

FIRST GENERATION SCHOLARSHIP

Community gathers to raise funds for scholarship

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Contributing Writer

The President's Council, along with Wells Fargo and Corporate and Foundation Relations, held the DreamMakers breakfast to support the dreams of First Generation students by raising funds for the First Gen Scholarship. The DreamMakers breakfast was held at the historic Biltmore hotel on the morning of Sept. 23.

The Florida Legislature established the First Gen Scholarship in 2006 to provide high school students who were the first generation in their families an opportunity to access higher education.

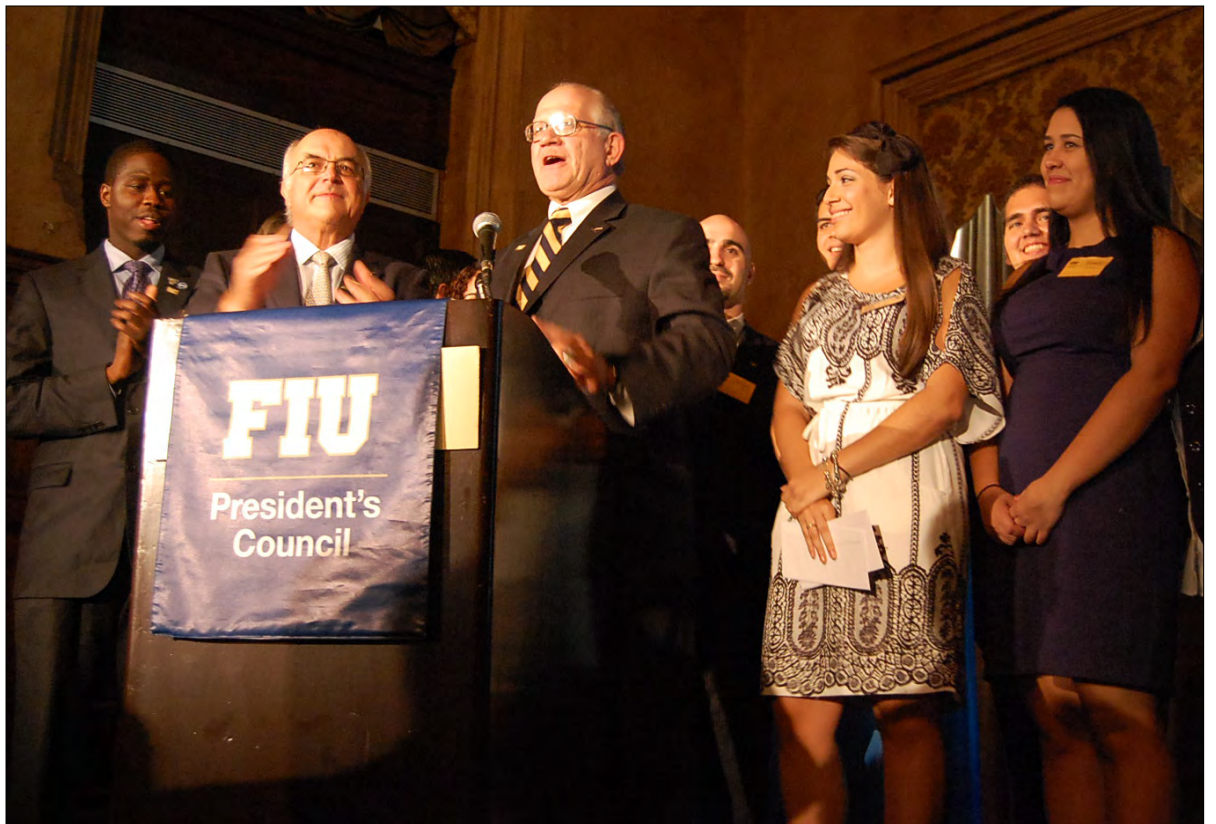
Since its creation, more than 46,000 students of the University have received the scholarship through state matching in private donations. It is the only scholarship of its kind in the United States to match private donations 100 percent.

Nicole Kaufman, director of Corporate and Foundations Rela-

tions, inspired the creation of the DreamMakers Breakfast. Although Kaufman was not a First Gen student, she felt there was a need to have the breakfast because of the "significant number of the first generation students at FIU, especially the fact that over 9,000 eligible students are not being awarded scholarships."

Kaufman was also motivated "by the need to raise the visibility of the First Generation Scholarship Fund as the only state matching program still intact."

By having this event she hoped to increase awareness of the first gen scholarship fund to possible benefactors, raise funds to support the scholarship and promote meaningful networking opportunities for first generation students and recent graduates.



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University President Mark Rosenberg and President's Council Chairman Victor Balestra (second from left) speak to attendants.

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KRISTI CAMARA/THE BEACON

The record crowd of more than 20,000 had almost 10 people removed for reasons including disorderly conduct.

Students removed from UCF game

PATRIK SIMMONS
Contributing Writer

The football game against the University of Central Florida may have been a victory for FIU, but not for some of its students.

Four male students, whose names cannot be disclosed, were arrested at the game, which took place on Sept. 17 in the FIU Stadium. Two of those males were charged with trespassing

after warning; one of those two was also charged with resisting arrest. Another male was charged with disorderly conduct and a fourth male was charged with battery on a police officer. All four were sent to Miami-Dade County Jail for processing.

"Everybody who is arrested and is a student gets sent to judicial before they get processed. They also get processed in the judicial system here at FIU," said Captain Alphonse

Ianniello, operations commander and investigations for the University Police Department.

According to a student advisory notice regarding the Stadium rules, which can be found online in the FIU Recreation Services website, "Students involved in such activities or other disruptive behavior will also be subject to disciplinary action

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FOOTBALL

Golden Panthers hope to rebound

JACKSON WOLEK
Staff Writer

FIU is no stranger to having a bounce back game. Last year they came into their game versus Florida Atlantic University with a two game win streak, having just beaten Western Kentucky and North Texas, and wound up losing 21-9.

The following game they were able to bounce back and beat the University of Louisiana at Monroe, which started a four game win streak that helped them earn a share of the Sun Belt title.

After starting off this season 3-0 and then suffering a disappointing loss to University of Louisiana, they hope their next game, which is against Duke on Saturday, Oct. 1, will get the taste of defeat out of their mouths.

"It was a bad taste that they left in our mouth but we're working hard this week and doing what we have to do in

practice," said safety Terrance Taylor.

They face a Blue Devil team with a record of 2-2, and it will be the first time that both schools meet in football. Head coach Mario Cristobal said he considers them to be the best team the Panthers have faced to date.

"An ACC team is coming to town, one that just beat Boston College and handily beat Tulane as well. They are playing physical football and have some real good athletes," Cristobal said on Dukes two game winning streak.

Offensively they have been efficient in the passing game with quarterback Sean Renfree behind center. Renfree has thrown for 1,026 yards, two touchdowns and an eye popping 72.7 completions percentage. He likes to spread the ball around and three of his receivers have more than 20 catches on the year.

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DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL

University reacts to recent repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy



LENNY IGNEZI/AP PHOTO

US Marine Lance Cpl. Chris Lynch listens to a training session to familiarize Marines with the military's new position on gay service members and the repeal of the DADT.

OMAR GUZMAN Contributing Writer

The military policy banning gay and lesbian soldiers from serving openly has been officially repealed.

U.S. President Barack Obama signed the congressional bill to repeal the controversial policy on Sept. 20 following a nearly nine-month process.

The measure, which was initially passed in December 2010, held that ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell’ would remain active until its repeal was proven to not effect military readiness.

José Gabilondo, associate professor of law, felt the delay between the passing of the congressional bill and official repeal was longer than necessary.

“Congress didn’t abolish ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell’ in one fell swoop. Instead they set up this transitional process so the country and the armed services could get used to the idea of gays and lesbians serving in [the military],” said Gabilondo.

The President, along with Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Mike Mullen, concluded that allowing gays to serve openly in the military would not have an adverse effect on performance.

Congress received their formal agreement on July 22, which would end ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell’ after a mandated 60-day period.

In recent years the policy has become a source of animosity, particularly among Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender and liberal groups, but actually began under Democratic President Bill Clinton.

“People don’t realize just how well-meaning [Clinton] was when he made this a priority. [Clinton] did a very brave thing by taking on this issue early in his administration ... [it] was a very radical thing to do,” said Gabilondo, who appreciates the progressive intentions behind the act.

According to Gabilondo, Clinton is not solely to blame for the subsequent discontent with ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.’ The resistance he faced in Congress led to the warping of his original vision.

“His heart was in the right place, and he was listening to his gay advisors. They did not advise him well.”

Many students are glad the policy has been eradicated. Saran Nicholson, a sophomore studying biomedical engineering, is one of them.

Nicholson is currently in a relationship with an active marine, who will soon be deployed to Afghanistan.

“If someone is willing to go there and take a bullet for you, does it matter if they are gay or not? Your sexual preference doesn’t make you any less loyal or skilled,” said Nicholson.

Eunice Ikpe, a sophomore studying nursing, agrees.

“People shouldn’t have to hide who they are ... they are doing us a favor.”

Following one major legislative victory for the LGBT community, many are wondering what their next high-profile battle will be.

Gabilondo believes the Defense of

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Saran Nicholson,
sophomore
biomedical engineering major

Marriage Act—colloquially referred to as DOMA—is next on the chopping block, though he believes minor bills will be passed with relative ease in the near future.

Giovanni Correale, a senior majoring in psychology and president of the University’s Stonewall Alliance agrees.

“Do I think [DOMA] is the next big-ticket item? Yes. Do I think it will be the next item to be handled? No.”

DOMA is a federal law that defines marriage as between a naturally born man and woman.

It also nullifies Article 4 of the Constitution—otherwise known as the Full Faith And Credit Clause—in regards to same-sex marriage.

Meaning states such as Florida, that recently passed a measure defining marriage as a strictly heterosexual institution, does not have to recognize same-sex marriages in other states.

Obama has decided to stop upholding DOMA in courts as same-sex couples across the country sue the federal government—a sign of his stance on the issue.

4 arrests, 5 ejections reported by police

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through the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution.” Disciplinary action at the University can include anything from written reprimand to loss of privileges -- and even suspension or expulsion.

Five other people were also ejected from the game, according to Ianniello.

“I saw someone get ejected from the FIU student area, and I saw a drunk guy get escorted out,” said freshman Victoria Capobianco, a member of the University’s Performance Ensemble. “I think [the attendees] were a little more out of control than usual, but it was nothing out of the ordinary.”

There were also several requests for medical services.

“We had 12 medical calls, which could be anything from fainting to tripping to being too drunk. None of them serious; nobody had to go to the hospital or anything like that. They were all minor,” said Ianniello.

Twenty-three FIU Police officers were patrolling the stands at the Stadium -- which opened its doors that night to a record-breaking attendance of more than 20,000 people -- along with 17 Miami-Dade Police Department officers and 11 Sweetwater Police Department officers.

“We had more officers than usual because we knew it was going to be a sold-out game, and it was our rivalry,” Ianniello said.

Although these four arrests did occur, Ianniello reassured that the police department had everything under control. “Believe it or not, that wasn’t that bad for a football game of that size.”

BRIGHTER FUTURES



SERGIO NASER/THE BEACON

Bright Futures recipients were given free t-shirts and more at an ice cream social, sponsored by Winn-Dixie and the Florida Lottery on the Graham Center Lawn. Administrators welcomed Secretary of the Florida Lottery, Cynthia F. O’Connell.

NEWS FLASH

LOCAL

Fla. welfare applicants less likely to use drugs

Preliminary figures on a new Florida law requiring drug tests for welfare applicants show that they are less likely than other people to use drugs. One famous Floridian suggests that it's the people who came up with the law who should be submitting specimens.

Columnist and best-selling author Carl Hiaasen offered to pay for drug testing for all 160 members of the Florida Legislature in what he called "a patriotic whiz-fest." Several of the law's supporters say they're on board.

Gov. Rick Scott and other supporters of the law say the tests will save the state cash by weeding out people who would use welfare money on drugs.

NATIONAL

Rocket launches from Alaska with Navy satellite

A rocket launched from an Alaska island Tuesday is carrying an experimental Navy satellite designed to provide safer combat communications.

The satellite will allow troops with radios to communicate without the need to position antennas in dangerous settings, said Peter Wegner, director of the Department of Defense's Operationally Responsive Space Office.

The liftoff from the state-owned Kodiak Launch Complex for the Naval Research Laboratory project is for a yearlong mission. The system will be assessed after that period to determine if it should become permanent, Wegner said, after the satellite was sent up inside the nose of a Minotaur IV rocket.

WORLD

Swiss consider new limits on wearing veils

Swiss lawmakers are considering a ban on wearing face-covering veils in some public situations.

Switzerland's lower house of parliament voted 101-77 Wednesday to outlaw veils like the burqa worn by some Muslim women when using public transportation or dealing with authorities.

The measure goes next to the upper house and is being pushed by the nationalist Swiss People's Party before federal elections in October.

A lawmaker from the party, Oskar Freysinger, said the aim is "to avoid a religious war" by setting minimum standards for wearing veils.

Freysinger campaigned in 2009 to ban construction of minarets in Switzerland.

– Compiled by Melissa Caceres

Students allegedly steal, return rooster statue from Little Havana



DIANE ARIAS/THE BEACON

The rooster, which resides at El Pub Restaurant, was painted with the Cuban and American flag, but returned all white.

DIANE ARIAS Contributing Writer

A rooster statue was returned on Sept. 21 after missing for five days. It was allegedly spotted at a party before the University's football game against UCF.

The rooster statue came back looking less colorful; the rooster's captors spray-painted the body of the rooster white, which was previously decorated with the Cuban and American flag.

The disappearance of the 70-pound statue was first

noted by its owner, Pablo Canton, on Sept. 16 from its home in front of El Pub Restaurant in Little Havana.

Canton has promised not to disclose the names of the captors.

"The police of the area said they'd forgive them if they offered to pay for the rooster [to be painted and reinstalled]," said Juan Robaina, an employee of El Pub Restaurant. "It was a bad deed to take it late at night and steal it."

The captors are not being charged for the rooster-napping, but they have

consented to pay for the painting and rebolting of the rooster; they have also agreed to do community service in Little Havana.

On The Miami Herald's website, a reader commented saying he or she had seen the rooster at a party before the University's football game. Despite this report that potentially connects the larceny to students of the University, Canton refuses to confirm that the captors were students of the University.

In an interview with The Miami Herald, Canton said, "I am also a graduate of FIU. They are young. I do not want to create a bad image of the university or for those students who could be expelled because of an act of stupidity. They were very remorseful when they returned him."

Some of the University's students responded to the closure between Canton and the rooster's captors.

"We're so close to the street where we're located. Honestly, I think that gives FIU students a bad name; it is college territory," said Katie Blitfield, a sophomore, double majoring in political science and psychology. "It's understandable that he is not disclosing their names."

Andrea Fagueron, a junior majoring in biology, said, "I don't think it would affect us, but that's their responsibility and that's their choice; they're individuals. I don't mind their names being out. It wouldn't affect us."

As for the whitened body of the rooster, it was

repainted by Canton in its Cuban and American flag décor.

According to Robaina, Canton painted the rooster on the evening of Friday, Sept. 23, from 10 pm to 3 am.

Frequenting customers remembered the tourists during the period of the rooster's disappearance.

"It [was] a shame for the tourists; they take pictures with the rooster. It's a tradition they have with the rooster," said Antonio, who did not disclose his last name. "It caught me by surprise. I come here every few days when I need something, but I didn't notice [the rooster missing]."

Canton's rooster is not the only one of its kind. There are many others, over a dozen, scattered along the street popularly known as Calle Ocho. They are a part of a project called the "Rooster Walk project."

Despite the other roosters, people are coming to visit this rooster.

"People have returned to see it; it is part of Cuban tradition and pride in Little Havana," said Elizabeth Caños, 44, waiter of El Pub Restaurant.

"That's the most famous rooster of them all," said Robaina.

Although it may never be known if the individuals who stole and returned the rooster are students of the University, Miami natives and tourists alike are happy to have the rooster back home.

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FOOTBALL

T.Y., Carroll to start against Duke



KRISTI CAMARA/THE BEACON

GOOD TO GO: Wesley Carroll is fighting an ankle injury and may be a starter this Saturday against Duke.

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His top target has been wide out Conner Vernon who has 26 catches, two of them for touchdowns and 388 receiving yards.

This is not a good sign for the Golden Panther defense who surrendered 221 passing yards and three touchdowns to Sun Belt offensive player of the week Blain Gautier. However, they are determined to prove that what happened against Louisiana was a fluke.

"Obviously your stressing the things that you do in coverage and how to do them better, but you certainly have to do things that somehow affect Renfree because he is that good and if you just sit back and wait all day he can pick you apart, and if you bring pressure all the time he can pick you apart," said Cristobal.

"The details on prepping for him are critical and very important, and the guys have been spending a lot of extra time on a game plan to try and slow them down and have success on Saturday."

Running back Juwan Thompson has also become a large part of the offense, along with the passing game. Duke runs a one back setup and Thompson has ran the ball for 252 yards and two touchdowns on 48 carries.

For the FIU offense, they can be thankful they won't have to deal with defensive end Kenny Anunike who suffered a season ending knee injury. Anunike was the second leading player in the ACC in sacks with four and one of their best players on the team.

On the other hand, they have their own injury problems as well, and wide receiver Glenn Coleman (shoulder) and safety Chuck Grace (knee) will both be out for a couple of weeks.

Expect Terrance Taylor to replace Grace and Jacob Younger and Willis Wright to have to step up in place of Coleman.

Their two biggest offensive weapons, Wesley Carroll and T.Y. Hilton, are expected to start and see significant playing time.

No need to start Carroll and risk further injury

The weather at FIU is unpredictable. It is raining in the morning and sunny in the afternoon or vice versa. That can affect how students get to school or even go to class.

COMMENTARY



BRANDON WISE

The quarterback who starts on Oct. 1 could be just as unpredictable.

Wesley Carroll, senior starter, was hurt in the first half of the game last week against Louisiana. He has been starting for FIU for the past two seasons after he won the job last year.

This season, Carroll has been nothing short of awesome.

Going through three and a half games without throwing an interception is nothing short of miraculous, seeing as he threw 14 of them last year.

For Carroll, maintaining those statistics is unrealistic, but his improvement is undeniable.

However, he is recovering from an injury and this is a meaningless game, especially if winning the conference is their priority.

To risk your starting quarterback getting even more severely hurt is a like betting the house on red one in roulette. It is just too risky. There is no need to start him against a non-conference foe like Duke.

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PANTHER PANEL PREDICTIONS



Igor Mello

FIU 28, DUKE 21:

If the Panthers have either Wesley Carroll or Jake Medlock under center, they will be fine. Kedrick Rhodes will lead the way for FIU, especially with the top defensive lineman hurt. Look for T.Y. Hilton to play despite being hurt.



Joel Delgado

DUKE 17, FIU 14:

Golden Panthers will be looking to bounce back against the Blue Devils, but may struggle with a number of key injuries on offense. After a rough start, Duke has performed well and has momentum heading into Saturday's game.



Rico Albarracin

DUKE 24, FIU 17:

With the injuries to Carroll and Hilton still lingering, Duke will increase their winning streak to three.



Brandon Wise

FIU 20, DUKE 13:

FIU will find a way to win this one even without key starters seeing a lot of action. The rushing attack of Rhodes will get it done.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Miliucci has emerged as key leader for Golden Panthers

ANTHONY GUIVAS Staff Writer

When senior Victoria Miliucci decided to take her talents from Canada to Miami in 2008, success quickly followed her and the Golden Panthers.

With three successful seasons under her belt to go along with an All-Sun Belt Conference Second Team honoree award just a season ago, Victoria has proven to be an

invaluable member of the Golden Panthers.

Victoria has also been the definition of consistency for the Panthers. Miliucci started 17 out of 19 games in her freshman year and followed that up by playing every minute of every game since then.

"I played soccer at a high level since I was young...I love it and its fun, but I have taken it really seriously starting from a young age and being committed to the

schedule and the discipline has been kind of second nature," Miliucci said.

But Miliucci did not just show this kind of work ethic on the soccer field, as she was a multi sport athlete coming up in high school, playing volleyball and performing gymnastics.

"I did gymnastics when I was younger and I quit for soccer basically, so maybe I would have continued with that or volleyball,

I played volleyball in high school too," Miliucci said.

But thankfully for the Panthers, Victoria chose soccer and has been a permanent fixture that helped guide the Panthers to the semi finals of the Sun Belt Conference in 2010.

She also has a lot to do with the Panthers being in contention this year, as they stand with a 5-5 record thus far to go along with a 2-0 record in conference play.

"I've always felt that the last couple of years we have fallen short, not really done as well as we should have," Miliucci said. "We have a lot of potential and I think we are coming together earlier this season than we have in other seasons, so hopefully by the time the tournament comes we'll have built momentum."

Victoria who was born and

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FANTASY CRUZ

Rivalry week features many intriguing matchups in NFL

The home crowd is going nuts. The stadium seats rattle in a thundering roar while the most passionate fans go absolutely insane when their team scores and takes the lead against their archrival.

Rivalry games in the NFL change the outcome no matter which two enemies are going head-to-head.

Owners are constantly on their cyber toes when division foes go at it because one can never know what to expect out of their players.

COMMENTARY



JOEY CRUZ

This week is Rivalry Week here on Fantasy Cruz.

Out of the seven division games last weekend, five of them led to double-digit score games. The NFC East made some noise with its two games.

The Giants pulled off a crucial win against the “dream team” Eagles. Peyton Manning’s little brother broke out with 254 yards and four touchdowns, making him the MVP of the weekend by far. On a negative note, Michael Vick got hurt once again. Luckily though, his hand is not broken.

In the Confederate shootout, New Orleans pulled the final trigger on Houston in a high scoring 40-33 victory. “D Breezy” tossed the pigskin for 370 yards and three TD’s, while “Deputy Schaub” had almost identical stats.

Surprisingly enough, Ben Tate is carrying the load for the Texans. Could Arian Foster be a one-year wonder after all?

The Union battle included an out of the ordinary performance by Tom “Terrific” Brady, who threw four interceptions against the Buffalo Bills.

Ivy league boy Ryan Fitzpatrick has been the talk of the town this far in the season and

had 369 yards and two touchdowns in the 34-31 win.

UNDER THE CRUZAR

Nate Washington (Tennessee Titans)- With Kenny Britt done for the year, fantasy owners who owned him are panicking in disarray because their receivers are quite limited now. The solution is to trade for Washington. Last week he had 92 yards and a touchdown. His is still low, so catch him while you still can. Ringer.

Lance Moore (New Orleans Saints)- He is back from injury and showing his prowess on the field with an 88-yard, two-touchdown game against Houston.

The way “D Breezy” is throwing the football, Moore is going to have a pretty nice season. Wildcard.

Bernard Scott (Cincinnati Bengals)- If you are really hurting at running back, give Scott a go for a couple of games. Cedric Benson is about to start serving a multiple game suspension, so the load of the carries will be put on Scott. He is young and questionable, but worth a shot as a second back or flex spot.

THE TRASH BIN

Chad Ochocinco (New England Patriots)- After Chad dropped that potential touchdown grab last week, I can picture Teddy Bruschi punching a hole through his dry wall in his living room and waiting to blow up on him at ESPN.

Since Ocho came on board with the Pats, all he has done is Tweet and disappoint. Hopefully, the OCN network takes off, because this guy looks done with football. Big bark, small bite.

James Casey (Houston Texans)- If you are in an 18-man league like I am, Casey is



JOHN RUSSEL/AP IMAGES

PICK HIM UP: Nate Washington might get more looks with Kenny Britt out for the year.

a viable backup tight end. Other than that, he needs to be dropped.

Last week’s performance was a fluke. He is the second option on a team that primarily throws to their receivers. Rudy.

DeAngelo Williams (Carolina Panthers)- I am not saying drop him. Just don’t start him. Jonathan Stewart is making him look like he is 40 year old on the field. Maybe he will get mad and start to take over. I am shocked

with Williams so far. Question Mark.

BASHING BRAYLON

I know he is sidelined as of this moment. When he comes back, do not even try to add him.

I have given owners plenty of reasons why he is a terrible fantasy pick. Not to mention, I would not be surprised if his usual off-the-field dilemmas continue.

INTRAMURAL ROUNDUP

Sigma Alpha Mu defeats FIJI in final moments of play

BRANDON WISE
Staff Writer

With 17 seconds left in the game and Sammy trailing by five points, quarterback Michael Cerabeo had to make something happen to avoid falling to 0-2 on Sept. 26.

He did just that.

Cerabeo dropped back, tried to find a receiver and saw nothing. He found a block down field and ran into the end zone to give Sigma Alpha Mu the 12-7 lead over FIJI.

Fiji had one last chance to go

down and score. As time expired, the quarterback launched the ball deep downfield, but Mario Valcourt came down with the interception to seal the victory for Sigma Alpha Mu.

Bradley Treasure scored the lone touchdown for FIJI near the end of the first half off of an option pitch.

Both teams are now 1-1 overall.

SIGMA CHI 14, THETA CHI 6

Trying to avoid starting 0-2 on the season, Sigma Chi knew it had to pick up a victory tonight.

Justin Barcnas led Sigma Chi down the field on two different drives for touchdowns, one rushing and one throwing.

After Theta Chi opened the night with a touchdown run in the first half to make it 6-0, Barcnas came out in the second half and led Sigma Chi down the field and finished off the drive with a touchdown run.

Barcnas then sealed the victory when he found Tony Molina down the field for a touchdown pass to make it 14-6.

The loss drops Theta Chi to 0-2.

SORORITY

DELTA PHI EPSILON 6, PHI SIGMA SIGMA 0

Trying to stay unbeaten, Phi Sigma Sigma’s flag football team was in for a battle against Delta Phi Epsilon.

After getting an interception off the quarterback from Phi Sigma Sigma, Delta Phi Epsilon took the ball down the field and ran it in for the lone score of the game.

With the win, Delta Phi Epsilon moves into a tie with Phi Sigma Sigma for second place at

2-1 on the season.

PHI MU 33, TRI SIGMA 6

In the most lopsided game of the night, Phi Mu trounced Tri Sigma 33-6.

Scoring four touchdowns on the night, Phi Mu proved to be the superior team as they ran for two scores and threw for two.

With the win, Phi Mu moves to 2-1 on the season and putting them in a tie for second place with Delta Phi Epsilon and Phi Sigma Sigma.

Tri Sigma falls to 0-3 on the season.

INTRAMURAL FOOTBALL STANDINGS

SORORITY				FRATERNITY 1				FRATERNITY 2			
	W-L-T	PCT	PD		W-L-T	PCT	PD		W-L-T	PCT	PD
Phi Sigma Sigma	2-1-0	0.667	24	Pi Kappa Pi	2-1-0	0.667	39	Tau Kappa Epsilon	3-0-0	1.000	64
Alpha Xi Delta	2-1-0	0.667	3	Sigma Phi Epsilon	2-1-0	0.667	14	FIJI	1-1-0	0.500	10
Alpha Omicron Pi	1-0-2	0.333	27	Sigma Chi	1-1-0	0.500	-25	Lambda Theta Phi	1-1-0	0.500	14
Delta Phi Epsilon	2-1-0	0.667	20	Beta Theta Pi	1-1-0	0.500	0	Phi Sigma Kappa	0-3-0	0.000	-74
Phi Mu	2-1-0	0.667	02	Theta Chi	0-2-0	0.000	-35	Sigma Alpha Mu	1-1-0	0.000	-14
Boss	1-1-1	0.333	-4								
Sigma Kappa	0-2-1	0.000	-15								
Tri Sigma	0-3-0	0.000	-57								

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VOLLEYBALL

All-American to have number retired

EDUARDO ALMAGUER
Staff Writer

When the dust settles tonight, one team is going to leave disappointed.

FIU (10-3, 2-0 SBC), owner of a season-high seven-game win streak, is facing off against Western Kentucky (13-1, 2-0 SBC), who owns a 13-game winning streak. On Oct. 2, the Panthers will then face off against the defending Sun Belt Champions, Middle Tennessee (3-9, 1-1 SBC).

Last week, Head coach Danijela Tomic cautioned to not be swayed by Middle Tennessee's record. Though their record is well below .500, they are top three in the conference in hitting percentage, assists and kills.

Tonight's match, however, will arguably be the biggest of the season thus far. WKU is the only team ahead of the Panthers in the standings. The last meeting between these teams is one FIU would love to forget. The Lady Toppers eliminated the Panthers from the Sun Belt Tournament. Middle Tennessee then beat WKU for the conference title.

Junior Jovana Bjelica believes the team has a chance to prove something this weekend.

"We can show how much we've accomplished during spring and how good our team is," said Bjelica.

Bjelica, the co-Sun Belt Player of the Week, led both matches this past weekend against Denver University and North Texas in kills.



BEACON FILE PHOTO

LEGEND: Yarimar Rosa's No. 3 to be retired on Sept. 30.

Despite the Panthers' high ranking in the conference in kills (Bjelica has the second-best kills per set), Bjelica does not believe that is her team's strength.

"I think our blocking is our best weapon against those teams," said Bjelica. "Whoever does that the best, will win."

Her claims do not go unwarranted. FIU leads all of the Sun Belt Conference in blocks per set with

2.55.

The Panthers' sterling defense will need to make sure it does not have a single flaw because WKU happens to be the leaders in kills (14.23 K/S) and hitting percentage with a combined .252.

Head Coach Danijela Tomic understands her players will undoubtedly be fired up, but she stressed to the team that they cannot blow the game

out of proportion.

"We cannot make it bigger than what it is. It's a volleyball game," said Tomic. "We cannot lose our composure.

We can only control what we do, how we prepare ourselves physically, and more importantly, how we prepare mentally. If we give our best, and our best is better than their best, we're going to win."

YARIMAR ROSA TO HAVE JERSEY RETIRED

When Yarimar Rosa stepped off the court for the final time in 2009, the number "3" followed suit.

Before tonight's game, FIU will retire her jersey as a way to say "thank you" for the excellence she brought the program, on and off the court.

"She was FIU [volleyball's] best athlete," said Tomic. "I wish every coach would have the opportunity to coach a player like Yari."

Senior Sabrina Gonzalez had the chance to play under Rosa and the values Rosa instilled in her have proven invaluable.

"She's taught me to be tough," said Gonzalez. "I've gone through a lot of injuries and she's gone through twice as many injuries and I feel like she taught me to be tough. She just brings the natural ability of wanting to win. Give everything you got and have fun with the game.

Tomic added, "You can coach skills but you cannot coach the values that Yari brought with her."

Medlock gives team best chance



KRISTI CAMARA/THE BEACON

THE FUTURE: Jake Medlock rushed for a touchdown and threw for 216 yards in loss to Louisiana.

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MAKE ROOM FOR MEDLOCK

With Carroll hurt last week, the Golden Panthers had to rely on the unproven redshirt freshman Jake Medlock. However, the weight of the moment did not phase him. He showed that he can handle the offense, and the future is bright for the 6'3" 220-pounder.

Medlock has been seen as the heir to the Carroll crown for the past two seasons. He has been noticeably itchy to get on the field and he finally got his shot.

Even though the Golden Panthers had a let down, losing a game they shouldn't have, Medlock was productive. He went 17 for 27 for 216 yards and one interception. The redshirt freshman has done everything asked of him and more. When he gets to carry the ball, he is not afraid to take the big hit because, at times, he delivers it.

He brings a different aspect to the offense that Carroll does not, having the ability to scramble outside of the pocket. Unlike Carroll, Medlock has a bit of speed to add to his strong arm. Not to mention, the kid is not afraid to lower his shoulders.

Medlock's ability to escape the pocket can change the way a defense plans for the offense because now, instead of just seeing a quarterback sit back in the pocket to find receivers down field, there has to be an eye on him at all times.

Medlock is still a young man with very limited experience. He is still not as mature in the pocket as Carroll and is prone to make some bad decisions. If the Golden Panthers decide to air the ball out this week, the Jacksonville native could be more of a flight risk than a safe haven for this team.

WHO STARTS?

This is homecoming week and you don't want to lose on homecoming. Just like in high school, when you lose on homecoming, it is the worst because then you have to go to the dance pissed off that you lost to a team they schedule for you as a win.

That being said, the starting quarterback should be the guy who gives the team the best shot at winning the game. It is a tough decision to make for the coach, but Medlock is the better option for this week.

Even if Carroll is just a little banged up, this game has no meaning toward the Sun Belt. Let him get healthy and prepare for the upcoming Sun Belt schedule that the Golden Panthers end the season with.

Medlock can get the job done against a banged up Duke team that has not proven that it is out of the cellar of the ACC. With the loss of their top pass rusher for the season, Medlock has the opportunity to show that he can run the offense when Carroll is gone next year.

Senior has left her mark on program

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raised in Ontario, Canada, and has parlayed the time she has spent as captain of some of her teams in Canada to what she now does here at FIU.

That experience has earned Miliucci the respect of her peers as she, along with Kelly Ann Hutchinson and April Perry, forms the trio of captains for the Golden Panthers. So with Miliucci's constant drive, determination and passion for the game of soccer, it is evident that leadership is embedded in her.

"Yeah, I mean, obviously I am not as great of a leader as I want to be, there are always things to work on, but I think being a leader comes natural to me ever since I was young," Miliucci said.



SERGIO NASER/THE BEACON

TRUE LEADER: Victoria Miliucci [above, #18] has earned respect among teammates.

So as her Panther career comes to a close at the end of this season, she is only worried about the present moment at hand and helping guide the team once they hit the pitch.

"We want to do the best we can and take it one game at a time, but ultimately we really want to get a ring to win the conference tournament," added Miliucci. "I try to get us pumped up and stay

focused and try to remember what we have been working on."

So regardless of what this season has in store, it is clear that Victoria Miliucci has left her mark here at FIU.

“Swimming in the Shallows” finds love in odd places

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The Department of Theatre started strong this semester with their amusing production of “Swimming in the Shallows,” a quick-moving montage that is sure to entertain students with its relatable and humorous script—which is focused on relationships and friendships—powerful monologues and funky dance intermissions.

“Swimming in the Shallows” opened on Sept. 23 in the Dr. Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center, and it will continue its run until Oct. 2.

The show, directed by Wayne E. Robinson Jr., has a relatively small cast -- but a lot of talent. Elizabeth Abad lends her acting skills to the production as Barb, Julio Liverpool as Bob, Zakiya Markland as Donna, Carina Skandre as Carla Carla, Joshua Thomas as Nick, and Ewan McLaughlin as Shark.

The setup of the stage was unique, using wave-like flooring, a large stained-glass construction that depicts an aquarium, hanging circular lights that mimic bubbles and a soothing mix of blue-and-white light used to illuminate the features of Theatre’s “Black Box.” From the get-go, you are not really sure whether or not the play will be held below or above water, but you can later draw the conclusion that it is the latter.

The play begins as two friends, Carla Carla and Barb, are discussing their relationships, introspective dilemmas, and above all, their



commitment issues.

Barb, recently struck by a midlife crisis, read somewhere that Buddhist monks live their lives with only eight possessions. She tries to adopt this lifestyle by purging nearly all of her tangible items, hoping that this lifestyle change will help her feel “less heavy.” Her husband, Bob, seems sweet and simpleminded, usually forcing his words through a stutter to express himself. By the end of the play, it appears that Bob is one of those deadweights she is hoping to rid herself of.

Though Bob appears to be simpleminded and does not appear on stage as often as the other characters, I did find his confrontations



KRISTI CAMARA/THE BEACON

Top: Joshua Thomas as Nick [left] and Ewan McLaughlin [right]. Bottom: Zakiya Markland as Donna [far left] and Carina Skandre as Carla Carla [center].

thing he will never be mature enough for. Donna makes a deal with Nick that she will stop smoking in order to appease her girlfriend, Carla Carla, but only if he goes out on dates with men Donna sets him up with. The sex-crazed Nick gives in on the first date, but the plan does not work out very well, and a sense of doom falls over Nick’s love life -- until he meets the hunky and confident Shark at the aquarium that sweeps him off his feet.

Carla Carla and Donna are at the crossroads of their relationship. Carla Carla is trying to find any excuse to not marry Donna out of fear, and Donna is trying to stop smoking in order to make her girlfriend happy. Their commitment ceremony plans fall through more than once, and the couple is having trouble agreeing on anything while going through the wedding-planning motions.

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Exclusive interview with the Wayans brothers

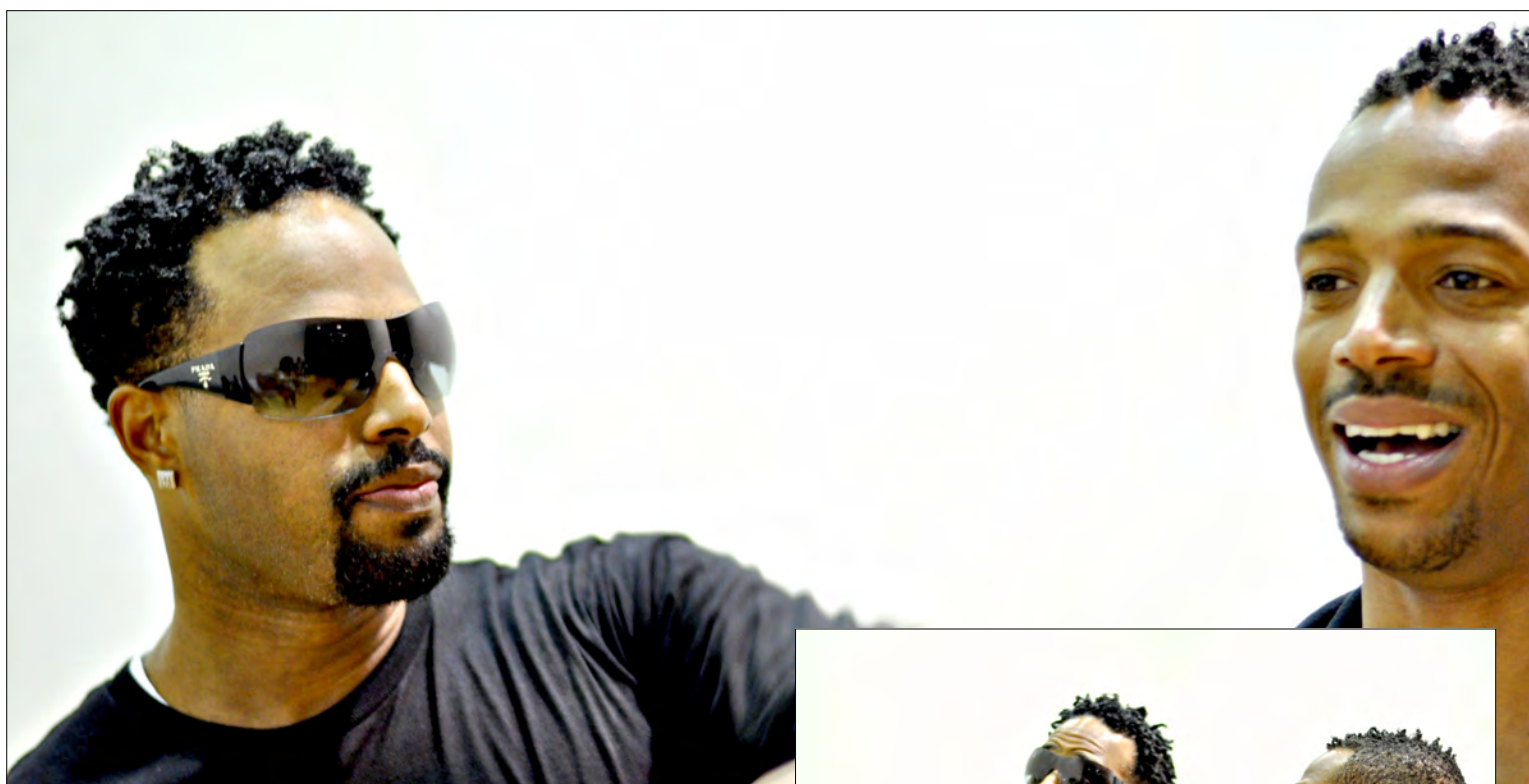
ESRA ERDOGAN
Life! Editor

Comedians can seldom keep their mouths shut, and we rarely want them to. Brothers and comedy duo Shawn and Marlon Wayans did not keep quiet when they performed at this year’s Panther Prowl at the U.S. Century Bank Arena on Sept. 26, and the interactive and vibrant crowd loved it.

Although they are usually inseparable, the brothers each performed solo on stage.

Both Wayans’ embraced the verbal and physical aspects of stand-up comedy and gave explosive performances to the filled-to-the-brim arena. Marlon Wayans, who talks a mile a minute, appealed to the faithful Miami Heat fans by criticizing the Los Angeles Lakers.

Later, his brother Shawn gabbed and complained about the state of the music industry, sex and being a single dad. Both brothers were loud, lewd and unafraid to laugh at themselves. After the show, the brothers took



SANA ULLAH/THE BEACON

Shawn Wayans [left] and Marlon Wayans [right] headlined the Panther Prowl comedy show at the U.S. Century Bank Arena on Sept. 26. The Wayans brothers are best known for their acting on the TV series “In Living Color” and the films “Scary Movie” and “White Chicks”.



REEL TO REEL

“50/50” is worth the gamble

There are very few topics that are taboo in the comedy genre. Sex, drugs and lewd behavior are staples in the raunchy comedy films of the past few years.

COLUMNIST



RICO ALBARRACIN

Although few things are off limits, one particular topic is rarely touched upon - illness. With a movie co-starring Seth Rogen, who is known for raunchy comedies, I had concerns that “50/50” would not be well received, or in my case, bring backlash for possibly disrespecting cancer, a sensitive topic. Not only

does director Jonathan Levine treat “50/50” with care by toning down the vulgar humor that such movies as “Superbad” and “Knocked Up” are known for, but he also gives a different perspective on illness-related humor that feels real. In all honesty, it was a refreshing twist.

Based on the true story of screenwriter Will Reiser, “50/50” deals with Adam (Joseph Gordon-Levitt), who seems to have it all. At 27 years of age, he has a good job, a cute girlfriend and is happy.

Suddenly, his world is thrown into hell when he’s diagnosed with an aggressive form of spinal cancer that offers only a fifty-fifty chance of survival. His girlfriend, Rachael (Bryce Dallas-Howard) can’t deal with the headaches of having to care

for Adam, leaving him in the hands of his happy-go-lucky best friend Kyle (Rogen) and psychiatrist-in-training Katherine (Anna Kendrick). They are there with Adam as he goes through chemotherapy and comes to terms with his possibly terminal illness.

You won’t find teens getting into hi-jinks or guys obsessing over women in a sleazy fashion. What you’ll see is a guy coming to grips with cancer in a surprisingly likeable manner.

Gordon-Levitt plays a convincing cancer patient, going through a wide range of emotions throughout the film and showing great chemistry with everyone he

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Character development the focus of Theatre’s first show

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There were not many props or costume changes, which keeps the viewer focused on the actual content of play and the dialogue between the characters.

Two notable performances were by Carina Skarande as Carla Carla and Joshua Thomas as Nick.

Skarande is one of the most talented actresses I have seen at the college level; she exempli-

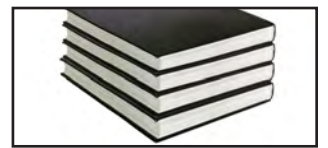
fies raw talent. Her ability to transform her voice to showcase a variety of accents, her unique facial expressions and understanding of her character definitely make her an attention-grabber in the production.

Thomas played Nick excellently. It is almost difficult to see his disappointment in the dating world once you get to know his character. Although he is innocent by no means (sex-crazed, remember?), Thomas gives his character an almost child-

like feel as he falls in love with the shark and finds himself walking on eggshells.

“Swimming in the Shallows” focuses more on character development and dialogue over big stage setups and fancy production. This play showcases the talent of the University’s theatre department. And if this is just the theatre department’s warm-up for the year, then students have a lot of great entertainment to look forward to.

THE HIGH LOW



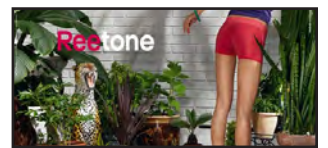
FIU professor Mary Jo Trepka awarded for her research in why African Americans have lower survival rates from AIDS.



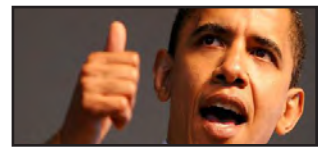
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Rogen stars in dark comedy



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Joseph Gordon-Levitt [left] and Seth Rogen [right]

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encounters. He manages to keep his cool until a cathartic emotional scene late in the film that had me fighting back the tears. Kendrick has shown a great range of acting, portraying different character roles in her last few films, such as "Scott Pilgrim vs the World" and "Up in the Air."

This movie is no different, as Kendrick plays an awkward character who is always trying to reassure herself that she is doing everything right, even if it feels uncomfortable to the people around her. Some of the movie's biggest laughs come from the quirkiness that Kendrick shows on screen.

Although the movie has a dark premise, Rogen is not afraid to bring his brash comedy style just to kill the moments of depression. Jokes about genitals, marijuana and women are right in Rogen's wheelhouse; in this movie, they are not overused and are very much welcomed.

At one moment, when Adam's girlfriend Rachael comes home late from an art exhibit, Kyle shows up to out Rachael and her not-so-innocent plans. Rogen's part is played so well that his friendship with Adam feels genuine and real.

In some ways, "50/50" feels like an amalgam of a romantic movie, a drama and a bromance comedy. I felt attached to Adam to the point that I found myself cheering for him to beat the disease.

The relationship and attraction that develops between Adam and Katherine was conflicting and complicated, yet pleasing to watch. The humor is dark but feels natural in the setting that the movie takes place in. "50/50" is not easy to watch because of the subject it deals with and the sensitivity that come with cancer. With that being said, not many movies can get away with poking fun at cancer. "50/50" does it with class and in a refreshing style.

Wayans brothers inspired by family

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a moment to speak to Student Media.

Student Media: How is it possible to have such a talented family in comedy?

Marlon Wayans: Poverty, insanity and reality.

Shawn Wayans: Creativity.

Student Media: What is a Wayans family reunion like?

Marlon: Crowded, loud, funny and fighting for food.

Student Media: What was the funniest thing that ever happened to you growing up?

Marlon: I s--- myself. As a grown man.

Shawn: That's disgusting. She ain't talking about yesterday, dude. Uh, okay,

but...man, talking about shitting yourself...

Marlon: Ha-ha, I didn't s--- myself. But a girl told me that my butt stunk.

Shawn: Don't tell people that.

Student Media: Which comedians did you look up to?

Shawn: We looked up to Richard Pryor and Eddie Murphy; those were our comedic heroes outside of our family.

Marlon: But I wash my butt every day, like every time I go to the bathroom. Like, literally every time...

Shawn: (to Marlon) Why are you talking insanity and I'm giving like real s---?

Marlon: I'm sorry, I'm sorry. I

don't remember the question.

Shawn: That don't make any sense at all. Like, I'm talking about the greats: Pryor. And you're talking here, still, that "I have a turd."

Marlon: Richard Pryor is great. I love Richard Pryor. And Eddie Murphy. And my brother Damon is one of my favorites.

Shawn: And Damon, definitely. But we wasn't trying to dig up people in our household; we know those are our heroes. We're talking about for everybody else in the game.

Marlon: I still like Damon. And you know, I think she told me my butt stunk and it was unnecessary.

Shawn: What is this? And

also, I loved, like, Jerry Lewis and Dean Martin, and I love Jerry Seinfeld.

Marlon: Abbott and Costello. **Shawn:** And Lucy and Ralph Kramden and Jackie Gleason and Art Carney. All of the classic buddy comedy duos we love and really appreciated [growing up].

Marlon: Also, my butt really don't stink.

Student Media: What is your next big project?

Shawn: We're writing a couple of movies right now, and we got some TV stuff in the works. So we're doing it, we're doing shows.

Marlon: We rock out. We just finished a huge project: rocking FIU.

Benefactors meet with First Gen students

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Holding the event at the classic Biltmore Hotel added to the positive aura coming from Miami's community leaders and students of the University. Leaders from companies such as State Farm and C-Come Group Inc. mingled with First Gen students before the event began to offer them internships, and sometimes even an employment opportunity with their company. Companies like State Farm have shown interest in helping the University's students and students within the Miami-Dade public school system by donating money.

State Farm Insurance created the State Farm lab in Tamiami to give students from the College of Business a chance to

give lessons on personal financing to middle school students so they will be knowledgeable before they enter into adulthood.

The formal mood of the meet-and-greet instantly changed when DJ Irie, the official DJ of the Miami Heat and a University alum, took the stage. As the MC he welcomed other alumni, students and community leaders. His energy got the event off to a great start and announced the first donation: 1st United Bank gave 10,000 dollars.

By the end of the breakfast, it was announced that the fundraiser had raised 250,000 dollars with the state of Florida's match.

The event continued with touching testimonials from community leaders and alumni. Perhaps the most touching was the

story of Neida Ortiz, a First Gen student who graduated in Fall 2010.

Ortiz told her story of being raised in the tough environment of Bronx, N.Y. where she was not given many opportunities. Her father, who worked at the World Trade Center, lost his job after 9/11. The First Gen Scholarship gave her the support she needed to buy meals, books and allowed her to focus on education instead of financial burdens.

"First Gen was a blessing for me," said Ortiz. "I could focus on school instead of having to work extra hours."

The business administration and marketing major aspires to create a clothing line based on biblical principles called modesty.

Although the event

was mainly put together so community leaders could help fund the scholarship, a student decided to break the barrier and also donate to the cause.

Ciprian Meija, president of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., donated \$1,000 on behalf of the fraternity. DJ Irie was so moved by Meija's gesture he decided to match Meija's donation.

After the event, Meija shared that giving to the First Gen scholarship was not the only way his fraternity wanted to help improve the community.

His three point plan for improving the community includes: improving education, promoting athletics and increasing knowledge about the fine arts.

University President Mark Rosenberg showed his support at the event by speaking about how proud

he was to see so many members of the community present to donate to the cause.

Even though Rosenberg is busy fighting for more financial benefits for students, he thought it was important to support the event.

"Every student counts and my goal is to find a way to help students accomplish their dreams," Rosenberg said.

In the future he plans on making similar opportunities available to students by continuing the Worlds Ahead experience, having the best faculty and offering leadership opportunities to help students realize their full potential.

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HOMECOMING WEEKEND

FRIDAY, SEPT. 30



HOMECOMING LIP SYNC/TALENT SHOW

WHEN: 7-10 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Student tickets are available in Campus Life MMC (GC 2240) and Campus Life BBC (WUC 141). One ticket per person/per FIU One Card. Advance general admission tickets are available at online hc.fiu.edu
WHERE: MMC between Blue & Gold Garage

FIU VOLLEYBALL VS. WKU

The FIU volleyball team will host Sun Belt Conference opponent WKU on Friday, Sept. 30, at the U.S. Century Bank Arena on the Modesto A. Maidique Campus. First serve is set for 6:30 p.m.
WHEN: 6:30-9:30 p.m.
WHERE: U.S. Century Bank Arena



FIU WOMEN'S SOCCER VS. TROY

The FIU Women's Soccer team host the Troy Trojans.
WHEN: 7:30-9:30 p.m.
WHERE: FIU Soccer Stadium

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ALUMNI REUNION

WHEN: 7-8 p.m.
WHERE: MARC Pavilion and Lobby

SATURDAY, OCT. 1



HOMECOMING GAME: FIU FOOTBALL VS. DUKE

The Panthers host the Duke Blue Devils.
WHEN: 7-10 p.m.
WHERE: MMC FIU Football Stadium

HOMECOMING PARADE

Join the FIU Family for our annual Homecoming Parade and watch our student organizations' float, faculty/staff spirit brigades, Cheerleaders, Dazzlers, Band and other community participants!
WHEN: 3-4 p.m.
WHERE: MMC Campus Drive

HOMECOMING TAILGATE

WHEN: 3-5 p.m.
WHERE: MMC Lot 6 at FIU Stadium

DO YOU HAVE PANTHER PRIDE?

WHEN: 4-6 p.m.
WHERE: Student Lounge

SUNDAY, OCT. 2



FIU MEN'S SOCCER VS. KENTUCKY

FIU Men's Soccer takes on Kentucky during Homecoming weekend.
WHEN: 12-2 p.m.
WHERE: FIU Soccer Stadium

FIU WOMEN'S SOCCER VS. SOUTH ALABAMA

The FIU Panthers host the South Alabama Jaguars.
WHEN: 2-4 p.m.
WHERE: FIU Soccer Stadium



FIU VOLLEYBALL VS. MIDDLE TENNESSEE

The FIU volleyball team will host Sun Belt Conference opponent Middle Tennessee.
WHEN: 12-3 p.m.
WHERE: U.S. Century Bank Arena



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STUDENT GOVERNMENT COUNCIL COMMENTARY

Appointment procedure lacks professionalism

ALEX SORONDO
Contributing Writer

Professionalism is, for most people, a mask fastened or shed at the whim of the wearer. For most, the mask is a heavy one and does not fit quite right. It imposes formality and restraint, ties up their tongue with the search for polysyllabic or mature-sounding words; it aims to project a persona that is not always natural: mannerly, verbose, unfazed by the allure of eminence or fame. The fit generally gets better with age, though.

It is clear that the members of the Student Government Association are aiming for professionalism, which is terrific, and they pull it off admirably from time to time. One can tell, however, that the mask is more constricting for some than for others.

The Sept. 26 meeting saw the appointment of a new Veteran Affairs Coordinator. As has

repeatedly been the case with recent elections, there was one candidate. He got the job.

While he spoke clearly to introduce himself as a veteran and then address one or two issues, his speech and answers in the subsequent Q&A were hindered by nervousness, a clear bit of stage fright.

This does not necessarily offer testament to how he will perform in his newly-appointed role, but while his military service and student status afford him the necessary credentials for the job, the fact remains that he presented himself in a dim light, providing little information about himself and few compelling arguments as to why he fit the role.

And yet, not only was he asked nothing of even remote substance during the Q&A, but a motion was passed to forego debate and move directly to a vote, which he won by unanimous decision.

I am tempted to think that, on top of being enamored by his military status and thus being reluctant to risk offending him with probing questions, a large

could have then debated or even just been aware of. The student veterans may not have shown up, but the direct effort should nonetheless have been made.

“Student veterans should have been personally invited to the meeting.”

factor of his pretty much unquestioned election probably had to do with the fact that veteran affairs are of no pressing concern to anybody in SGA.

Whether or not he does well, the consequences of his appointment will be endured by veterans alone, a quiet campus minority of which SGA bears no members.

Student veterans should have been personally invited to the meeting, if not to vote then at least to ask questions, to shine light on the issues senators

It is not addressed with great volume or frequency, but we have all heard about the neglect and mistreatment of veterans, particularly by bureaucracies. Thus, it is understandable that young, impressionable members of a small bureaucratic entity should shy away from the prospect of offending or inconveniencing a veteran. Understandable, but not necessarily acceptable, particularly in this case.

The greatest disservice to veterans here would not be to

challenge and drill the one before us, but to not challenge him, to let his potential shortcomings slip by and then impose them on those over whom he will soon have power.

However, I say this not to doubt the aptitude of the new coordinator, but rather to point out what seems to me one of the exceptional characteristics we should henceforth look for in appointing leaders, one of the most important qualities of any authority: the willingness to defy the semantic conventions and rhetorical demands of a hypersensitive culture from time to time, to embrace the reality that somebody somewhere will be disappointed in the choices they make for the best interests of those whom they lead and to make the choice regardless of who takes petty offense.

Do what what needs to be done, in other words. It would make for one hell of a mask.

Lyric censorship unwarranted, unfair

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It is absolutely ridiculous and unbelievably unfair to censor any form of art. There is no point in repressing something that is meant to insult some and intrigue others. Unfortunately, censorship is still very much a part of today's society.

Because it is still present, it should be practiced more reasonably, since we have actually come to the absurd situation where a seemingly harmless song is considered to have matched or exceeded the violence of most rap songs simply through the choice of censoring the latter for its profanity and the former for the imagery of the use of guns on innocent people, which is very much present in both.

It is quite difficult not to admit that listening to “Pumped Up Kicks” by Foster the People is a disturbing experience after noticing the eerie lyrics and the unnerving scene they depict. I will be the first to confess, especially after repeatedly hearing lyrics such as “All the other kids with the pumped up kicks, you'd better run, better run, outrun my gun.” But, the few lyrics that mention gun use and the possibility that they refer to the Westroads Mall shooting in Omaha, Nebraska is not enough evidence to rationalize the song's censorship on media such as radio stations and MTV.

I consider it hypocritical for radio editors to censor a song that does not nearly reach the

violence described in most rap songs that, unfortunately, appear to have been accepted by a large community, especially those that extol gangsters and their lifestyle.

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I am not going so far as saying rap songs have never received criticism and protest, however, I still find it discriminating that “gangster” rap songs containing both violent scenes and profanity are mainly censored for their profanity while “Pumped Up Kicks,” which completely lacks any crude language, is only edited for presenting a scene that possibly refers to the Westroads Mall shooting.

Tyler the Creator, although not a “gangster”

rapper, is a current artist that uses references to both the V-Tech and Columbine shootings in his song “Yonkers” and was still awarded as Best New Artist at the 2011 MTV Video Music Awards. He received criticism for “Yonkers,” but it goes to show that one is still more accepted than the other, be it by music taste or any other matter, since both artists were nominated under the same category.

Discrimination is even more prevalent in this case, since it appears Tyler was not critiqued on his lyrics referring to the shootings until he tweeted a sort of appraisal towards the Columbine shooters stating they “...were proly cool as f***...”

One artist shouldn't take the heat more so than the other, which makes it unfairly judgmental to perceive one song as the black sheep of music while the other artist receives approval, although they both deal with similar references.

Were it the case that censorship never existed, neither artist would have to take the heat for their controversial art, but until something can be done about the dominating influence of censorship in today's society, we should at least acknowledge how nonsensical it is to condone a song that displays an even more graphic scene and yet completely disapprove of one that barely reaches the intensity of the other song.

Not only acknowledge it, but treat them equally in the sense of censoring both or neither. My vote goes for censoring neither.

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“I have often tried to tell the story of a place through people there.”

- Nicholas D. Kristof, columnist

“But as the arms-control scholar Thomas Schelling once noted, two things are very expensive in international life: promises when they succeed and threats when they fail.”

- Fareed Zakaria, host, CNN's Fareed Zakaria GPS

“It occurred to me that I have spent almost every working day of the past ten years living in a state of repressed fear.”

- Christiane Amanpour, journalist



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Party lines to blame for immigration reform shortfalls

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controlled by Democrats but was blocked by Senate Republicans.

“I think there’s been a great disservice done to the cause of getting a Dream Act passed and getting comprehensive immigration passed by perpetrating the notion that somehow by myself I can go and do these things,” Obama said. “We have to pass bills through the legislature and then I can sign it.”

Democrats view Hispanic voters as a voting bloc in 2012 that could help determine the outcome in swing states such as Florida, Colorado and Nevada. The Democratic National Committee has aired Spanish-language ads in those states in the past week to tout the bene-

fits of Obama’s jobs bill for small business and workers in the construction industry, which the DNC said employs 2.77 million Hispanics.

Hispanics accounted for more than half of the U.S. population increase over the last decade, exceeding estimates in most states and totaling 50 million.

The burgeoning Hispanic population, Obama said, means it will only be a matter of time before the country sees a strong Latino candidate for president or vice president.

The president spent more than 30 minutes taking questions submitted online. In addition to inquiries on immigration, moderators asked the president questions on his \$447 billion jobs bill, U.S. policy toward Cuba and the Defense of Marriage Act, or DOMA, the law that defines

marriage as between one man and one woman.

While the White House backs legislation repealing DOMA, Obama said he does not believe there are enough votes in Congress to overturn the law.

The president was also pressed on the status of Puerto Rico, where a statehood referendum is planned for next year. Obama said he believes the island will remain a U.S. commonwealth unless there is a “solid indication” of support for statehood.

“If it split down the middle or 51-49, I think Congress’ inclination is going to be not to change but to maintain status quo until there is greater indication there is support for change,” he said.

It’s unclear whether any Republican presidential candidate can sway Hispanic voters.

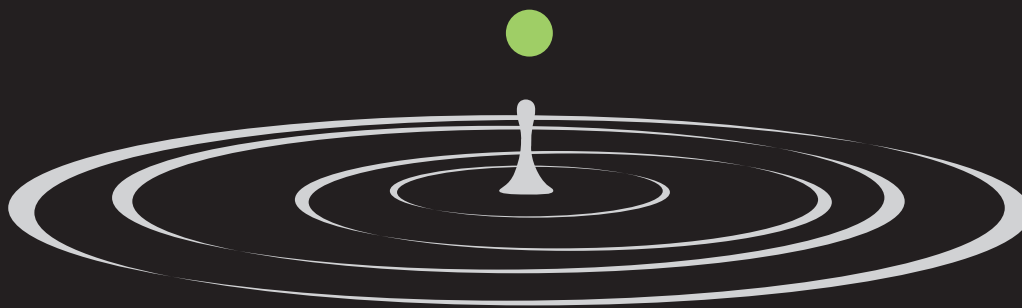
Several top GOP contenders, including former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, have taken a hard line on immigration, calling for a fence and more troops along the border with Mexico to stop the flow of illegal immigrants.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry has been the outlier on immigration in the Republican field, and he is hoping his moderate record will appeal to Hispanics. But his rivals believe Perry’s stance on immigration could be a weakness with his party’s more conservative wing.

Perry insists that a physical border fence is an impractical way to control the flow of immigrants into the U.S. He also supported a 2001 Texas law that allows the children of undocumented immigrants to receive in-state tuition at Texas universities if they meet certain requirements.



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SOC's fiesta showcases organizations

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As students filter out in the late afternoons on Biscayne Bay Campus, there will usually be a still silence present in the air.

Passing by the Wolfe University Center ballrooms on Sept. 27, however, the string instruments of a mariachi band could be heard through the corridors of WUC.

Students received a taste of a Mexican fiesta with the Student Organization Council's annual Mixer. The event was held from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the WUC ballrooms with this year's theme of a Mexican Fiesta.

The event is designed for clubs on campus to network with each other and gain students' interest and to familiarize them with the clubs and organizations and their goals.

Students gathered around the outside of the ballroom 30 minutes before. Among these students were two seniors, Delano Muthra, economics major, and Vivian Braun, biology major. Previously involved in clubs, they hoped that the event would introduce them to something new. Others were part of Student Programming Council and Stonewall Pride Alliance.

"I want something internationally oriented. I like learning about



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[Top] Mariachis perform for club members and guests during SOC's Fiesta. [Right] Itzel Egudin sees how low she can go during the fiestas limbo competition.

different cultures and customs," Braun said.

The event is not only designed as a recruitment opportunity but also serves students who are interested in creating their own club.

Around 3:40, students were set in line to sign in and Michael Aquino, sophomore Business Administration

major and vice president of SOC, asked students if they would like to donate for the All-Nighter for the Poor fundraising event.

A Mariachi band, El Mariachis, from Penn House provided entertainment for those in attendance.

Clubs present with information boards promoting their organization



included the Muslim Student Association, Millimeters to Megapixels, Impact, and Intersivity Christian Fellowship.

Students from the Science Club, the International Scholars Club and the Graduate Student Association were there to mingle with the other clubs as well.

Different activities included a limbo with the students' loud yells of "ole!" and "fiesta!"

"I know how it feels to be a part of something for the school, so I am here to support my fellow students and my organization," said Yuyang Hou sophomore Accounting Major and SPC Comedy Director.

Career Fair to connect students with employers

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With the nation's unemployment rate hovering at 10 percent and a job market providing bleak opportunities for recent graduates, FIU's Career Fair is becoming an increasingly essential resource for graduating students.

In efforts to better the prospects of landing a job relative to a student's area of study, the Career Services office on the Biscayne Bay Campus is hosting its annual Career Fair on Oct. 5.

Over two-dozen companies from around Miami have registered for the five-hour event, ranging in areas from hospitality, education and health.

"We looked at the various majors offered [at BBC], and we looked at employers that would correlate to the majors we offer," said the Associate Director of BBC Career Services, Harold Clayton.

In hopes of preparing students for the event,

Career Services is holding a series of workshops during their Mega Career Week, which began on Sept. 28.

The workshops includes resume writing, interviewing skills and a "How To Prepare For Career Fair" session, where students will be taught the do's and don'ts of attending a job fair.

"Many students come to career fairs and ask 'what do I do?' 'What do I wear?' so we ask them to come in to the workshops," said Clayton.

Career Services also plans to hold mock interviews on Sept. 29 lead by a recruiter to give students an opportunity to get real-life feedback from an employer.

For many, this career fair couldn't have come at a better time. Giovanni Maselli a journalism major who is graduating this fall and currently holds an internship with CBS4 News, hopes to walk away from the job fair with at least one potential interview.

"Its nerve-recking graduating into this weird

situation. I'm hoping things start getting better before I graduate," said Maselli.

The government recently reported no job growth during the month of August, and Florida alone has an unemployment rate of 10.7 percent, higher than the national rate, a fact that scares Maselli.

"I am very worried about what is going to happen after I graduate. You used to be able to graduate and have some sort of job guarantee but now, the market is in the process of changing, leading to an awkward moment for us graduates since we don't know what we are graduating to," said Maselli. "It's pretty frightening."

According to a report in *The New York Times*, not only have employment rates for recent graduates plummeted in the last two years but starting salaries have also taken a hit.

Students graduating from four-year universities entering the job field in 2009 and 2010 received a median starting salary of \$27,000, down from \$30,000 for those who entered the

workforce two years prior, according to a study released by the John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers University.

The work force is beginning to resemble what some might refer to as a battlefield where only the strong survive, and landing an interview can often be a great feat in itself; however, for Clayton, it's as simple as just being prepared.

"We want students to come prepared, the first impression is a lasting impression."

CAREER FAIR

- Time: 11 a.m.
- When: Oct. 5
- Where: WUC Ballrooms
- Professional Attire Required

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Obama: immigration reform can not be done alone

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Facing weakening support among Hispanics, President Barack Obama expressed deep frustration Wednesday over what he called an inaccurate and damaging perception that he can fix the nation's flawed immigration system on his own.

"This notion that somehow I can

just change the laws unilaterally is just not true," Obama said during a White House roundtable targeting Hispanic voters, a key constituency for the president's re-election campaign.

The president said comprehensive immigration reform continues to be a "top priority" for his administration. But he blamed Republicans in Congress for failing to join Demo-

crats in supporting legislation that would address the flow of foreigners into the U.S. and deal with illegal immigrants already in the U.S.

"Only a few years ago, you had some Republicans who recognized that we needed to fix our immigration system," Obama said, noting that his predecessor, George W. Bush, was among them. "Right now you do not have that kind of leader-

ship coming from the Republican Party."

A strong majority of Hispanics supported Obama's election in 2008. But his support among Hispanics has declined, as it has in the broader population. A recent Gallup survey found 48 percent of Hispanic voters approving of Obama's job performance, compared with 60 percent in January.

While Obama has made little progress on comprehensive immigration legislation, he has pushed Congress to pass the Dream Act, which would provide a route to legal status for college students and service members brought to the country as children. The bill passed the House last year when it was