the

house to give the Panthers the lead for the first time in the game.

The next possession showed more of the same. With the ball on the Troy 43-yard line and facing third and 21st, Carroll got away from the Troy defenders and threw to Jacob Younger before he crossed the line of scrimmage, who took it to the endzone to give FIU a 17-7 lead.

The Trojans struck back by going on a 13-0 run of their own, that was started by running back Shawn Southward carrying the ball in for a three-yard touch-

down with 2:21 in the third quarter, but Michael Taylor missed the extra point that would prove vital in the game. Less than a minute later, the Trojans scored again off a Glenn Coleman fumble that Tony Davis returned 30 yards for the score to give Troy lead once again.

Down by three going into the last quarter, the FIU defense held strong and allowed no points while tying the game up at 20-20 with 3:31 on the clock, forcing the first overtime game since Nov. 6, 2010 against ULM.

In overtime, Troy

received the ball first with the Panther defense holding the Trojans to a 43-yard field goal that went wide left, leaving the door open for FIU to win the game with a field goal.

Taking no chances, Carroll gave the ball to Rhodes six straight times to set up a 22-yard field goal from Griffin that sailed through the uprights for the win.

"That's what we want. Get the defense out there first and the offense will come off of us. That's pretty much it," defensive lineman Tourek Williams said after the game.

Potent offense now a thing of the past

For many southerners, mudding is a way for people to go out and show off their powerful trucks to see if they can make it through a trail of mud. If their truck is not powerful enough to make it, the truck will sink and has to be towed out by another.

COMMENTARY



BRANDON WISE

The Golden Panthers offense has been treading in the mud throughout the season. Luckily, their engine, Wesley Carroll, found a way to get them out and lead the Golden Panthers to victory.

However, the once prolific FIU offense has slowed down

and has required the defense to give them a tow quite a few times. Ever since exploding for 41 points against North Texas, the Golden Panthers have been spinning their wheels in the mud, trying to find traction. The traction has come in the form of kicker Jack Griffin going 6-7 on field goal attempts the past two weeks. This high-flying offense has turned into a ground and pound attack, trying to run the opposing defenses to death with Kedrick Rhodes.

When the opposing defense knows that the offense is going to run nearly 60 percent of the time, it can load the box and stack up against the run. Rhodes had a career high 172 yards on 30 carries, but his longest run was only for 18 yards. This offense is slowly becoming a three yards and a cloud of dust attack. Instead of using the talent that surrounds Wesley Carroll at receiver, the play calling has become very conservative, only looking for the big play in a must score situation.

Sure, Wayne Times broke out for a 76-yard touchdown in the third quarter, but the first half of play saw the Golden Panthers struggle mightily against one of the worst defenses in college football.

The offense looks great for the first 50 yards of each drive. They can move the ball methodically down around the opposition's 30 or even 20-yard line. Then, it is almost like they become a ship in a hurricane at sea: lost.

There is no excuse for accepting field goals in exchange for touchdowns in college football.

The offense survived this week thanks to a stellar performance by Tourek Williams and the rest of the Golden Panther defense. The Troy offensive line could not figure out where Williams was coming from, as he was in quarterback Corey Robinson's face all night. It was his second worst performance of the season and he will be seeing Williams in his nightmares for the next few weeks along with his hopes for a fifth-straight conference title for the Trojans.

This has been an up and down season thus far for the Golden Panthers. Early on, the defense was carrying the load, only allowing 14 points per game through the first three games of the year. Then, the offense had to keep them in games because the defense was allowing 29.5 points per game in the next four games. Now, we do not know what to expect because the defense had to keep them in the game last night and should get most of the credit for the victory.

The offense needs to find a way to become more efficient than it has been the past two weeks in scoring chances, or else this team will not survive through the end of the season.

VOLLEYBALL

Trkulja out for the remainder of the season

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There is only one thing you need to do if you want to get a beat on a team's mood: check the box score of their last couple of games.

On Oct. 17, after returning from back to back losses against Middle Tennessee and Western Kentucky, the players on the volleyball team were sluggishly dragging their feet during practice. There was no energy. Their pride and confidence were left unclaimed at the airport.

On Oct. 24, after winning two straight games against Arkansas State University and University of Arkansas Little Rock, the mood on the team has undergone a massive transformation.

Players are enthusiastically practicing in the gym, there is laughter ringing between each practice serve, and most importantly, head coach Danijela Tomic is wearing a smile.

"Winning makes everything

better," said Tomic. "That's a well-known fact."

With a winning conference record again, the newly energized Panthers are now shifting their focus to the final leg of their five-game home stand. Troy (14-9, 4-5 SBC) will visit the U.S. Century Bank Arena tonight, followed by South Alabama (7-14, 2-7 SBC) on Sunday. The team's game plan will be the same as always: focus on their side of the net.

"It doesn't matter if we're playing MT, WKU or ASU. I want us to focus on us improving as a team," said Tomic. "A lot of the things we are trying to correct do not depend on who you play. Communication, discipline, knowing where you are on defense, serving game."

With almost exactly three weeks left for the Sun Belt Conference tournament to begin, the team can hear the clock ticking. Barring any complete collapse, FIU is a shoo-in for the tournament, which is being held on their

home turf in the U.S. Century Bank Arena for the first time in a decade.

BJELICA SHINES

Though FIU will be striving for cohesiveness between players on the court to get them through the tournament, they will also be counting on junior outside hitter Jovana Bjelica.

Bjelica, who had her best weekend of the season, was once again showered in accolades for her explosive performance against ASU and UALR which saw her tally 51 kills and a .412 hitting percentage.

For the third time this season, she was named the SBC Player of the Week. She also garnered a Top Performers mention on CVU.com, her second of the season. She fell just short of being named the AVCA National Player of the week.

Often times, however, she is not even aware that she has been given these nominations. It is not an uncommon occurrence, according to Bjelica, for

her to walk into the gym and receive congratulations from her teammates without even knowing what they are for. As quickly as she finds out though, she puts the recognition aside just as fast.

"It's nice that I got them," said Bjelica. "But I don't think about that while I'm playing."

Bjelica has quickly risen to become the leader of the squad, according to her coach and teammates.

"Her leadership ability has improved so much," said Tomic. "How she handles herself on the court and how she handles her teammates has been great."

TRKULJA SUFFERS KNEE INJURY

Sophomore outside hitter Una Trkulja underwent surgery on Oct. 25 to reconstruct her torn ACL and to repair two ligaments. She suffered both injuries, as well as a torn MCL, on Oct. 21 in the first set against ASU. She will miss the remainder of the season.

FANTASY CRUZ

Antonio Brown no longer a steal in most fantasy leagues

The NFL is a league that demands equality in many aspects of football. Take Detroit and Buffalo for example. Both are resurgent teams that have been terrible for the last decade.

COMMENTARY



JOEY CRUZ

Some teams that are on their way down though, did not show an inkling of equality last week by getting completely blown out. The teams on the winning end of the bargain made some fantasy owners quite ecstatic.

Chris Johnson went from “every coaches dream,” to being drunk during game time on Jim Beam the way he is playing this season. A mere 18 yards to 10 carries makes owners want to drop this guy.

As for the Texans dual-threat running back tandem, Arian Foster and Ben Tate did nothing but produce rushing for a combined 219 yards and two touchdowns. Matt Schaub had a Rogers-esque type of

game throwing for 296 and finding the end zone twice in the Texans 41-7 win.

In Kansas City’s 28-0 blowout over the Oakland Raiders, both Raider quarterbacks threw a measly six interceptions together to aid the Chief’s victory. Looks like Carson Palmer did not immediately pann out for the first round pick they traded to get him. The Chiefs’ defense had a field day returning two of the six interceptions to the house.

It is tough to figure out which team is worse: the Dolphins or Colts. After a 62-7 debacle by the Colts to the Saints, I have to say, Indy has a slight lead for the worst team in the league. Drew Brees had the game of his career throwing for 325 yards and five touchdowns.

Mark Ingram and Darren Sproles both nearly had 100 yards each as well. Marques Colston caught two touchdowns to go with his 98 yards receiving.

THE TRASH BIN

Rex Grossman (Washington Redskins)- You might



ERIC GAY/AP IMAGES

Antonio Brown had seven catches and 102 yards last week.

as well drop him after he threw four interceptions two weeks ago and lost the starting job to John Beck. Beck threw for almost 300 yards last week against Carolina. Looks like Grossman’s staring job was a short lived one. Sexy Remy.

Austin Collie (Indianapolis Colts)- No Peyton Manning

means no pie for Collie who has not produced throughout the season. Collie is not going to improve any time soon, so save your self the trouble and time by dropping him.

David Nelson (Buffalo Bills)- Consistency is an issue with Nelson as of late. He had a couple of good games while

the Bills were unstoppable. The Bills have landed back on Earth and Nelson has as well. Half Nelson.

UNDER THE CRUZAR

Antonio Brown (Pittsburgh Steelers)- Another receiver has finally made an appearance as of late in Pitt. Brown came up

with a big 102-yard game last week and most likely will be Big Ben’s number two target for the rest of the season. What can Brown do for you?

Christian Ponder (Minnesota Vikings)- With over 200 yards and two touchdowns last week, Ponder is showing us things Donovan McNabb has failed to show us. Pick him up as a backup if possible. He might be a viable option with your quarterback on a bye week. Purple Pride.

DeMarco Murray (Dallas Cowboys)- The young guy broke a Cowboy’s record previously held by the great Emmitt Smith last Sunday. With him and Felix Jones running together, Murray is going to get plenty of looks in an offense that likes to run the football. Murray is worth the free agent pickup. Scurry Murray.

CHASTISING CHAD

Chad Ochocinco had a bye this week. I will get back to him next week. Hopefully he has seen footage on how terrible he has been and can keep it going.

BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Men’s picked to finish fifth in SBC

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After finishing last in their division last season, Isiah Thomas and his Golden Panther men’s basketball team were picked to finish dead last in the East Division of the Sun Belt Conference.

Head coach Isiah Thomas, who is entering his third year coaching at FIU, is not surprised at the results of the preseason coaching polls, especially after their 11-19 campaign last season.

“Clearly the people making the polls think that the other teams have better players than we do, and they probably do. I think it just speaks of the strength of the conference,” Thomas said.

The Golden Panthers were picked to finish ninth overall in the conference, just ahead of UALR, Troy and Louisiana-Monroe. In-state rival FAU, on the other hand, were picked by the coaches to finish first overall, receiving 11 first-place votes during Sun Belt Media Day.

SIZE MATTERS

It is also no surprise that Thomas has only two seniors returning this season. He has always fielded a young team, even in the professional level.

One of his key recruits during the off-season was the seven-foot, 240-pound center



BEACON FILE PHOTO

DeJuan Wright earned second-team all-conference honors.

from Belgium, Gilles Dierickx. The Golden Panthers have not had a seven-footer on their team since the 2008-2009 season, when Russell Hicks was on the team.

“I’ve always coached a young team. Even in the NBA, I never had a veteran team,” said Thomas.

During the off-season, Thomas and a few Miami Heat players organized a charity All-

Star basketball game at U.S. Century Bank arena. This gave the team a chance to watch NBA-caliber players practice in their home court.

“Having the pro players here on campus definitely was helpful and beneficial to the players to see that type of professionalism and work ethic,” Thomas said. The Golden Panthers will begin their season on Nov. 14 against

George Mason in the NIT Season Tip-Off.

COLEY ALL-SBC

Jerica Coley earned preseason All-Sun Belt first-team honors as her Golden Panther women’s basketball team were picked to finish second overall in the East Division of the SBC.

Coley, who is now a sophomore, averaged 15.7 points per game and became the second player in school history to score over 500 points in their freshman season.

“She is just an amazing kid. She’s definitely right up there as one of the best players I’ve ever coached,” said head coach Cindy Russo. “You just say anything to her, she listens, pauses for a second and says, ‘okay.’ Then she goes out there and does it. It’s pretty much unheard of these days.”

POINT GUARD BATTLE

With Michelle Gonzalez graduated, Russo expects Carmen Miloglav to fill in the void at the point guard position. Russo may have an inexperienced team this season. She has six newcomers and only one senior returning: Fanni Hutlassa, a redshirt.

The Golden Panthers will face Barry in an exhibition game on Nov. 5 before starting the regular season at home versus Jacksonville on Nov. 11.

INTRAMURAL ROUNDUP

FIJI slips past Sigma Alpha Mu

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FIJI’s time management and big defensive plays gave them a narrow victory over Sigma Alpha Mu, 8-7 on Oct. 24.

FIJI started with the ball and slowly navigated 75 yards down the field. While they ended up turning the ball over on downs, they had eaten a substantial portion of the clock.

Sigma Alpha Mu, also known as Sammy, had no luck on their first drive. They were forced to punt and it only went 15 yards.

FIJI, having excellent field position, capitalized with a 30-yard touchdown pass down the sideline to take a 6-0 lead.

Sammy got the ball back and quarterback Mike Carbeo launched an immediate 80-yard touchdown strike to go up 7-6 before the half.

The second half started with an interception by FIJI’s cornerback Christopher Mazzara.

FIJI slowly moved the ball down the field, taking eight minutes off the clock.

When they got into scoring territory, their quar-

terback made an errant throw that resulted in an interception.

Sammy tried taking the ball out of the end zone, but they were stopped on the two-yard line.

With no room to move, Carbeo scrambled inside FIJI’s end zone only to be sacked by Lucas Almonte for a safety.

The safety gave FIJI an 8-7 lead with virtually no time left on the clock.

With only seconds to go, Carbeo heaved another pass down the sideline, but it was intercepted by Mazzara again, except this one ended the game.

When asked about his game-ending interception, Mazzara said, “Adrenaline is pumping, you can only play for the feel of this game.”

SIGMA PHI EPSILON 34, BETA THETA PI 0

Sigma Phi Epsilon quarterback Jared Rok was rock solid in their 34-0 victory over Beta Theta Pi.

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SPOTLIGHT ON...

Student views makeup as art

SHEKINAH HARPER
Contributing Writer

Sophomore Kayla Carcone is an artist like any other; only her canvas is a face and her medium is makeup.

For two years, Carcone, who is studying business, has been the driving force behind her company, Kay G. Makeup. By word of mouth, she has obtained a diverse clientele. Carcone is capable of creating anything from a fantasy look for a photo shoot to a look for a formal event -- and everything in between.

She is constantly experimenting with makeup in her free time and practicing new looks she can use on her clients. She is inspired by people, the feel of places and art she encounters. Oftentimes, she creates simple Hollywood looks for models and clients, and has recreated more dramatic looks from movies, like those found in the film "Black Swan."

"I try my best to come up with unique looks and concepts for my clients," Carcone said.

Recently, she worked with Blast

'em Photography to create a both edgy and soft look for a model.

"[The experience] gives me creative freedom to take their concept wherever I want to; that's when I can truly show my talent," said Carcone.

Like most artists, she did not start off working with photographers or having her work featured in magazines like Ford Entertainment. Most of her work began in her hometown of Cape Coral, Fla.

Early in her career she was able to network and meet photographers and models through close friends.

"This industry is all about who you know, and not what you know," she said.

When she arrived in Miami, she accumulated more clients through social media and references. So far, her biggest clientele at the University are members of sororities who need help for formals.

Even though her business has expanded since it began in Florida, she does not plan on sticking around for long. In the near future, she plans on testing her business skills

by studying abroad in Italy or in the United Kingdom.

"I would love to travel. I definitely want to build my client base and meet as many people as I can," she said.

Willing to go the extra mile for her clients, Carcone has traveled throughout the state for photo shoots, homecomings and other special occasions.

"Her creativity is unlike any I have ever seen, and I have had the [good] fortune of having her do work on me in the past. Never once has she let me down or come up with anything less than brilliant," said Cristina Vivar, a client and roommate of Carcone.

"The best part of being a makeup artist is that the world of makeup is limitless, and the benefits are much greater than the money. Seeing a vision that was in your head come to life makes you feel so accomplished, and being able to make someone feel beautiful in their own skin is a feeling like no other. It is so validating. Once you experience that, you don't forget it. Who wouldn't want to make a living doing that?" she concluded.



ALEXANDRA SARDI/THE BEACON

Sophomore Kayla Carcone has created a successful business for herself as a makeup artist because of her passion for her work.

REEL TO REEL

Latest film in horror franchise the best

COLUMNIST



STEVE MESA

The third film of a horror movie franchise like "Final Destination 3" and "The Exorcist III" usually runs out of steam,

marking the end of a franchise. "Paranormal Activity 3," however, manages to do quite the opposite, as it further explores the origins of the demonic entity of this franchise and comes up with more scare that will cause your pulse to race a mile a minute.

As a prequel to the previous

films, this movie is set in 1988 where sisters Katie (Chloe Csergery) and Kristi (Jessica Tyler Brown) first encounter the demon, which Kristi thinks is an invisible friend named Toby. Strange things start happening around the house,

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Clubs aim to teach through film

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In spring 2011, the two clubs raised funds for the tsunami and donated \$500 to the Japanese Red Cross.

"We didn't want people to forget," continued Garcia.

The films themselves are a mixture of samurai to personal drama and thriller.

Garcia states that one of the main reasons the clubs choose to show a different genre of films aside from French is to expose the students to different cultures.

"The only way to keep people contributing and keep it in people's minds is to keep doing things for them."

Le Cercle Français and Pi Delta Phi are also locally involved in fund-raising and community service through their continued involvement with Lotus House in Miami, which is

a shelter for battered and abused women.

By hosting cultural and social programs like the film festivals, they intend on keeping communities globally aware of issues outside of their daily lives.

"I don't show films that are mediocre; I make sure they will change your life in some way," Garcia added.

Something so simple as a film screening in the Graham Center's Room 140 can spark interest in a new culture or reignite an interest for a greater cause, like the tsunami that affected Japan.

Both clubs are active members under the Council for Student Organizations, and because the clubs meet higher criteria as specified through CSO, they are given special allocation of up to \$2,000 for the semester.

These funds are what allows Le Cercle Français

and Pi Delta Phi to present semester-long activities like the film festivals to the University.

Both clubs also plan on hosting a stargazing party, Le Petit Prince, at the University's Astropad on Nov. 15, along with Voyagers, a special art exhibit by two of Garcia's alumni students, at the Frost Art Museum on Nov. 16.

As the advisor of both clubs, Garcia says that the 10 appointed officers, who dedicate a lot of time into planning and hosting all of the events, do the bulk of the work and are responsible for the outcome.

"Teamwork is something that is very rewarding, which is the result of working together throughout a semester," expressed Garcia.

Garcia believes that these clubs are useful for many reasons, aside from the social outcomes and

relationships built with people who have the same interests. They also provide lessons in everyday skills needed in and out of college, which are gained through experiences as officers and members of an organization.

As far as expanding the events within a semester, Garcia said she does not believe that more can be done because the members are already doing a lot.

Garcia's main aspiration for the clubs is to grow internally so that they may be able to host more events.

The two clubs keep the film festivals as a consistent part of their semester planning because of the subtle and unexpected effects it can have on its audience.

"Films are like books: they are a form of art that can help you find and learn a lot about yourself," said Garcia.

THE HIGH LOW



Golden Panthers defeated Sun Belt conference co-champion Troy Trojans.



A new student loan plan introduced by Obama will cap repayment at 10%.



Dead icons like Marilyn Monroe and John Lennon earned \$366 million this past year.



A proposed law could put anyone who has made a cover video on YouTube in jail for up to five years.



This fall, average in-state tuition at four year public universities rose an additional \$631, or 8.3 percent.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Searching for a sponsor for National Food Day 2012

Even foodies have an activist streak. National Food Day 2011 brought parents, students and food professionals together on Oct. 24. The object: rallying for sustainable food in schools.



JASMYNE ELLIOTT

Although many college campuses held events marking the occasion, our University was largely silent. I am going to give the University the benefit of the doubt; after all, this is a fairly new development in foodie activism. In reality, our campus would be the perfect place to raise awareness and push for the availability of sustainable foods on campus.

All too often, even in The Beacon, students complain about the lack of organic and sustainable food options on campus. Furthermore, Food Day supporters lament the overall lack of support for organic farming and the over-abundance of junk food on our dinner plates. By supporting Food Day, our University could join our community in the fight for better food.

Most notably, the University's Agroecology Program would be the prime sponsor for a Food Day event. The program could use a Food Day event to help teach students throughout the University how the delicate balance between farming practices and urban development affects food on campus, including our community, and show students how they could get involved and help improve

local farming practices. Such an event would also result in publicity and increased student enrollment for the program itself.

In addition, our University is host to several clubs, initiatives and events that already tout the importance of eco-friendly food. For example, the University's Garden Club tends the People's Garden, which uses organic methods to grow its produce.

Furthermore, every Wednesday afternoon, students and faculty swarm the library overpass to partake in Organic Farmer's Market, sponsored by the Stempel Public Health Association and the Wellness Center, where sustainable food and eco-friendly items of all sorts are sold. Any one of these would be the perfect sponsors for a campus-wide Food Day event.

Our School of Hospitality and Tourism Management would be another department that would be an asset to a Food Day event. In the recent past, the school has hosted many events.

FIU's professors and students could host seminars on how sustainable foods fit into the hospitality industry. Recipe demonstrations and samples would not hurt, either, as students and free food tend to equal success.

With all of these resources, it seems impossible for a Food Day event to be nothing but a success for the University. Thankfully, we have a whole year to plan for Food Day 2012.

Food for Thought is a bi weekly food review column. Look for it every other Friday this fall.

Paranormal Activity 3 "breath of fresh air" in horror genre

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which causes the girls' step-father Dennis (Christopher Nicolas Smith), a videographer, to set cameras around the house despite the objection of his wife Julie (Lauren Bitner). Bizarre and strange occurrences begin to manifest within the house that are more than just things going bump in the night.

Directed by Henry Joost and Ariel Schulman ("Catfish"), they establish a tense mood in the movie and manage to maintain that mood throughout this film. The scary stuff is not just limited to the nighttime this time around as some of the scary moments in "Paranormal Activity 3" occur in broad daylight.

The editing plays an essential role in this film in order to help orchestrate the upcoming

scary moments. Jump cuts are greatly used throughout the film, whether it is a stationary camera shot of a bedroom at night or the panning shots of a camera atop an oscillating fan, which help build an incredible amount of tension.

The best part about this movie is the anticipation of the scares and scanning the scene to see what is out of the norm within the frame. When the scares do occur, they are not just cheap "gotcha" moments (including an awesome scare that occurs early in the movie) -- they are truly real, intense scares.

Screenwriter Christopher B. Landon expands the mythology of the franchise by exploring the history and possible origins of the demon that has been haunting Katie and Kristi. The story in this movie is careful in not unveiling everything,

which leaves room for next year's possible fourth movie. As a prequel, there are direct connections to the first two films that include cameos from Katie Featherstone and Sprague Grayden, who played the older Katie and Kristi in the previous films. However, moviegoers unfamiliar with the "Paranormal Activity" movies can still enjoy this film as a stand-alone scary movie.

Sometimes, the acting is not the most important and essential thing in "found footage" films like this one. Csengery and Brown, the child actors of "Paranormal Activity 3," are truly fantastic as the much younger versions of Katie and Kristi.

The haunting starts off innocent with sounds of footsteps and lights flicking on and off. As the movie progresses, the entity eventually becomes

violent, especially inflicting pain on some of the adults and torturing the little girls using its supernatural powers.

"Paranormal Activity 3" relies on the formula that has made the previous "Paranormal Activity" successful, and it does lack the originality

that made the first film so frightening.

Among the horror remakes and sequels to come out this year, like "The Thing," "Paranormal Activity 3" shines above it all as not only the best installment of the series, but one of the best horror films to

come out this year. Thanks to the filmmakers, they manage to keep this relatively new horror franchise as a breath of fresh air in the horror genre.

Reel to Reel is a weekly movie review column. Look for it every Friday this fall.



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As a prequel to the previous films, this movie is set in 1988 where sisters Katie (Chloe Csengery) and Kristi (Jessica Tyler Brown) first encounter the demon.

Sudoku

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HALLO-WEEKEND EVENTS

FRIDAY, OCT. 28

- **UNICEF @ FIU'S first annual Halloween fashion show:** 12-2 p.m., \$5, MMC GC Pit
- **13th Annual Eric William Memorial Lecture:** 6:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m., MMC PCA 135
- **CAPSapalooza 2011! Get Connected:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m., BBC WUC 320
- **FIU Volleyball vs. Troy:** 6:30-9:30 p.m., U.S. Century Bank Arena
- **Liszt Festival 2011-Alumni Concert:** 7:30-9:30 p.m., \$15.00 general admission, \$10 seniors and FIU faculty/staff, \$5.00 FIU students/FIU Alumni Association members, Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center Concert Hall

SATURDAY, OCT. 29

- **Frost Family Day:** 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Frost Art Museum
- **Day on the Bay:** 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m., Bay Area
- **Kayak Day on the Bay:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Biscayne Bay, Mangrove Trails of Oleta State Park, Biscayne Bay Sandbar or Sand Spur Island
- **FIU Opera Workshop: ¡Zarzuela!** 7:30-9:30 p.m., \$15.00 general admission, \$10.00 seniors and FIU faculty/staff, \$5.00 FIU students and FIU Alumni Association members, Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center Concert Hall
- **FIU Men's Soccer at UAB:** 7-9 p.m., Birmingham, Ala.

SUNDAY, OCT. 30

- **FIU Volleyball vs. South Alabama:** 1-4 p.m., U.S. Century Bank Arena
- **FIU School of Music Alumni Recital: Katherine Meloan, organ:** 4-5:30 p.m., \$15.00 general admission, \$10.00 seniors and FIU faculty/staff, \$5.00 FIU students and FIU Alumni Association members, Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center Concert Hall
- **Billionween Bash:** 10 p.m., SoBe Live
- **House of Horror:** 6 p.m., \$22 for adults and \$15 for children, Miami International Mall
- **Small, Medium, Large:** 12 p.m., Free, Carol Jazzar Contemporary

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SGC-MMC COMMENTARY

Senate must learn time management, prioritization

The frivolity of the Oct. 21 University-wide meeting, followed by the messiness of the Oct. 24 Student Government Council at Modesto Maidique Campus meeting, has made it clear that the root of the Student Government Association's troubles has to do with procedural uncertainty – a fear of doing something wrong that is so crippling that the council ends up doing nearly nothing at all.

The first of the two bills discussed during Monday's SGC-MMC meeting was Senate Resolution 1109, initiating a pilot project for Connor Mautner's, SGC-MMC President Patrick O'Keefe's executive assistant, \$40 million solar garden initiative.

The pilot project will set up a solar garden on the roof of MMC's Graham

Center and at Biscayne Bay Campus' Wolfe University Center.

Apart from some of the senators forgetting their initial enthusiasm for the project when it was proposed during last week's meeting, the Senate's decision was delayed by a 20-minute endeavor to correct the bill's grammatical errors and linguistic shortcomings, a job generally reserved for the Rules, Legislation and Judiciary Committee.

An insightful suggestion to refer the bill back to the Rules Committee for editing and partial rewriting sparked such dissent that it was called to a vote. On the matter of whether to continue correcting the errors during the meeting, or to send the bill back to be the committee appointed to do such things, the Senate voted to devote their meeting time to nitpicking over the bill's poor prose.

So, on they went, passing motions to erase a comma, change a word, move a period. Finally, at the 20-

minute mark, Comptroller Cristina Loreto spoke up from the back row to reprimand the Senate for "wasting their meeting." The sight of the Senate, so devoted to the recursive and increasingly contentious effort of re-writing a bill almost word-by-word offers some insight into the Senate's issues with prioritization and organization.

After the scolding, another motion to forego editing and refer the bill back to the Rules Committee was promptly passed, unchallenged, and was followed by a cluster of senators' hands rising all around the room, stiff with indignation, who indulged in almost 10 minutes of blaming others for the flaws they couldn't see in themselves. Speaker of the Senate Donovan Dawson, the first one to catch the irony, was merciful enough to leave a few arms unanswered and attempted to move the meeting along.

They went on to discuss SR 1110, a bill to grant \$1,350 to the University's pre-law fraternity, Phi Alpha

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Delta, for the opportunity to participate in a mock trial in Washington D.C. Then, only minutes following their self-lashing for wasting so much time nitpicking over the grammar of a bill, the Senate proceeded to do it again, with nobody alluding to the epiphany from moments before.

Even so, the bill was passed. Phi Alpha Delta was rightfully granted the necessary funds to represent the University in a national competition, and the Senate proved assertive in getting at least one thing done.

Graduate Senator Rachel Emas made the fair point that any bill

passing through the Senate should be a source of legislative and authorial pride, representative as it is of our government's competency.

Still, the issue of time management is frustrating and overshadows one's sense of SGC-MMC's progress. As the Senate ostensibly agreed, the edits and efforts necessary to ensure such a quality should be made elsewhere, preferably before being brought to the Senate floor.

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

CLASS DISMISSED

FCAT scores: one step forward, two steps back

The state exam that has been criticized for holding back thousands of students in Florida is set to raise its standards, and become even more difficult to pass.

According to *The Miami Herald*, the scoring system of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test will remain the same – a scale of one to five, with a three considered satisfactory. However, the road to get to a test score of three will require a higher

level of performance than before, most likely due to more complex multiple choice questions and writing prompts.

Making the FCAT passage standards more difficult creates a very unique problem. According to a report on Tampa Bay Online, while the new scoring standards will improve the reading score passage rate of third grade students, it will make the scores of tenth graders drop like a stone from 72 to 56 percent. This inconsistency is, aside from puzzling, exacerbating an issue critics of the FCAT, including myself, have had for some time.

It is no secret that every year, thousands of Florida students fail the FCAT. According to ABC News, one in four fourth graders will not go to the fifth grade and 13,000 high school seniors will not graduate due to failing the exam.

I have always posited that failure of the FCAT is linked to failure to teach. Even with specialized classes and curriculums that tend to "teach for the test," one too many students still fail it. Unless the actual standards of teaching improve, raising the passing standards will do nothing to improve the FCAT passage rate, and will do everything to make it even worse.

Furthermore, students from low income areas consistently score lower than their more affluent peers, which points to biases within the questions themselves. Also, lower scores in the reading and writing sections have been linked to students not having English as a first language, according to ABC News. By making the questions more complicated, the state is only serving to further

"Raising the passing standards will do nothing to improve the FCAT passage rate, and will do everything to make it even worse."

hinder its students from advancement.

Interestingly, while passing the FCAT is necessary to graduate from high school, colleges and universities at the local and national level rarely, if ever, consider these scores in the application process. This makes me question the overall validity of the test, let alone the merit behind the revised scoring system. The state should address the overall relevancy of the test before making it more difficult to pass.

If the state wants to see an improvement in FCAT scores, the actual test needs reforming, not the scoring standards.

"Class Dismissed" is a biweekly column critiquing education in America.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Visiting representative is against peace

This Friday, Oct. 28, a Golden Panther returns to her alma mater. This former FIU graduate will speak on the 'Challenges to U.S Foreign Policy' at the Law School. I'm talking about Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Chair of House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

While I won't be able to make it to the lecture, I can only imagine what will be discussed by the Congresswoman. Current affairs like Gaddafi's death and an ever changing Arab World will be a hot topic to be discussed. Syria, Iran, North Korea who according to the Congresswoman constitutes a list of "rogue states" may be discussed as well. Not too surprisingly she might also talk about Cuba, Castro and the geopolitics. But one topic which she will most emphatically talk about will be about Palestine and Israel.

The Congresswoman is a staunch supporter of Israel. She is so staunch in support for Israel one might even mistake her as an extremist right wing Israeli. Let's do this again, she is so staunch in her support for Israel, even Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu might sometimes sound moderate in front of her.

Despite several Israeli people who have called on the United States to not cut funding for the Palestinians, the Congresswoman finds herself authoring the most destructive anti-Palestinian bills to have passed in the U.S. House. Coming from a family of refugees, the Congresswoman is supposed to be sympathetic to the plight of millions of Palestinian refugees. Instead, she has vociferously advocated cutting funding to UNRWA, the United Nations body which carries out

several relief programs for Palestinian refugees.

Conspicuously, even a person with a closed mind will say that the Congresswoman is extremely biased in her stance when it comes to Palestine and Israel. I have come across several ideological Zionists who backpedal when you confront them with the question of illegal Israeli settlements in occupied Palestine, whereas, the Congresswoman surpasses even these Zionists.

In 2010, she demanded that the Obama administration halt the condemnation of illegal Israeli settlements. In 2011, she introduced a bill to cut off U.S. funding to any U.N. organization which recognizes Palestine. I have no word to describe this attitude of the Congresswoman except for saying that this behavior of hers is totally bizarre and dangerous for amity in the Middle East.

The question remains what it will take to achieve peace in the Middle East while there seem to be so many obstacles in place. In my opinion, some of the obstacles which should be a matter of concern for Americans are people amongst themselves.

Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen is one such person. The Congresswoman, who has eloquently written about foreign affairs on her website saying that the United States should isolate its enemies, instead finds itself isolated in the international arena. And as a child of political refugees, she should be in a better position to understand the plight of the millions of Palestinian refugees.

-Aman Muqheet, FIU alum
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SGC-BBC President's impeachment voted down

JONATHAN SZYDLO
BBC Managing Editor

Over the course of two Student Government Council at Biscayne Bay Campus Senate meetings, and one SGC-BBC General Meeting, the impeachment of SGC-BBC President Denise Halpin has been put onto the agenda, removed from the agenda, and then brought to a vote, all by SGC-BBC graduate school senator and chair of the Rules, Legislation and Judiciary chair, Sagine Delly.

At the Oct. 26 SGC-BBC General Meeting, during the vice president's report, SGC-BBC Vice President Emilio Collyer, addressed *The Beacon's* Oct. 26 editorial regarding the SGC-BBC's transparency with the impeachment of SGC-BBC President Denise Halpin, had Delly read her list of charges against the president.

After the council was finished with the general meeting's agenda, Halpin opened to floor for discussion based on Delly's allegations.

Delly, without hesitation, motioned for Denise's impeachment in order to begin the impeachment process. The motion was seconded by SGC-BBC Senate Speaker Pablo Haspel, only to

be voted down by a vote of two in favor, five opposed, with one senator abstaining.

The reading of Delly's charges and the motion to impeach Halpin came in the wake of the Oct. 24 SGC-BBC Senate meeting, which saw a quick change of attitudes towards opening the Senate floor to the discussion of SGC-BBC President Denise Halpin's impeachment.

When the Senate reached the point in the agenda designated for said discussions during the Oct. 24 meeting, at which Halpin was not present for but was invited by the Senate to attend, Delly motioned to remove the impeachment discussions from the agenda.

However, during the Oct. 17 SGC-BBC Senate meeting, Delly motioned to discuss the potential impeachment of Halpin which passed by a vote of five in favor, two opposed and four abstentions.

"I had a talk with President Halpin and there's no purpose for impeachment," said Delly during the discussion for the motion to remove impeachment discussions from the Senate's agenda.

On Oct. 24, Delly sent Student Media a document dated on Oct. 19 titled, "List of Concerns with President Halpin," that was originally sent out to SGC-BBC.

The document alleges that Halpin merits impeachment based on incompetence, nonfeasance and of being in violation of the Student Government Association Constitution and Statutes.

The document mentions that Halpin was allegedly in violation of seven statutes and one article of the SGA Constitution.

These allegations have not been substantiated, however.

Two of the statutes Delly listed were not duties of the president but of the vice president and the chief of staff. Because they fall under the executive branch, Delly felt that Halpin failed to hold them accountable for not fulfilling their responsibilities as outlined in the SGC-BBC Statutes.

LOWER DIVISION SENATOR APPOINTED

Christopher Morisset, freshman biology major, was appointed to the Lower Division Senator seat with four senators voting in favor, four voting against and one abstention at the Oct. 24 Senate meeting.

CHIEF JUSTICE APPOINTED

Richard Azimov was unanimously appointed SGC-BBC chief justice at the SGC-BBC General Meeting on Oct. 26.



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Top Left to Right: SGC-BBC President Denise Halpin, Vice President Emilio Collyer, Speaker of the Senate Pablo Haspel, listen as (bottom) Graduate Senator Sagine Delly reads her allegations against SGC-BBC President.

WUC lab printer breakdown being addressed

JONATHAN RAMOS
Asst. News Director

As junior Dilenia Gomez waited, she eagerly continued to press the buttons on the printer to accelerate the process with a line of five behind her. "It's frustrating, especially when you're all the way [in the back of the line]," said Gomez, who was in line for 15 minutes.

The Wolfe University Center computer lab, which has two printers that it uses to offer free printing to students, has been limited since Oct. 19. The primary black and white printer has been inactive, with the exception of a few stretches. In addition,

students have relied on the color printer in the back of the lab to print, but it is moving very slowly. Zach Trautenberg, IT & Marketing Coordinator, said the Toshiba Copy Center was notified of the issue.

A full service was done on the machine for spare parts that need to be replaced. Site manager for the Toshiba Copy Center, Marc Payne, said that parts were ordered that would be installed on Oct. 26. Trautenberg hopes the changes will be in effect immediately.

As of that afternoon, the printer was still out of order. Trautenberg is also considering options to improve the long term

stability of the WUC computer lab, which offers the printing for up to 30 pages a day.

"One thing we are considering is moving the color machine and using it purely for color only and as a backup machine," Trautenberg said. "And replacing the old black and white machine with a bigger, higher-end machine that can handle the amount of work."

Computer lab managers Sterling Georges and Maria Reynaga expressed concern about the workability of the WUC computer lab. "People abuse the privileges," Georges said. "Some people come in during different shifts throughout the day in the morning and after-

noon and we can't really track it."

The WUC computer lab uses a sign in sheet for students to log the time and the amount of pages they print before they acquire them. Reynaga is concerned with overuse.

"Our printers have been out of order more often than they are supposed to be, because they've been overused," Reynaga said. "When I first came, it was two boxes of paper every week and a half to two weeks and now its every few days. It's ridiculous."

The WUC computer lab receives shipments of boxes with 5,000 sheets. Reynaga, who has been a computer lab manager since

fall 2010, said they first noticed a spike in printing this summer. She believes a restriction on the number of pages allowed is imminent.

"For the amount of printing we do, we need better equipment and implement a further restriction on the printing allowed," Reynaga said. "The way I see it, they're probably going to restrict this. The amount of paper and ink has to come out of someone's pocket."

The WUC is funded by the Student Government Council at Biscayne Bay Campus, but has a separate operating budget, according to SGC-BBC Speaker of the Senate, Pablo Haspel.

Beach clean up aims to rid shores of harmful litter

REBECA GARCIA
Staff Writer

The Student Government Council at Biscayne Bay Campus will be having its fifth annual Day on the Bay Clean Up on Oct. 29th at 8:30 a.m. Students will be cleaning up the bay area from the Hospitality Management Building to the Roz & Cal Kovens Conference Center.

Students can expect two food trucks for those who help out, a DJ, kayaking, giveaways and pool activi-

ties to be available for their enjoyment.

SGC-BBC expects to have 50 to 70 people show up to help, and will be put into groups of five to collect the litter and will have a list to check off for every piece of trash they find to keep track of the litter they collect.

The first 80 to register will receive a free shirt. Online registration is recommended but not required. If students have not registered online, there will be a registration table starting at 8:30 a.m. by

the pool area outside.

These efforts are made to not only keep the campus clean, but to also ensure that no marine life will be harmed by the litter.

According to Larissa Adames, SGC-BBC clerk, there have been pieces of plastic that can be harmful to the marine life, like turtles and birds in particular, that have been found in the area. If not removed, the plastic can hurt the animals that are affected by them.

Angiela Lazo, SGC-BBC

Special Events Coordinator, said that the majority of the trash comes from the boats nearby that wash up to shore.

Lazo wants this event to be open to the community as a whole and not just for the students. She reached out to the Alonzo Mourning High School and to businesses in the area. Greek organizations and other school clubs are expected to come out as well.

"Every year, SGC-BBC does the Bay Clean up, but this is the first year we are involving the community as

well," Lazo said. "I want to raise awareness on the importance of being environmentally friendly; I even talked to the food trucks so they won't use any plastic or Styrofoam to keep with our theme."

The School of Environments, Arts and Sciences Director, Jennifer Grimm, will be on hand to talk to people in attendance about the importance of the environment and how important it is to take care of the bay.

Clean up will begin at 9 a.m. and last until 12 p.m. and

the activities should last until 3 p.m. Comfortable attire is recommended, but students should remember to wear clothes that they won't mind getting dirty and should bring sunscreen and protective clothing.

After the clean-up efforts are completed the pool will be opened so remember to bring pool attire as well.

If interested in obtaining more information or to register, please go to the SGA website at www.sgabc.fiu.edu.